

sins, and, 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 provocations have most justly deserved; and particularly beseeching God to remove from Us that grievous disease, with which several places in the kingdom are at this time visited: and We do strictly charge and command, that the said public fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His wrath and indignation, and upon pain of such punishment as may be justly inflicted 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 and Ireland, to compose a form of prayer suitable to this occasion, to be used in all churches, chapels, and places of public worship, and to take care that the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective dioceses.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General Fast.

WILLIAM, R.

WE, having taken into Our serious consideration the dangers with which this country is threatened by the progress of a grievous disease heretofore unknown in these islands, have resolved, and do, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command that a public day of fasting and humiliation be observed throughout that part of the United Kingdom called Scotland, on Thursday the twenty-second day of March next ensuing, that so both We and Our people may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain pardon of Our sins, and 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 provocations have most justly deserved;

and particularly for beseeching God to remove from Us that grievous disease, with which several places in the kingdom are at this time visited; and We do strictly charge and command that the said public 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 may be justly inflicted on all such as contemn and neglect the performance of so religious and necessary a duty; Our will is therefore, and We charge, that this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith proceed to the Market-cross, at 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 stewartries, and Bailiffs of regalties, and their clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published; and We do appoint them to send copies hereof to the several parish churches within their bounds; and 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.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 6th day of February 1832,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

SHERIFFS appointed by His Majesty in Council, for the Year 1832.

<i>Bedfordshire,</i>	Thomas Potter Macqueen, of Ridgmont, Esq.
<i>Berkshire,</i>	Thomas Mills Goodlake, of Wadley-House, Esq.
<i>Buckinghamshire,</i>	Charles Spencer Ricketts, of Dorton-House, Esq.
<i>Camb' & Hunt'</i>	Thomas Page, of Ely, Esq.
<i>Cheshire,</i>	John Hurlestone Leeche, of Carden, Esq.
<i>Cumberland,</i>	Henry Howard, of Corby-Castle, Esq.