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By the King,
A PROCLAMATION,
 For Restoring Corporations to their Ancient Charters, Liberties, Rights and Franchises.

JAMES R.

Whereas We are informed that several Deeds of Surrender, which have been lately made by several Corporations and Bodies Corporate, of and in Our Cities and Towns within Our Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, of their Charters, Franchises and Privileges, are not yet Recorded or Inrolled: And that upon the Proceedings and Rules for Judgment, which have lately been had upon the Quo Warranto's or Informations in Nature of a Quo Warranto, Judgments are not yet Entered upon Record: Whereupon, notwithstanding new Charters have been granted in the Reign of Our Late Dear Brother, and in Our Reign: Which said Deeds (being not Inrolled or Recorded) do not amount unto, or in Law make any Surrender of the Charters, Franchises or Liberties therein mentioned: And such of the said Corporations or Bodies Politick, against which Rules for Judgments have been made in the Life time of Our late Dear Brother, or since, in Our Court of King's Bench (but no Judgments Entered upon Record) are not Dissolved or Dissolved; And that it is in Our Power to leave such Corporations in the same Estate and Condition they were in, and to discharge all further Proceedings and Effects that may be of such Rules for Judgments, and Deeds of Surrender: We do hereby publish and Declare, that upon due Search and Examination made, We have satisfaction that the Deeds of Surrender made by the Corporations and Bodies Politick of the said Cities and Towns, Except the Corporations following: (that is to say) Thetford, Nottingham, Bridgewater, Ludlow, Bewdley, Beverly, Teukesbury, Exeter, Doncaster, Colchester, Winchester, Launceston, Lisdred, Plimpton, Tregonoy, Plymouth, Dunwich, St. Ives, Fowy, East-Looe, Camelford, Weit-Looe, Tintegall, Penryn, Truro, Bodmyn, Hadleigh, Leftwithell, and Saitath, are not Inrolled or Recorded in any of Our Courts: And that though Rules for Judgments have passed upon Informations in Nature of a Quo Warranto against the Corporations and Bodies Politick of several Cities and Towns, in Our said Kingdom and Dominion; Yet no Judgments have been, or are Entered upon Record upon any such Informations, Except against the City of London, Chester, Calne, St. Ives, Pool, York, Thaxted, Llanghour, and Malmesbury: And We of Our meer Grace and Favour, being Resolved to Restore and put all Our Cities, Towns and Burroughs in England and Wales, and also Our Town of Bewick upon Tweed, into the same State and Condition they were and was, in Our late Dear Brothers Reign, before any Deed of Surrender was made of their Charters or Franchises, or Proceedings against them or the Corporations or Bodies Politick, in or of the said Cities, Towns or Burroughs upon any Quo Warranto, or Informations in Nature of a Quo Warranto had. We do hereby therefore Publish, Declare, Direct and Require, That the said Corporations and Bodies Politick and Corporate of all the said Cities, Towns and Burroughs, whose Deeds of Surrender are not Inrolled, nor Judgments entered against them as aforesaid; And the Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Magistrates, Ministers, Officers, Freeman, and all and every others the Members of, or in every of them respectively upon the Publication of this Our Proclamation, Take on them and Proceed to Act as a Corporation or Body Politick, and where Places are vacant by Death or otherwise, to make Elections, Constitute and fill up the same, (Notwithstanding the usual Days and Times of Elections by the Ancient Charters and Constitutions shall happen to be past) and to Do, Execute and Perform all and every Matter, and Thing as they Lawfully

might and ought to have done, if no such Deeds of Surrender, Rules for Judgment, or other Proceedings upon any such Quo Warranto or Informations had been had or made. And for the better effecting Our said Intention, We have by Order made by Us in Council, and under Our Sign Manual; And We do also by this Our Proclamation made with the Advice of Our said Council, Discharge, Remove, and Dismiss all and every Person and Persons of and from all Offices and Places of Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Council-men, Assistants, Recorder, Town-Clerk, and all and every Office and Place which they or any of them have or Claim only by Charter, Patent or Grant from our Dear Brother, or from Our Self since the Dates of the respective Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for Judgment; Except such Corporations whose Deeds of Surrender are Inrolled, or against whom Judgment is Entered; and that all and every such Person and Persons deliver up into the Hands and Custody of the said Person hereby appointed and intended to Act and Execute the said Offices and Places, all and every the Charters, Records, Books, Evidences and Matters concerning the said respective Corporations.

