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From Monday April 29. to Thursday May 2. 1689.

By the King and Queen,

A DECLARATION

For the Encouraging of French Protestants to Transport themselves into this Kingdom.

WILLIAM R.

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty GOD to Deliver Our Realm of England, and the Subjects thereof, from the Persecution lately threatening them for their Religion, and from the Oppression and Destruction, which the Subversion of their Laws, and the Arbitrary Exercise of Power and Dominion over them, have very near introduced; We finding in Our Subjects a True and just Sense hereof, and of the Miseries and Oppressions the French Protestants lie under: For their Relief, and to Encourage them that shall be willing to Transport themselves, their Families, and Estates, into this Our Kingdom, We do hereby Declare, That French Protestants, that shall seek their Refuge in, and Transport themselves into this Our Kingdom, shall not only have Our Royal Protection for themselves, Families and Estates within this Our Realm; But We will also do Our Endeavour in all reasonable Ways and Means, so to Support, Aid, and Assist them in their several and respective Trades and Ways of Livelihood, as that their Living and Being in this Realm may be Comfortable and easie to them.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall this Twenty Fifth Day of April, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION

Prohibiting the Importation of all sorts of Manufactures and Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of France.

WILLIAM R.

WHEREAS this Our Kingdom of England hath for many Years received great Damage by the Extraordinary Importation and Consumption of French Commodities, whereby the Bullion and Coyne of this Kingdom paid for the same is Exported, and the Use and Consumption of the Goods and Manufactures of the proper Growth of this Realm is hindered and lessened, to the Great Prejudice of the Artificers and Handicrafts, within this Kingdom, and the general Impoverishment of the same; We desiring to avoid the said Mischiefs, and to increase and encourage the Wealth and Manufacture of Our own Subjects, do Declare Our Royal Pleasure to be, and do hereby strictly Charge and Command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, from and after the Sixteenth day of May next coming, Directly or Indirectly, Import or bring, or Cause, or Procure to be Imported or Brought into this Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, any Wine, Brandy, Silk, Linnen Cloth, Paper, or any other Wares, Merchandizes or Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Production or Manufacture of France, or of any the Lands, Territories or Places in the Dominions or Possession of the French King, upon pain of Our High Displeasure, and of the Loss and Forfeiture of all and every such Wines, Wares, Merchandises and Commodities as shall be so Imported, and to incur such other Penalties and Punishments as by the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm may justly be inflicted on them, for Contempt or Neglect of Our Royal Commands herein; And We do also hereby strictly Charge, Require and Command, all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, that they and every of them do from and after the Twenty fifth day of January next ensuing,

wholly forbear, directly or indirectly, to Buy, Bargain, Contract for, Sell or Utter any sort or sorts of Wines, Wares, Linnen Goods, Merchandizes or Commodities of the Growth or Manufacture of the said Kingdom, upon pain of the Seizure, Loss and Forfeiture of the same, and to be further proceeded against as Contemners of Our Royal Will and Pleasure herein declared: And We do hereby Authorize and Require all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, and other Our Officers, Ministers, and Loving Subjects, that they and every of them, when, and as often as they or any of them shall be requested in that behalf, by Aiding and Assisting from time to time in the due Execution of the Premises: And further, That all Our Customers, Collectors, Searchers, Waiters, and all other Our Officers and Ministers in Our Port of London, and all other Our Ports, Havens and Creeks, within this Our Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and all others whom it may concern, do from time to time take Care to Search for, and Seize or Forfeit, as well all such Wines, Wares, Merchandizes and Commodities of the Growth, Production and Manufacture aforesaid, as shall from and after the said Sixteenth day of May be Imported, Conveyed, or Brought into any Our said Ports, Harbours or Creeks, as all other Wines, Wares, Linnen Goods, Merchandizes and Commodities of the Growth or Manufacture aforesaid, at any time Imported, which shall after the said Five and Twentieth day of January be Bought, Sold, or any way Uttered, Displayed or Traded in. And this shall be their Warrant and Discharge in that behalf.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Twenty Fifth Day of April, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

Copenhagen, April 20. Yesterday happened here a very sad Accident; The Occasion and Circumstances were as follow; An Opera, which had been Acted 3 days before with great Applause, was repeated for the Entertainment of the Chief of the Town, in the Castle built by the Queen Mother, which was one of the finest and most Magnificent Structures in this City; There was a great Concourse of People, especially of Women and Children of the best Quality; After some Acts were over, a Lamp set fire to the place where it stood, and the fire soon caught hold of the Jusper Work, with which the House was beautified, and immediately seized the Roof, which was faced with Oy'd Cloth: There were but two little Doors to go out at, and the Crowd, press'd so hard, and so hindered one anothers Escape, that there were above 200 Persons, some say 280, burnt in the House, besides many others that were miserably maimed by the Fire. And the whole Castle with its Furniture was destroy'd: The Lamentation that's here is unexpressible, some whole Families have perished in this Calamity, and there's hardly one considerable Family in all this City that this sad Accident will not put into Mourning.

Vienna, April 21. The Duke of Lorraine parted from hence on Monday last for Inspruck, where he will only stop for a day or two, and then continue his Journey towards Germany. The Elector of Bavaria arrived here last Night incognito, and this day was present at a Council of War that was held in the Emperor's Presence. It is resolved, in a case a Peace be not concluded with the Turks, that Prince Louis of Baden shall have the Chief Command of the Emperor's Forces in Hungary. As for the War against France, the Elector of Bavaria, according to his own desire, is to Command, on the Upper Rhine, 7000 Imperialists, 10000 of his own Troops, and 5000 of the Circle of Sabria, making together 22000. The Duke of Lorraine is to Command towards the middle of the Rhine, of the Imperial Forces and those of the Circle of Franconia 20000, of Saxony 10000, of Brunswick and Lunenburg 8000, and of Hesse 8000, together 46000. The Elector of Brandenburg will command towards the Lower Rhine, of his own Troops 26000, of those of Munster 6000, together 32000. And the States-General have, by their Minister here, promised to have in the Field 50000 under the Command of Prince Waldeck, with which will join 7000 of the Troops of Spain; All these Forces amount to 157000 Men, which will be employed on the Rhine, and in the Low Countries. The Ambassador of Poland had yesterday