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An Account of the Solemnity observed at the Proclaiming our Dread Sovereign King JAMES II. in the City of Madras on the Coast of Chochinhandell in the East-Indies, the 23th day of August 1684. by Order of the East-India Company; as followeth.

THE whole Council, with the Commanders of Ships, and the rest of the Companies Servants, and English Gentlemen, Inhabitants of the City, came to attend the President at the Garden-house with a handsome Equipage on Horseback; after that came *Peddi Naying* with his Peons, and the chief Merchants, with a great number of Inhabitants of the Gentue Town, all in Arms, bringing with them Elephants, Kettle-Drums, and all the Countrey Musick; And from thence we set forward with this plumerous Company of People through the Gentue Town, the Houses and Streets being adorned all the way. *Peddi Mague's* Peons, the chief Merchants and Gentue Inhabitants went first, Elephants carrying our Flags, the Kettle-Drums and Musick playing before them; After that went 12 English Trumpets with Silk Banners, and Six Hoe-Boys, all in Red Coats, playing by turns all the way, and Mr. *Covenry* (Clerk of our Court) on Horseback Bare-headed, and with his Sword drawn, carried the Proclamation in his Hand open, then the President, &c. and the rest of the English Gentlemen went in due Order. The Troop was commanded and led by the President, Mr. *Thomas Lucas* Cornet; and the Reat was brought up by Mr. *Elihu Yale*, and when we came to enter the Garrison at the *Choultry Gate* (one of the chief entrances into the City) there was in readiness three complete Companies of Soldiers, and all the principal *Portugueses*, to receive the President and Council, &c. who marched before them to the *Fort Gate*, *Sea Gate*, and back to the *Choultry Gate* (three of the principal places of the City) at all which places the Proclamation was read by Mr. *Covenry*, all Persons being uncovered, and their Swords drawn, and the Proclamation ended with great Shouts and joyful Acclamations, crying, *God blese King JAMES II.* Also at every place of Reading there was a Volley of Small Shot, the Trumpets sounding, and Hoe-Boys playing, which done, the President, &c. returned in the same Order to the Garden-house, the great Guns both of the Fort and Town firing all the time; and after that all the European and Countrey Ships did the like, and soon after the President, &c. were returned, the *Persian* and *Syann* Ambassadors with

great State, and a numerous Retinue, came to congratulate our Solemnity, and to bring their good wishes for His Majesties prosperous Reign; who, after some small stay, being most kindly saluted and treated according to their Quality, with a Banquet, Musick and Dancing, they took leave, and departed to their houses with great satisfaction; and then a general Invitation being made, we wish His Majesties Health, and long and happy Reign; and at Night there were Bonfires and Fire-works, where with this Solemnity ended.

Leghorne, May 20. On the 8th Instant, came from hence three Gallies with a Bark laden with Provisions and Ammunition for the *Lavanti* to join the *Venecian* Fleets. The other Gallies parted from hence some days before. We have advice that the Pope's Gallies are likewise gone from *Cruza Vecchia*. The Rendezvous of these and the other Auxiliary Gallies is appointed to be at *Messina*.

Marseilles, May 29. By an English Vessel which arrived here this week from the Coast of Spain, we have advice; that Captain *Shovel* in the *James* Gally had taken and carried into *Cadix* a Sally Man of War, being a new Ship which had not been above two hours at Sea; She had not on Board above 12 Guns and 70 Men, and was bound for *Mamora*, to complement her Artillery and Equipage, being designed to carry 24 Guns, 12 Pedereros, and 170 Men; That the French Fleet (the Squadrons from *West-France* and from *Thoulon* being joined, and making together 20 Men of War, 2 Fire-Ships and 3 Bombardiers) was in the Bay of *Cadix*; commanded by the Count d'Esiree Vice-Admiral of France; And that all the Differences between the two Crowns were amicably composed. Sir *William Soames*, Ambassador from His Majesty of Great Britain to the Grand Signior, has confirmed the Peace with the Government of *Aydz*; and is gone to do the like with those of *Tunis* and *Tripoly*.

Warsaw April 19. The King of Poland is at present at *Jamartin*, where he will stay till the beginning of the next month, and then go to the Rendezvous at *Sery*. The Pope's Nuncio has distributed a considerable Sum of Money among the *Cossacks*; to put them in a condition to resist the Forces of this Crown. We have no Letters from our Ambassadors at *Moscow*, since those we have already given you an account of.

Vicenna, May 19. The Duke of *Lorraine*, who parted from hence the 10th of this month for *Hungary*, was taken ill with a feavourish Distemper at *Odenburg*; which however, did not hinder him from continuing his Journey, and it's believed his High-