And We do hereby further Publish and Declare, That We have caused all and every the said Deeds of Surrender which can be found, to be delivered and put into the hands of Our Attorney General, to be by him Cancelled and returned to the Corporations and Bodies Politick of the respective Cities and Towns whom they concern; And have also given to Our said Attorney Authority, and do hereby Warrant and Command him, not only not to proceed or enter Judgment upon the said Quo Warranto's or Informations, in Nature of a Quo Warranto, or any of them, but to enter upon the respective Records, Noli prosequi's, and Legal Discharges thereof: And We do hereby Publish and Declare Our further Grace and Favour to the said Cities, Corporations and Burroughs, at any time hereafter, by any further Act to Grant, Confirm or Restore unto them all their Charters, Liberties, Franchises, and Privileges, that at the respective times of such Deeds of Surrender, or Rules for Judgment made or given, they held or enjoyed: And in order to the perfecting Our said Gracious Intentions; We do hereby likewise Publish and Declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure as for and concerning the restoring to such of Our Cities, Corporations and Burroughs within Our said Kingdom and Dominion, which have made Deeds of Surrender, or have had Judgment given against them, which Surrenders and Judgments are Entered of Record, That Our Chancellor, Attorney-General and Solicitor-General, without Fees to any Officer or Officers whatsoever, upon Application to them made, shall, and they are hereby required to prepare and pass Charters, Instruments, Grants and Letters Patents for the Incorporating, Regranting, Confirming and Restoring to all and every the said Cities, Corporations, and Burroughs, their respective Charters, Liberties, Rights, Franchises and Privileges, and for restoring the respective Mayors, Bayliffs, Recorders, Sheriffs, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers and Freeman, as were of such Cities, Corporations, or Burroughs at the time of such Deeds of Surrender, or Judgments respectively given or had, and for the putting them into the same State, Condition and Place they were in at the times of such Deeds of Surrender, or Judgments made or given. And whereas divers Burroughs that were not heretofore Corporations, have since the Year One thousand six hundred seventy nine, had Charters of Incorporation granted and passed unto them; We hereby further Expressly Declare Our Royal Pleasure, to determine and annul the said last mentioned Charters and Corporations; And to that end, We have in pursuance to the Power reserved in the said Charters, by Our Order in Council, and under Our Sign Manual, Removed and Discharged; and We do also by this Our Proclamation, made with the Advice of Our said Council, Remove and Discharge all and every Person of or in the said last mentioned Corporations, of and from all Offices and Places of Mayors, Bayliffs, Recorders, Sheriffs, Aldermen, Common-Council-men, Assistants,

and of and from all and every other Office and Place from which We have Power reserved by the said Charters respectively, to Remove or Discharge them; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, that We will Do and Consent to all such Acts, Matters, and Things, as shall be necessary to render these Our Gracious Intentions and Purposes effectual, it being Our Gracious Intention to call a Parliament as soon as the general Disturbance of Our Kingdom by the intended Invasion, will admit thereof.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 17th day of October, 1688. in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

At the Court at Whitehall, October 17. 1688.
Present

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty, and the
Lords of His Most Honorable Privy-Council.

W Hereas in the Charters, Patents or Grants, made to several Cities, Boroughs and Towns Corporate, a Power is reserved to His Majesty by His Order in Council, to remove, displace and discharge the Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, Freeman, and other Members of the same: His Majesty is this Day in Council pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered accordingly, That all Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-Men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, Freeman, and other Members of the said respective Cities, Boroughs and Towns Corporate, which have, or claim such Offices or Places by Charter, Patent or Grant from the late King of blessed Memory, or from His Majesty since the Year 1679. (except such Cities and Towns in His Majesties Proclamation named, whose Deeds of Surrender are Inrolled, or against whom Judgments in Quo Warranto are Entred) be removed, displaced and discharged, in pursuance of the Power reserved as aforesaid; And they, and every of them, are hereby removed, displaced and discharged accordingly.

JOHN NICHOLAS.

JAMES R.

W Hereas in the Charters, Patents, or Grants made to several Cities, Burroughs, and Towns Corporate, a Power is reserved to Us to Remove, Displace and Discharge, by Order under Our Signet and Sign Manual, the Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common Council-men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, Freeman, and other Members of the same; We do accordingly hereby Remove, Displace, and Discharge all Mayors, Sheriffs, Recorders, Town-Clerks, Aldermen, Common-Council-men, Assistants, Officers, Magistrates, Ministers, Freeman, and other Members of Our said respective Cities, Burroughs, and Towns Corporate, which have or claim such Offices or Places by Charter, Patent, or Grant from the late King Our most Dear Brother of Ever Blessed Memory, or from Us, since the Year 1679. (except such Cities and Towns in Our Proclamation named, whose Deeds of Surrender are Inrolled, or against whom Judgments in Quo Warranto are entred, and they and every of them are hereby removed, displaced and discharged accordingly, in pursuance of the Power reserved to us as aforesaid. Whereof all Persons concerned are hereby required to take notice. Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 17th day of October, 1688. in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesties Command,

Sunderland P.

