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BY THE KING,
A PROCLAMATION

For Suppressing and Preventing Seditious and Unlicensed Books and Pamphlets.

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W Hereas in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our late Dearest Brother King Charles the Second, Entituled, An Act for preventing Abuses in Printing Seditious, Treasonable, and Unlicensed Books and Pamphlets, and for Regulating of Printing and Printing-Presses, (which said Act is, by another Statute or Act of Parliament made in the First Year of Our Reign, Reviv'd and Continued) It is, amongst other things, Enacted, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, not being Licensed in that Behalf by the Lord Bishop of the Diocess, nor having been Seven Years Apprentice to the Trade of Bookseller, Printer, or Bookbinder, nor being a Freeman of the City of London by a Patri-monial Right, as Son of a Bookseller, Printer, or Bookbinder, nor being a Member of the Company of Stationers of London, shall, within the City or Suburbs of London, or any other Market Town, or elsewhere, receive, take, or buy, to barter, sell again, change, or do away any Book or Books whatsoever, upon pain of Forfeiture of the same. And whereas of late several Persons not being qualified by the said Act, and particularly great numbers of loose and disorderly People commonly called Hawkers and Pedlers of Books, have taken upon them to receive or buy several Unlicensed, Seditious, and many times, Treasonable Books and Pamphlets, framed and contrived by malicious Persons, on purpose to amuse and disturb the minds of Obedient Subjects, or for other evil or indirect Ends and Purposes, and have carried, sold, and dispersed the same about the Streets, and in other places of Publick Resort, and also in Coffee-Houses, Taverns, and private Families, to the great Abuse and Scandal of Our Royal State and Government, and in open and manifest Breach and Contempt of Our Laws. We therefore considering the great Mischief that doth ensue upon such Licentious and Illegal Practices, and being Resolved effectually to provide against the like Mischiefs for the future, are pleased, by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Command and Require, that the said Act be put in Execution, and duly and strictly observed and kept: And we do also strictly Prohibit and Forwarn, That from henceforth no Person or Persons commonly called Hawkers, or Pedlers of Books, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, not being qualified, as aforesaid, to buy or sell Books, do or shall presume to go about the Streets, or from House to House, to Sell, or Expose to Sale any manner of Book or Books, Pamphlet or Pamphlets whatsoever, nor do or shall by any ways or means whatsoever Buy or Sell, or Expose to Sale any manner of Books or Pamphlets whatsoever, contrary to the purport and true meaning of the said Act of Parliament, under such Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, as by the said Act are Provided, and upon pain of incurring such further Punishments as by the utmost Rigour of the Laws, and by Our Prerogative Royal, may be inflicted on such Offenders, for their Contempt of this Our Royal Commandment: Hereby strictly Charging and Commanding all Judges, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, and all other Our Officers and Ministers; as also the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Stationers now and for the time being, and all other Our Subjects whom it shall or may concern, That they and every of them do from time to time use their and every of their best and utmost Powers, Skills and Endeavours respectively, for the utter Suppressing and Preventing of the Printing and Publishing of all such Unlawful Books and Pamphlets aforesaid, and for Prosecuting, Punishing, and utterly Suppressing all and every Person and Persons offending in the Premises, according to the utmost Rigor of the Law, and Our Royal Intent and Meaning herein Declared, as they Our said Officers and Subjects do tender Our Pleasure, and will answer the contrary.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Tenth day of February 1687. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Florence, Febr. 3. It is taken for granted, That there is a Marriage concluded between the Prince of Tuscany, and the Princess of Bavaria; and it is said that the Marquis Ricardi, Master of the Horse to the Grand Duke, is designed Ambassador to Munich, to perform the Ceremonies, and conduct hither the Princess, where she is expected about May. The Suspicions of an Infection at Corinth, Lepanto, Patras, and Castle Torinese, will, in all probability, prevent the Auxiliary Gallies being employ'd otherwise than towards Dalmatia, as they were last year. And we are told that the Pope has sent to exhort the Dukes of Modena, Parma, and Mantua, to assist the Venetians with some Soldiers to be sent thither.

