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By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION For a GENERAL FAST.

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W Hereas Their Majesties have found Themselves obliged, for the necessary Defence and Safeguard of this Realm, and other Their Dominions, and the Vindicating and Preserving Their own and Their Subjects Rights, to Declare War against the French King, and vigorously to Prosecute the same both by Sea and Land, and to set out and employ Ships of War, and Land-Forces, for Reducing to Their Obedience the Kingdom of Ireland, at this time supported in Rebellion against Their Majesties by the said French King; Their Majesties putting Their Trust in Almighty God (who hath mercifully and wonderfully preserved and blessed Their Majesties hitherto, and this Kingdom by Their means) That he will vouchsafe a special Blessing to this Their Righteous Undertaking, Do, by and with the Advice of Their Privy Council, hereby Appoint and Command a General and Publick Fast and Humiliation to be observed throughout this Kingdom, That so both their Majesties and Their Subjects, may humble themselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for their Sins, and may in most devout and solemn manner send up their Prayers and Supplications to him, for Imploring his Blessing and Assistance on Their Majesties Arms, and for Restoring and Perpetuating Peace, Safety, Honour, and Prosperity to all Their Majesties Kingdoms and Dominions. And for the more decent and uniform performance thereof, Their Majesties do hereby Publish and Declare to all Their Loving Subjects, and do straitly Charge and Command That on Wednesday being the Fifth day of June next ensuing, this Fast be Religiously and Solemnly kept and observed within the Cities of London and Westminster, and within Ten miles distance of the same: And that on Wednesday the Nineteenth of the same June the like Fast be kept and duly observed through the rest of the whole Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And for the more orderly Solemnizing thereof, Their Majesties have given Directions to the Archbishops and Bishops of this Kingdom, to compose a Form of Prayers suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chappels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and have given Charge for the Dispersing thereof through Their several Diocesses in the whole Kingdom. And Their Majesties do expressly Charge and Command, That the said Fasting and Prayers be soberly, reverently, and decently performed by all Their Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishments as Their Majesties can justly inflict upon all such as contemn or neglect so Religious a Work.

Given at Our Court at Hampton-Court, this 23th Day of May, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

Cadix, May 9. There are now at Gibraltar 4 Spanish Gallies, which are to carry 1000 Soldiers to Barcelona. The Galeons will sail from hence about July or August next.

Marseilles, May 23. Eight Gallies are on their Departure from hence, to joyn, as it's said, the Men of War that are sitting out at Toulon: The

Reports are various concerning the Expedition they are going upon. The Chevalier de Tourville is gone over, with 4 Men of War, to Argiers, to Treat of a Peace.

Paris, June 4. The King having taken the Jesuits Powder, has not since had any return of his Ague. An Express has brought the Dauphiness the News of the Electores of Bavaria's being brought to Bed on the 29 part of a Prince. The Duke de Noailles, who commands the French Forces on the side of Catalonia, having caused his Troops to Rendezvous the 14th part at Bou'ou, marched from thence towards Compredon, and arrived before that place the 18th. The Miquelets (which are the Militia of the Country) had several Skirmishes with the French Troops, and divers were killed on both sides. The 19th the Trenches were opened. The 21th six Pieces of Cannon were Planted against the Castle, which surrendered the 23th, as the Town had done before, the small Garrison that was there being Conducted to Gironne. Part of the Dauphin's Baggage was sent from hence this Week; however it is still doubted whether he will go into the Field this Summer. We are told, That Orders are given for the burning of Spire, Wormes, Frankendal, and several other places.

Edinburgh, May 23. The Estates met this day, pursuant to their last Adjournment, and ordered a Proclamation to be Published, requiring the Attendance of all the absent Members, before or on the 28th instant, upon pain of Imprisonment and being reputed Persons disaffected to the Government, and proceeded against accordingly. An account was given to the Estates of the Defeat of the Highlanders in Kintire (whereof mention was made in our last) and that several of the Chief of the Clans had since acknowledged their Fault, and offered a Submission; Whereupon it was ordered, That Captain Young, who commands the Detachements sent that way, shall give safe Conduct to such as shall make Application to him for that purpose, to the end they may compare before the Estates at Edinburg, and afterwards return, provided they come in before the 15th of the next Month. And that he disarm and dilate such persons, as being thereunto required, will not concur in the Service of the Government. After having made these and some other Orders, the States Adjourned to the 24th of this Month, appointing the former Committee to meet in the mean time, for the securing the Peace of the Government. Since the Planting of the Mortar-pieces upon the Batteries a great many Bombs have been shot into the Castle, the Cannon playing very warmly at the same time.

Liverpoole May 24. The Fleet that lately sailed from hence with the Regiments under the Command