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By the KING,  
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,  
For a General Fast.  
G E O R G E R.

**W**E, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary Hostilities in which We are engaged, and the unnatural Rebellion carrying on in some of Our Provinces and Colonies in North America, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God, that He will vouchsafe a Special Blessing on Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Wednesday the 21st Day of February next; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to Us and Our Kingdoms: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twelfth of January, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, in the Twenty-first Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

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plications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved; and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity, to Us and Our Kingdoms: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That incontinent this Our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to see the same published; and we appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above mentioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

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St. James's, January 13.

The following Address of the Right Honourable the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, of the City of Edinburgh, has been presented to the King by Thomas Dundas, Esq; Representative in Parliament for the Shire of Stirling, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bedchamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, of the City of Edinburgh, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, of the City of Edinburgh, beg Leave to express those Sentiments of Attachment to your Majesty's Person, Family and Government, by which we have uniformly been actuated.

The lenient Measures your Majesty has pursued with regard to the States General of the United Provinces, must convince the World of the Benignity and Justice of your Majesty's Conduct toward them, and of your Unwillingness to interrupt the Friendship and good Understanding which have so long subsisted between the Two Nations, and proved so essential to the true Interests of both.

Should your Majesty, though contrary to your known Disposition, be obliged to continue Hostilities against the States General, we will zealously unite with our Fellow Subjects in seconding the powerful Efforts of your Fleets and Armies, and in supporting