Venice, Febr. 7. By Letters from Constantinople of the 16th of December, we are informed, that they were not much more quiet there since the Inauguration, than before. The Soldiers having received their full Pay and Donative, were very desirous to spend it at their own Homes, and especially the Asiatics were Tumultuous, till Leave was granted them to return to their respective Habitations, upon promise to repair to their Colours, at the approach of the Season to take the Field. Now the Great Ministers have entred upon the Consideration of the state of the War, they seem to be most animated against the Venetians, and to apply their greatest Sollicitude, if not for the Recovery of the Morea, yet for the preservation of what remains to them in Greece. The Visir gives out, That he will send a Seraquier to command the Army in Hungary, and will himself go on Board the Fleet, which is to be augmented with several Ships and Gallies, as fast as they can be built: But herein they are like to make but slow Advances, for not only the Materials are wanting, but the Money is not yet ready that should purchase them; and when they have their Ships, there will remain yet another Difficulty to find Men. By a Vessel arrived from Athens, we have an Account, That the Turks had abandon'd Thebes, and were retired to Negrepont, to collect their strength into one Body; whereupon General Morosini had possessed himself of it, but finding it of little use to keep, he deserted it again, after having razed the Fortifications, which were in great part ruined before, and of small Defence. All diligence is used here to get the Fleet in a readines against Spring; there are several Vessels hired for the Transportation of the Regiments of Wolfenbuttle and Wirtenberg, with other Troops raised on the Continent, which are to be sent to Dalmatia, and other places. The Elector of Bavaria is expected here within few days, and Preparations are making for his Reception.

Vienna, Febr. 5. The Deputies of the States of Lower Austria being admitted to his Imperial Majesties presence at the opening of the Diet on the 3d Instant, the Chancellor, Count Stracerman, acquainted them, in his Majesties Name, with the occasion of that Meeting, taking the Rise of his Discourse, from the glorious Successes which had attended the Imperial Arms for these Four Years last past, in which time they had not only repell'd the Danger that lay at their Doors, and was ready to enter, but had turned it upon their Enemies, whom they had defeated in many Encounters, taking from them the Capital City of Buda, (from whence they proudly looked down with scorn upon the Empire,) in sight of a numerous Army that came to relieve it, and had gradually pursued them, till they had left them no longer any Footing in Hungary, which when they attempted to regain by repassing the Drave, it turn'd only to their greater Confusion, by giving the Imperialists an opportunity to gain a most complete Victory, the Consequences whereof have been, not only the Recovery of the fertile Province of Slavonia, but it hath produced that Discontent and Desperation

in the Remains of their Army, which fatally carried them to lay violent Hands on those very Persons from whose Conduct and Experience the establishment of their Affairs (if recoverable) were only to be expected, and pushed on by the same Infatuation, and unguided Insolence. They have proceeded to depose their Prince, and arbitrarily elected another, which cannot but have sown the Seeds of lasting Discords and Animosities among them; and whilst in the Imperial City they were undermining the very Foundation of their Government, there was no less sensible a decay and mouldering away in the Outworks of their Empire, by the taking those (once reputed) impregnable Fortresses of *Agria* and *Montargz*, which it might be reasonably expected would be followed by that of *Alba Regalis*; so that they were now within a near Prospect of a happy Conclusion of this War, which filled them with so much Dread at the beginning; and as they had cheerfully contributed during the progress of the War, the Emperor did not doubt of their Assistance towards the finishing it; which was no less necessary at present, as it concerned as well the Safety, as the Reputation of the Empire, nor to leave unprotected those great Advantages which may be improved by the Divine Aid, to put this Enemy beyond the possibility of ever returning upon them; and whatever Expences this may put them to, would be more than Compensated, by the durable Peace and Tranquillity they may expect for the future. The Propositions being then deliver'd to Count *Molartz*, Marshal of the Province, he returned his Imperial Majesty Thanks for Conveying the States, assuring him in their Names of applying themselves with Respect to the consideration of what was required of them, and to return such an Answer as became them without loss of time. It begins to be made a Question, Whether *Teckeley* be carried away into *Turky*, as was formerly reported; but some rather believe that he is with a Party of the Rebels of about 2000, besides some hundreds of *Turks*, who have fortified a Village near to *Great Waradin*, against whom General *Heusser* is preparing to march, having assembled a Body of *Imperialists* and *Hungarians*, with all necessary Artillery, to force them from their Entrenchments. We now understand that one of the most cogent Arguments with those of *Montargz* to Surrender, was the want of Money, which the Prince's had supplied as long as he had any thing left to Pawn; but when he could furnish them no longer with what was dearer to them than their Cause, they were weary of being Rebels *Gratis*, and forced her to accept the Conditions offer'd. Count *Aspremont* having intercepted in *Sclavonia* an Officer sent from *Alba Regalis*, with seven others, to acquaint the Bassa of *Belgrade* with the Condition of that Garrison, which is such, that the Soldiers will no longer struggle with the Difficulties they are under, but are impatient for a Capitulation; the Persons and the Letters they carried are all sent hither, and we hear from thence, that the *Turks* of *Gradiska* do sometimes pass the *Sava*, and pillage the Country with flying Parties; but there was so good Care taken, that the Damage they did was not very considerable. Here is a Report of the Discovery of a desperate Conspiracy in *Transylvania*, some of that Country having form'd a Design treacherously to make away with those quarter'd upon them; and to facilitate the execution of their Project, several *Turks* and *Tartars* were sent for into the Towns under the Disguise of *Germans*, who being suspected and seized, upon their Examination it appeared what was intended, and many of the Authors are said to be detected and imprisoned.

