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By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION

Concerning PAPISTS, and other disaffected Persons.

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W Hereas Their Majesties, as well by the Regular and Impartial Administration of Justice to all Their Subjects, and Their abundant Mercy and Grace to such of them as have been liable to Penalties, as also by Prosecuting a necessary War against France by Sea and Land, (on the Success of which the Common Safety of this Realm, and all other Their Majesties Kingdoms and Dominions, doth depend) have manifested Their Princely Care and Zeal for the Preservation, Ease and Welfare, of all Their Subjects; and might justly Expect suitable Returns of Loyalty and Obedience from every of them: Nevertheless divers Papiests and Reputed Papiests, and (some other Persons ill-affect'd to Their Majesties Government, and of Restless Spirits, abusing the Clemency which hath been us'd, have Resorted to, and Assembled in the Cities of London and Westminster, and other Places, and taken great Boldness by Seditious Discourses and Labels, and with Insolent Behaviour, to Defame and Affront the Government; And also do Consult and Project divers Mischievous and Treasonable Designs and Practices tending to the Disturbance of the Publick Peace, and the Destruction of Their Native Country. Their Majesties resolving not to suffer such Notorious Contempts of the Law to go unpunished, and to Prevent the Evil Consequences of the same, Have thought fit: (with the Advice of Their Privy-Council) to Issue this Their Royal Proclamation; And do hereby require and Command all Lords Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and all other Officers and Magistrates whatsoever, That they be Circumspect and Vigilant in their respective Charges and Jurisdictions, and Perform their Duties in Suppressing the Insolencies, Designs and Practices aforesaid; and that from time to time they cause diligent Search and Inquiry to be made after the said Offenders; and them being Discovered, cause to be Prosecuted, and brought to Condign Punishment according to Law.

And Their Majesties do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Popish Recusants, Natives or Denizens, being above the Age of Sixteen Years, That they do (according to the Statutes in that behalf made) Repair to their respective Places of Abode, and if they have none, thither to the Place where their respective Estcher or Morher is or shall be dwelling, and do not thereafter Remove or Pass above five miles from thence. And Their Majesties do likewise Charge and Command all Papiests, and Persons reputed so to be, (except Merchant Strangers, settled Householders, and other Persons Excepted in the Statutes made in this behalf) to depart out of the said Cities of London and Westminster, and from all Places within the distance of Ten miles of the same. And Their Majesties do hereby Command the Lord Mayor of London, and all other Justices of the Peace, and other Officers within the said Cities, and Ten miles of the same, that they make strict Search for, and Proceed against all such of them as shall presume to remain, repair or return within the Limits aforesaid, according to the Statute in that behalf made; and particularly the Statute made in the First Year of Their Majesties Reign, intituled, (An Act for the Removing Papiests and Reputed Papiests

from the Cities of London and Westminster, and Ten miles distance from the same) by Tendering to them the Declaration therein mentioned, and otherwise according to the said Act.

And Their Majesties do likewise Charge and Command the aforesaid, and all other Justices of Peace whatsoever, who shall know or be Informed that any Person is, or is suspected to be, a Papiest, to Tender unto such Person the Declaration aforesaid, and proceed thereupon according to one other Act made in the said First Year of Their Majesties Reign, intituled, (An Act for the better Securing the Government, by Dilarming Papiests and Reputed Papiests.) And for the better Discovery of Persons Disaffected to the Government, and that being discovered, their Disloyal and Wicked Purposes and Attempts may be disappointed, Their Majesties do strictly Charge and Command all Justices of the Peace, and other Officers in that behalf Authorized, That where they shall find, or be informed of any Person, who, by reason of his Conversation, Discourse, or other Memeanour, shall be suspected not to be Well-affect'd to Their Majesties Government, they do Tender unto such Person the Oaths appointed by an Act made in the First Year of Their Majesties Reign, intituled, (An Act for the Abrogating of the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and appointing other Oaths;) And that in case of Refusal to take the same, due Prosecution be made thereupon. And for the more effectual Performance thereof, the said Justices of Peace are to make and keep Entries or Records of such their Proceedings, in order to the Tendering the said Oaths again to the Person so Refusing; it being Their Majesties Pleasure, that the said Law be Executed to the utmost against such Offenders. And Their Majesties do hereby Charge, and particularly Require, all Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, That they do Meet Monthly to Enquire into, and Inform themselves of, the Affairs of their respective Counties and Divisions, in relation to the Premises, and take special Care to preserve the Peace, and prevent all Unlawful Meetings and Assemblies against Their Majesties and Their Government; and that from time to time they give Information of their Proceedings and Discoveries to the Lords of Their Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Ninth day of April, 1691. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

Their Majesties, by another Proclamation, have appointed a General and Publick FAST to be observed throughout this Kingdom on Wednesday the 29th day of this instant April, and from thenceforth on the third Wednesday of every Month during the present War.

Rome, March 24. The Cardinals Cavaffa, Pignarelli, Cuscegni, Rubini, Colonna, and Colonna, are since my last entred into the Conclave, so that their number is now increased to 57; This day arrived here the French Cardinals d'Elree, Bonzi, and Carus, Beaulon remaining by reason of some Indisposition at Rheims; and besides these, the Cardinal Visconti and Orsini are still expected. In the mean time the Parties that were forming in the Conclave in favour of Marsicotti and Accioli seem to be quite broke, but that which appears for Barberigo strengthens daily, being chiefly supported by those they call the Zealots: The Prince de Liechtenstein had Audience of the Conclave on Monday last as the Emperor's Ambassador.

Venice, March 21. The freshest news we have concerning Fallonia is, that the Turks have before that place about 12000 Foot and 3000 Horse, with 11 Pieces of Cannon; That they had not yet made any considerable progress in the Siege, though the Basla that commands there did all he could to advance it, having received positive Orders

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