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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION.

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IT having pleased Almighty God of his great and continued Mercy to His Majesty and His Kingdoms, to bless Him and His Royal Consort the Queen with a Son, and these His Kingdoms and Dominions with a Prince, His Majesty this day in Council hath thought fit to appoint a time of publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God throughout this Kingdom for so great a Blessing; And His Majesty doth accordingly appoint and command, That upon Sunday next, being the Seventeenth day of this instant June, within the Cities of London and Westminster and Ten Miles distance, and upon the First day of July next in all other Places throughout this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, be had and Solemnized a Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God for so great a Blessing vouchsafed to His Majesty and these His Kingdoms; And for this purpose His Majesty hath signified His Royal Pleasure to be Right Reverend Father in God Thomas Lord Bishop of Rochester forthwith to prepare a Form of Religious Service and Publick Thanksgiving, which may be suitable to this occasion; which Form of Service and Publick Thanksgiving His Majesty will cause to be Printed and Published, and to be distributed throughout the several and respective Diocesses of this Kingdom, to be observed and used in the Churches and Chappels of this Kingdom and Dominion aforesaid, upon the several and respective days beforementioned.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Tenth day of June, 1688. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Legborne, June 1. The eight Gallies of Malta are gone to joyn the Venetian Fleet in the Levant. Those of our Great Duke will now be ready to Sail in few days.

Vienna, June 6. Their Imperial Majesties returned hither this day from *Lawernburg*. The Duke of *Lorraine*, who is perfectly well again, will part from hence the 9th or 10th instant for the Army, which will Rendezvous on the 14th near *Essecke*. On the Fourth instant arrived here the Count de *Herberstein*, with the original Treaty which General *Caraffa* has concluded with the Prince and States of *Transylvania*, by which (as hath been said) they have renounced the Protection of the Ottoman Port, and have submitted themselves to the Emperour, and to the King of *Hungary*. The next day arrived here another Express from *Transylvania*, with advice, That the Inhabitants of *Cronstadt* had refused to obey the Orders of Prince *Abassi*, requiring them to receive an Imperial Garrison; upon which some Troops had been sent to repress their Insolence: And that General *Caraffa*, having left two Regiments of Horse, two of Dragoons, and several Régiments of Foot in *Transylvania*, under the Command of the Count de *Petranzi*, was on his March with the rest of the Imperial Forces, that had their Winter Quarters in that Country, and with several pieces of Cannon, towards *Lippa*; And this day we have an account that he had invested that Fortress, and had already raised several Batteries against it. We are told by an Express from *Essecke*, That General *Caprara*, after having provided all the Frontier places with what they wanted, began his March the 30th past, with 6000 Men, to attack *Wlocke*; but at the same time we have likewise advice that the Turks have put a Convoy into that place, and are drawing their Forces together at *Belgrade*, for the farther relief of it. A Party of the Garrison of *Walkower* have taken, between *Wlocke* and *Peter Waradin*, two Turkish Barques, which were laden with Provisions and Ammunition, and were defended by an Aga and 24 Janizaries.

Vienna, June 6. The news about *Yeghen Bassa* still continues, though with this alteration, That it's now said he was straitened at *Sophia* by the *Cepich* Bassa, who was sent thither for that purpose by the Grand Signior; That greater part of the Army had thereupon Disbanded, and that the Inhabitants at *Belgrade* were in so great a Consternation, that they were

removing farther into *Turkey*: But this advice not coming from any authentick hands, needs a Confirmation. The entire Submission of *Transylvania* is as great a piece of News as hath appeared since the War began; and since my last, it has been resolved by the Prince and States, That *Cronstadt* (which lies upon the Confines of *Moldavia* and *Valachia*, and is the most important Post of that Kingdom) shall receive an Imperial Garrison: To this it seems the Commonalty made some opposition, but it's not doubted the place is before this time in the hands of the Imperialists. The Turks have put a strong Convoy into *Wlocke*, though some days before, 100 *Fredukes* surprized two Boats that were designed for that place with Provisions and Ammunition.

The Act of Submission of the Prince and States of Transylvania.

WE, Michael Telleky de Szeck, Great Marschal, George and Alexis Bethlen, Ladislaus Szekel de Borosjeny, Valentine Frank, Chief Justice, and Christian Szabo, Burgomaster of *Hermanstadt*, Ministers and Counsellors of the aforesaid Prince Michael Abassi of *Transylvania*, Nicolas de Bethlen, and Stephen Appor de Alfo Thom, Peter Alvinczy, and John Starofy, Protovotaries; Michael Gutrich, Justice of *Cronstadt*, Depured Plenipotentiaries of the said Prince and States of the Kingdom of *Transylvania*, do for perpetual Memory declare and make known. The whole World is struck with just Amazement, and the Earths pine at the extraordinary Goodness of God, who after the effusion of so much innocent Blood, hath at last pitied Christianity, and freed so many Provinces and Kingdoms from barbarous and intolerable Servitude; a Mercy worthy to be had an everlasting Remembrance, and so be Congratulated by all good Men.

The just God of Heaven could no longer endure the Rage and disdainful Pride of that cruel and sworn Enemy of the Christian Name, who was arrived to such an height of Power, as to be formidable to the whole World, destructive to his Neighbours, and a Contemner of all Men. But at length the Lord of Hosts, with the Power of his Right Hand, hath banished his Sword, and Crowned the Arms and just Cause of the most August Emperor of the Romans, our most Gracious Lord, with such happy and glorious Successes, that the Turk himself owns and acknowledges, That his Power is much shattered and broken, and himself brought into a very low condition: So admirable and stupendous are the Works of God's Providence, that *Vincennes* made them secure: so that for the future none need fear that they should ever lift up their heads again to ruin Christianity, nor the afflicted dispond in the depth of their Misery.

Unhappy *Transylvania* hath groaned time out of mind under Oppression, and what is the top of it's Misery, under that of the Turks; and being deprived of it's lawful Kings and Governours by so many Wars, Ruins, Devastations; and the restless Disorders within it's own Bowels, was brought almost to the brink of Destruction, that fatal Tragedy which this Kingdom hath undergone, partly under the Turks Protection, and partly by the Disorders of it's own Princes, will stand upon Record in History, as a Monument to all succeeding Ages.

But at last she returns to the King of *Hungary*; from whom, by the Envy of the States, and the ambitious Designs of some Men, she had been severed, she embraces the Paterial and powerful Patronage of the August Leopold I. Emperor of the Romans, the Great, Happy, Just, and Invincible Hereditary King of *Hungary*, and of his present Successor the most serene King Joseph, (whose Life and Reign God prosper and preserve) and of the future Hereditary Kings of *Hungary* (as in the late Dyct at *Presburg* was declar'd) with the universal Consent of the States thereof, and according to the fervent Prayers which have for a long time been unanimously made to Almighty God for the obtaining of so great a Blessing, That what therefore was heretofore desired by all for the Glory of God, may from this present time be happy and prosperous to all succeeding Ages. Be it known to all men that are now alive, or that hereafter shall be born, That we (by virtue of our full Power, and for greater Security, in the Strength of the Confirmatory Acts and Conclusions of the Prince and States of this Realm, by com-