Raisonne, Feb. 9. A Deputy from *Dortmund* is expected here, to oppose the Elector of *Brandenburg's* late Demands of Satisfaction, which several concerned have given their Reasons against, setting forth: That the Elector had often declared, he would demand nothing of the Empire, prejudicial to the States of it; And that he being Director of the Circle of *Upper Saxony*, is so much the more obliged to prevent any damage to be done to its Members; That the Towns of *Northausen* and *Milhausen* are under the protection of the Elector of *Saxony*, of whom the former holds many Rights in Fee grantable from time to time; And the Demand of the Principality of *Oest-Frisze* being an Expectancy after the Death of a young Prince, who may have Issue of his own, besides the Pretensions of the Descendants of the ancient Family of the *Earts of Rittenberg*. This kind of Demands hath always been looked upon as very ungrateful, and hath been disallowed by the Elector himself, in the like Case, in opposition to the House of *Amhalt*, in the case of the County of *Ascania*. And though the Capitulation of *Leopold* allows the Emperor to dispose of these Fiefs with the Consent of the Electors, yet it is there restrained to the Death or Forfeiture, by misbehaviour of the present Possessor; That the Guaranty urged had relation to a Satisfaction out of those Countries which should be won by the united Succors of the Empire, and was determined by the particular Treaty made by the Elector since, with those who were then in actual War with the Empire, and could not be meant that the Empire should maintain

the Elector in possession of what he had acquired through their Assistance, and was lost again by the Chance of War; and it was to be consider'd, that the Elector had from the Crown of *Sueden* 14 Leagues of Country on this side the *Oder*, and 30000 Crowns in money, besides other Advantages on the Tolls in *Lower Pomerania*. And to seize the Prebendaries, now they are thus settled, by the Instruments of Peace, would be an Infraction of the most solemn Agreements, and open a door to let in the former Confusions with uncertainty of Possession. And if this President were followed, the whole Empire would not be sufficient to satisfy the Pretensions that might be set up.

By a Mistake it was published in the last Gazette, That *William Wogan Esq;* was Sheriff of *Glamorganshire*, whereas he is Sheriff of *Pembrookshire*.

His Majesty having been Graciously pleas'd, by His Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of England, to grant unto *Charles Holman* the Sole Use and Exercise of making a certain White Powder, which being dissolved in Water, Beer, Ale or Wine, doth presently turn the same into very good black writing Ink, for the general Convenience of His Majesty's Subjects, especially those in the Country, and at Sea. Therefore all others are prohibited from making or imitating the said Powder, which is sealed up in Six-penny Papers, with the Makers Coat of Arms, and sold with printed Directions. All persons that have occasion for the said Powder for Use or Sale, may be furnished by the said *Charles Holman* at the *Talbot Inn-gate* near *St. Margarets Hill* in *Southwark*.

