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**H**IS Majesties Privy Council here have made the following Act, concerning the Test.

**F**Orasmuch as some have entertained Jealousies and Prejudices against the Oath and Test appointed to be taken by all Persons in Publick Trust, Civil, Ecclesiastick or Military in this Kingdom, by the Sixth Act of His Majesties Third Parliament, as if thereby they were to Swear to every Proposition or Clause of the Confession of Faith therein mentioned, or that Invasion were made by it upon the Intrinsic Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keys; or as if the present Episcopal Government of this National Church by Law Established, were thereby exposed to the hazard of Alteration or Subversion; all which are far from the Intention or Design of the Parliaments imposing this Oath, and from the Genuine Sense and Meaning thereof: Therefore His Royal Highness, His Majesties High Commissioner, and the Lords of the Privy Council, do allow, authorize and empower the Archbishops and Bishops, to administer this Oath and Test to the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, in this express Sense, as the Sense of the Parliament. I. That though the Confession of Faith raised in Parliament 1567. was framed in the Infancy of our Reformation, and deserves its due praise; yet by the Test we do not Swear to every Proposition or Clause therein contained, but only to the true Protestant Religion founded on the Word of God, contained in that Confession as it is opposed to Popery and Phanaticism. II. That by the Test, or any Clause therein contained, no Invasion or Inroadment is made or intended upon the Intrinsic Spiritual Power of the Church, or Power of the Keys, as it was exercised by the Apostles, and the most Pure and Primitive Church in the first three Centuries after Christ, and which is still reserved intirely to the Church. III. That the Oath and Test is without any prejudice to the Episcopal Government of this National Church, which is declared by the first Act of the second Session of His Majesties first Parliament, to be most agreeable to the Word of God, and most suitable to Monarchy, and which upon all occasions His Majesty hath declared He will inviolably and unalterably preserve. And do appoint the Archbishops and Bishops to require the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, with their first convenientcy, to Obey the Law in Swearing and Subscribing the foresaid Oath and Test; with Certification that the Refusers, shall be esteemed Persons disaffected to the Protestant Religion, and to His Majesties Government; and that the punishment appointed by the foresaid sixth Act of His Majesties third Parliament, shall be impartially and without delay inflicted upon them.

Hamburg, November 18. The Letters from Berlin assure us, That an Alliance is lately concluded between the Electors of Brandenburg and Saxony, by which they promise mutually to defend and assist each other, and for that purpose

to bring into the Field, when they shall be thereunto required, an Army of 20000 Men. The Plague is much abated at Maegdeburg, so that there, dyes not now above 12 or 14 in a day. From Stockholme we have an Account, of an ill Accident that had happened to the King, he having broke his Leg, and much bruised himself by a fall from his Horie.

Brussels, Nov. 21. The great preparations which the French make in our neighborhood, afford us little matter of jealousy; but our Governor the Prince of Parma has so well provided our Frontier Garrisons, that they are, we hope, in no danger of a surprize. The Deputies of the Admiralties of Holland have adjusted the Account of Moneys owing to them by the King of Spain, for the Equipages they made for the service of that Crown during the last War. On Wednesday last arrived here an Expres, sent by the Governor of Audenard, to give his Highness an Account, that about 50 or 60 of the new raised Germans that are in Garrison there, had mutined, on pretence that they wanted their Pay, and that they had with their Arms in their hands, forced their passage through the Guard at one of the Gates, with design to go over to the French; but that the Governour upon the first notice he had of the disorder, got on Horseback, and followed them with a small Party, and having overtaken them, killed 4 or 5 upon the place, and brought the rest back to Audenard; It is said that every tenth man of them will be hanged. From Vienna we have the good News, that the Transylvanians had raised the Siege of Zattmar.

Hague, November 21. The Answer of the States to the Memorial, presented by the French Ambassador on the Eighth Instant, does not, as we are informed, please him; and he has told some of the States, That the King his Master will not take well their having made that Alliance with the King of Sweden. From Germany they write. That the Emperor was about sending an Envoy to the Elector of Saxony, and to other Electors and Princes of the Empire, to propose to them a League for the Defence of the Empire, and the maintaining the Peace of Westphalia and Nimeguen; and that there was a report that a particular Alliance was Negotiating between the Electors of Brandenburg and Saxony, and the House of Lunenburg, for their Mutual Defence and Preservation. And this State, that it may not be wanting in making a Necessary Provision for its safety, has resolved to add 10 Men, or 20 if there be occasion, to every Company now in its Service. The Letters from Lidge say, They doubt not but they shall be able in a short time to sell us, That all Differences between their Prince and them are composeda

Whisehal, Nov. 18. The following Address was Presented to His Majesty, by Colonel Broxholme, who served as Burgess for that Corporation in the last Parliaments