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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION.

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**A**mongst other the Advantages of these Our Kingdoms, the Staple Commodities of Wool and Cloth are peculiar therunto, and the Manufacture of the same under several good and wholesome Laws made and provided by the Wisdom of Our Royal Ancestors, for the better Regulation and Improvement thereof, hath justly been esteemed a Principal Happiness of this Our Realm, and long been the Envy of other Nations; And We (who equally desire to promote the Good and Welfare of Our Kingdoms with any of Our Royal Predecessors and Ancestors) considering that nothing can prove more destructive to the said Manufacture, than the Exportation of Wool into Foreign Parts, have as well by Our several Royal Proclamations, as by a considerable Charge of Our own expensed therein, shewn Our Gracious Inclinations and Purposes for the Maintenance and Encouragement of the said Manufacture, and for the effectual putting in Execution the Laws already made against such Exportation; And yet the Methods taken for Prevention of the great Abuses therein, have not hitherto met with satisfactory Success: But the said Offence is now become a most notorious and common Nuisance by the Practices of divers evil disposed Persons, who being neither terrified with the Severity of the Laws, nor yet regarding Our just Displeasure conceived against them, do combine among themselves, and together with others, Aliens and Foreigners, sometimes by Stealth, sometimes by open Force and Violence, to Export and Carry out of Our Kingdoms of England and Ireland divers great Quantities of Wool, Wool-fells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wool, Wool-locks, Fullers Earth, Felling Clay, and Tobacco Pipe Clay, wherein they are also Assisted by many dissolute and desperate Persons in great numbers, inasmuch that Our Officers and others duly impowered, and endeavouring to resist and prevent them therein, we often in perill even of their Lives, and by the number of Offenders are much discouraged from doing their Duty. And whereas divers of Our Loving Subjects from divers Parts of this Kingdom, being Traders and Dealers in the Woolen Manufacture, by their humble Petition have proposed to Us, That they are willing to make a voluntary Contribution among themselves as a farther means to Suppress the said Offenders, and for that purpose have humbly besought Us to grant them Our Royal Licence and Authority to make a Collection of Money to defray the Charge of Prosecuting and Preventing the said Offences and Misdemeanors, which Charge will be very considerable in regard of the great number of Offenders throughout Our said Kingdoms; We therefore out of Our Gracious and Princely Care of the Good and Welfare of Our People, have thought fit by Our Royal Commission under Our Great Seal bearing Date the Eighth and Twentieth day of June last past, directed to several Persons therein mentioned, for preventing the Exportation of Wool, to Impower and Authorize them, or any Seven or more of them, from time to time to cause to be Prosecuted and put in Execution the several Laws made against the Exportation of Wool, Wool-fells, and other the things before mentioned, out of Our Kingdoms of England and Ireland; And also to Collect, Gather and Receive, and to cause to be Collected, Gathered and Received, from any of Our Subjects whatsoever, such Sums and Sums of Money as they or any of them shall from time to time voluntarily contribute, advertise and bestow, for and in order to the preventing the Exportation

of Wool, Wool-fells, and other the things before mentioned, out of Our said Kingdoms, and for the better Discovery and Punishment of the said Offences, and to employ the said Money so Collected accordingly; Which voluntary Contributions so to be made by any of Our Subjects whatsoever, to the said end and purposes aforesaid, We have thought fit by the Advice of Our Privy Council, and we do by this Our Royal Proclamation, all our Righteousness and Approve, not doubting but Our Loving Subjects will cheerfully and readily assist and promote to usful and publick a Work. And further, as well in pursuance of the aforesaid Laws, as in Virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, We do again hereby freightly Charge, Prohibit and Command, That no manner of Sheep, Wool, Wool-fells, Mortlings, Shorlings, Yarn made of Wool, Wool-locks, Fullers Earth, Felling Clay, or Tobacco Pipe Clay, be at any time hereafter by any Person or Persons whatsoever, whether Natural-born Subjects, Denizens or Strangers, Exported, Transported, Sent or Conveyed out of Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town or Port of Berwick upon Tweed, or any th. Isles, Parts, Creeks, or Places thereof, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or any Foreign Parts beyond the Seas, upon pain of Our highest Indignation, and the utmost Penalties which by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Kingdom may be inflicted upon the Offenders; their Aiders, Procurers, Abettors and Favourers, their Lives and Estates; And Our further Will and Pleasure is, That all Wool, Wool-fells, Mortlings, and other the things before mentioned, and all Boats and Vessels seized and condemned by Force of any the said Laws, shall be brought to London, Kingston upon Hull, Exeter, or one of them, and there (and not elsewhere) disposed of, to prevent Selling them again to the Owners, as hath hitherto been too frequently practiced. And lastly, We do hereby freightly Charge, Require and Command all and every Mayor, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and all Officers of Our Admiralty, and all and every other Our Officers and Ministers, as well Civil as Military, by Sea and Land, and all and every Our Subjects whatsoever whom it may concern, diligently to observe, and readily to Aid, Assist and Defend, all Persons concerned in the due performance of this Our Proclamation in all things.

Given at Our Court at Windsor the Twelfth Day of August, 1688. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Lisbon, August 3. Mr. Scarborough, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of Great Britain at this Court, having received an Account from England of Her Majesties being delivered of a Prince; He acquainted the King, Queen, and Infanta, in the Audiences he had of them, with this Happy News; And afterwards, together with the English Factory, made a publick Rejoycing, suitable to this great Occasion, with Luminaries, Bonfires and Fireworks for three days together: The first of which he treated a great many Persons of Quality; The second, all the English Merchants and Masters of Ships; And the Third, the English College: And as these Entertainments were made with great Order and Splendor, so the Fireworks, which were very fine, succeeded to the Satisfaction of all that saw them. The 30th past arrived here the Pearl Frigate, in 10 days, from Portsmouth, with Mr. Stafford, His Majesties Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Spain; My Lord Lansdowne, who has resided several Years at that Court, with the same Character, having leave to remain home.

From the Imperial Camp before Belgrade, August 16. The 10th instant the Fire in the Suburbs was quite put out; And Preparations were made to attack the Castle, the Direction whereof was left to Lieutenant General Serim. The 11th his Electoral Highness went in Person to view the Walls of the Castle, and to order the Attacks: And at the same time the Turks made a Sally, but were repulsed, with the loss only of one Man. The 12th at Night our Troops began to approach towards