Cologne, Octob. 17. The 10th instant the Sieur Carrich, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of Bavaria, arrived here from Munich, with the original Bull by which the Pope confirms the Election of Prince Clement of Bavaria to this Archbishoprick; The 12th it was published in the Cathedral Church, and then Te Deum being sung, the Prince de Croÿ, one of the Canons, having a Procuration from the said Prince for that purpose, took possession in his name of this Archbishoprick and Electorate, and afterwards of the Archiepiscopal Palace, with the requisite Solemnity, though none of the Canons of the Cardinal's Party were present at it; But we are told that several of them that were with him at Rome are since this Publication retired from thence. The French Minister continues to press these Magistrates to accept of the Neutrality he has proposed to them. We hear that 3400 Men of the Forces that were encamped under the Command of the Marschal d'Humieres,

between the Sambre and the Meuse, arrived the 12th instant at Malick, the rest of the Troops being returned to the Garisons from whence they were drawn. This Detachement passed through the Country of Luxemburg and Treves, and comes it's believed to reinforce the French Troops quartered in this Electorate.

Spire, Octob. 16. The Besieged in Philipsburg defend themselves very vigorously; they made the 14th instant a furious Sally, and it's said that 4 or 500 of the French were killed. The latter suffer likewise very much by the Rains, being up to the middle in Water in their Trenches. They have put the Countreys of Wittemberg, Franconia, and Suiabia, under Contributions. A Regiment of Foot of the Forces of the Landtgrave of Hesse Cassel is arrived at Francfort.

Lamburg, Octob. 18. We hear from Berlin, That the Elector of Brandenburg has, upon the News of the March of the French Forces, given Orders for the raising several new Regiments. The Princes of Luemburg do likewise raise Men. The Troops of Saxony are encamped at Torgau to the number of 13000 Men, from whence 6 Regiments are ordered to march towards the Rhine.

Brussels, Octob. 19. Our Governour-General has resolved to raise ten new Regiments, 4 of Horse, 4 of Dragoons, and 2 of Foot, which are to be all compleat within 2 Months; his Excellency provides the Horses and Arms, but the Officers are to Levy and Cloath the Men at their own Charge. They write from Francfort of the 14th instant, That the Siege of Philipsburg goes on very slowly, by reason of the Difficulties the French daily meet with; their Bridge over the Rhine being broken, and their Batteries ready to swim, all being overflowed quite round the place. We hear from Cologne, That the Pope's Bull, confirming the Election of Prince Clement, had been published there, and that the Prince de Croÿ had thereupon, in his name, taken Possession of that Archbishoprick. The Marschal d'Humieres, who was encamped between the Sambre and the Meuse, is returning with his Troops into the new Conquests.

Brussels, Octob. 22. The new Colonels are very busie in preparing for their Levies. His Excellency has likewise resolved to add 4 Companies to each of the old Walloon Regiments. We are told from Spire, That the Garison of Philipsburg makes a very brave Defence, and that on the 14th they made a vigorous Sally, wherein the French lost a great many men, with some Officers of note.

Whitehall, Octob. 15. This day in the Chapel at St. James's, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, being before Christened, was Solemnly named (amidt the Ceremonies and Rites of Baptism) JAMES, Francis, Edward; His Holiness, represented by his Nuncio, Godfather; and the Queen Dowager, Godmother: The King and Queen assisted at the Solemnity, with a great attendance of Nobility and Gentry, and concourse of People, all expressing that Joy and Satisfaction, which was suitable to the Place and Occasion.

Whitehall, Octob. 17. His Majesty has been pleased to Constitute the Right Honourable the Earl of Darby Lord-Lieutenant of the Counties of Chester and Lancaster.

Advertisements.

W Hereas the Patentees for the new Lights did heretofore authorize one or more Patentees, to act on their behalf; And have since found it necessary to revoke those Letters of Attorney. These therefore are to give Notice, That the Patentees will meet every Monday and Thursday between the hours of 3 and 6 in the Afternoon, at Bourn's Coffee-house in Cateaton-street, to receive Proposals, and make Agreements, for the setting up the said Lights.

S Tolen the 5th instant from Mr. Edward Noyes of Hatherden near Andover in Hampshire, a bright bay Gelding, above 14 hands high, Star in his Forehead, his far Foot behind white, between 3 and 4 years old, and all his Paces. Whoever gives notice of him to Mr. Jasper Salter at the Angel Inn in Andover, or to Mr. Noyes, Hoster at the Rose in Cheapside London, shall have 20s. Reward.

T He Commissioners in the Commissions of Bankrupt, awarded against John White, and Benjamin Mercer, (formerly since of London, Drapers and Co-partners) intend to sit at the Irish Chamber in Guild-hall, on Wednesday the 31st instant, at Three of the Clock, in order to a second Dividend; of which all those Creditors that have not yet proved their Debts, are desired to take notice and come prepared, lest they be excluded the benefit of the said Dividend.