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THE DECLARATION

OF

His Highness the Prince of ORANGE,
For the Authorizing Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace,
and other Officers and Ministers, to Act in their
respective Places.

WHEREAS the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, the Knights, Burgesses, Gentlemen and Citizens, heretofore Members of the Commons House of Parliament; during the Reign of King Charles the Second, residing in and about the City of London, and the Aldermen, and Members of the Common-Council of the said City, in their Assemblies, in this extraordinary Conjunction, have by their respective Applications, desired Us to take the Administration of Publick Affairs, both Civil and Military, and the disposal of the publick Revenue, for the Preservation of the Peace, and for other the good ends and purposes in their said Applications mentioned, and to exercise the same till the meeting of the intended Convention on the Two and twentieth of January next:

We desiring the happy State and Peace of this Kingdom and Nation, and to prevent, by the care and circumspection of the Civil Magistrates, by their putting the Laws of the Kingdom, according to their respective Offices and Places, in Execution, the inconveniences that otherwise may arise; do hereby Constitute, Direct, and Appoint, That all and every Person, (not being a Papist) that upon the First Day of this instant December was in the Office of Sheriff, or Justice of the Peace, or concerned in the preservation of the Peace, or had or were concerned in the Custody of any Prison or Gaol, or keeping of any Prisoner, be, and is hereby Impowered, Authorized and Required to take upon him, and to execute the said Office and Place respectively. And that the said Sheriffs, Justices, and Persons in their respective Offices and Places do take upon them the execution of the Law for suppressing all Riots, Routs and tumultuous Assemblies, and for keeping the Peace, relief of the Poor, and keeping the Gaols and Prisons, and Persons committed to their Custody, and to do and execute all other Matters to their respective Offices and Places appertaining. And We do hereby likewise Impower, Authorize and Require all and every Person, (not being a Papist) that upon the said First Day of December last was in any Office or Employment, in Collecting, Receiving, Managing or Ordering of the publick Revenue, in or within the Kingdom of Eng-

land, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, to proceed and act in the Managing, Ordering, Collecting, Receiving and Payment of the same, in the same method, manner and form as to their respective Offices and Employments it do or do appertain; except such Offices or Places, where, since our Arrival into this Kingdom, we have already, or shall otherwise provide. The Powers and Authorities hereby given, to continue, remain, and be in Force and Virtue, till the meeting of the said Convention, or other Order to the contrary.

Given at St. James's this One and thirtieth Day of December; in the Year of our Lord, 1688.

W. H. Prince of Orange.

Constantinople, Septemb. 22. Since the departure of the Court for Adrianople, whither it removed to prevent new Disturbances, we have had little News stirring here, except of the Continuance and Encrease of the Disorders in Asia, where the Robbers appear in great Bodies (the chief Commanded by one Yedie), and spoyl the Country. Several Officers sent into those Parts with Orders from the Visier, were so far from being able to execute them, that they are returned hither stript and plundered, and declare, that in several Villages they pass through, they found no Provisions of any kind, the People being all fled. It is said, that Yeghen Bassa is retired on this side Nissa, that he has not 3000 Men with him at the most; and if his Party should Encrease so, that he should think himself strong enough to fight with the Visier, that then a Civil War will happen among them in those Parts: If not, that he will endeavour to pass over and joyn with the said Yedie, which will probably cause a General revolt of Asia. It is certain, that the Ottoman Court is in a great Consternation. Their Militia is quite ruined, all the Old Commanders and Soldiers dead, and the Revenue by the loss of the Morea and Hungary, and the ill condition of Asia diminished one half: Their great hopes are, that the Ambassadors sent to the Emperour will conclude a Peace. The new Cajmacan since the Visier's departure often walks privately about the Streets, to seize such Soldiers as deserted the Camp, and others, who taking the Habit of Soldiers, commit many Insolencies in this Town. The 16th instant, the Gallies which had been Cruising in the Black Sea, came into
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