



By the King,
A P P R O C L A M A T I O N

For a General Fast and Humiliation throughout the whole Kingdom.

WILLIAM R.



Whereas the Commons in Parliament Assembled, have humbly besought us to Appoint a Solemn Day of fasting and humiliation, for Imploring the Blessing of Almighty God upon the Consultations of this present Parliament; And We, being deeply sensible how much the happiness of Our Kingdoms Depends upon the Good Success of their Consultations, and out of Our Own Religious Disposition, Ready to Incline to so pious a Motion, have Resolved (by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council) and do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, Strictly Charge and Command, That a Day of General and publick fasting and humiliation for the purposes aforesaid, be strictly kept and observed throughout Our Cities of London and Westminster and elsewhere within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, on Wednesday the Eleventh Day of December next, and in all other places within this Kingdom of England, said Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of the said Month of December next. And for the better Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the said Reverend Arch-Bishops, and Right Reverend Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chappels, and throughout their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly Dispersing the same said Day of fasting and humiliation be Religiously observed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishments, as may be justly Inflicted for the Contempt or Neglect thereof.

Given at Our Court at *Kennington*, the Thirtieth Day of November, 1695. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.