On the 21st and 22d of March next, will be Two Plates Run for at *Newport Pagnel* in the County of *Bucks*; And likewise a great Cock-Match.

Olive Wood, Fine pickt black Lead, and other Goods, in small Lots, to be sold by the Candle the 22d Instant, at the *Marine Coffee-house* in *Birchin-lane*, where the Particulars of the said Goods are to be had.

Advertisements.

There will be Published at the beginning of the next Week, a Second and Third Part of a brief History of the Times. The First shewing the Agreements betwixt *Otes's* Narrative, and several Votes and Addresses of that Season. Secondly, That the pretended Popish Plot was *Tong's Plot*, not *Otes's*, and quite another Thing than it has been taken for. The Third, Treats of the Death of *Sir Edmundbury Godfrey*, wherein that Mystery is Unfolded. By *Sir Roger L'Estrange Kt.* All three printed for *R. Sare* at *Grays-Inn Gate* in *Holborn*, where they may be had either severally, or together.

On Monday in-Easter Week, will be Exposed, by Publick Auction, a most Curious and Valuable Collection of Drawings and Prints, made with great Expences and Care, by *Sir Peter Lely Painter* to His late Majesty. The Drawings are of all the most eminent Masters of Italy, &c. being Originals, and most Curiously preserved. The Prints are all the Works of *Mark Antoine* after *Ratael*, and other the best Italian Masters, and of the best Impressions, and Proof Prints, in good Condition, and Curiously preserved; some are double and treble. The Sale will be at the House in *Covent-Garden* where *Sir Peter Lely* lived.

A Relation of the Voyage to *Siam*. Performed by Six Jesuits, sent by the French King to the Indies and China, in the Year 1685. With their Attrollogical Observations, and their Remarks of Natural Philosophy, Geography, Hydrography, and History. Published in the Original, by the Expre's Orders of his most Christian Majesty. And now made English, and illustrated with Sculptures. Sold by *S. Crouch* at the Corner of *Popes-Head Alley* against the *Royal Exchange*.

A New Version of the *Psalms of David*, together with all the Church-Hymns, into Metre, smooth, plain and easie to the most ordinary Capacities. By *Simon Ford, D. D.* Sold by *Brabazon Aylmer* at the *Three Pigeons* over against the *Royal Exchange* in *Cornhill*.

On the 3th Instant, *John Spencer*, aged about 14, went from his Father *Mr. John Spencer*, at *Haddam Magna* in the County of *Hertford*. He is a slender Lad, his Legs extraordinary small, lank dark Hair, a grey Coat. Whoever gives Notice of him to the *Tapster* at the *Bull Inn* in *Bishopsgate Street*, *London*, or to his Father aforesaid, shall have two Guinea's Reward, and Charges.

R. Henry Sutton, late Rector of the Parish Church of *Breedon* in the County of *Worcester*, being lately dead; his Estate is descended to *Henry Sutton* his eldest Son, (or his Heirs) who was some time since Apprentice with *Mr. Turner* a Spanish Merchant in *London*: but if not living, the Estate descends to another Son of his *Thomas Sutton*, (or his Heirs) who was bred a Seaman. If either of them are living, they are desired to repair to *Breedon* aforesaid, to make their Claim.

Lost the 5th Instant, from the *Lady Merediths* at *Leedes* in *Kent*, a large white English setting Birch, her head and ears liver-colour'd, her nose and legs speckled, with a large spot on her loins, 2 or 3 on her sides. Whoever gives Notice of her at the place aforesaid, or to *Mr. Ellerker* at the *Black Lyon* in *Gracechurch-Street*, *London*, shall have a Guinea Reward, besides Charges.

Lost out of *St. James's Place* the 9th Instant, a little white smooth Birch, with a black spot on her Back, and black Ears. Whoever gives Notice of her to *Mr. Roefeters* in *St. James's Place*, the 5th Door on the Left Hand, shall have a Guinea Reward.