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By the King A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHEREAS the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesſes in Parliament Aſſembled, having taken into their ſerious Conſideration, the great Miſchiefs which this Our Kingdom lies under, by reaſon that the Coin, which Paſſes in Payment, is generally Clipped; and they being of Opinion, that the moſt Effectual way to put a ſtop to this Evil; is to Prevent the Currency thereof, as ſoon as We in Our Wiſdom ſhould think fit, have ſeverally, by their Humble Addreſſes, beſought Us to Iſſue Our Royal Proclamation in that behalf: And We being deeply Senſible of the great Prejudice which Our good Subjects undergo by ſuch Diminution of the Current Coins, and being very deſirous to Apply a ſpeedy and Suitable Remedy thereto. Have thought fit to Declare and Command, and by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation Declare and Command, That from and after the Firſt Day of January next enſuing, no Clipped Crowns or Half-Crowns ſhall Paſs in any Payment, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, or upon Loans or Payments into Our Exchequer; and that from and after the Third Day of February next Enſuing, no Clipped Crowns or Half-Crowns ſhall Paſs in any Payment whatſoever, within Our City of London, or within Forty Miles Diſtance of the ſame; and that from and after the Two and Twentieth Day of the ſaid Month of February, no Clipped Crowns or Half-Crowns ſhall Paſs or be Current in any Payment whatſoever, within Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And We do hereby Declare and Command, That from and after the Thirteenth Day of February next, no Piece of Money called Shillings, Clipped within the Ring, ſhall Paſs in any Payment, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, or upon Loans or Payments into Our Exchequer; and that from and after the Second Day of March next, no ſuch Shillings, Clipped within the Ring, ſhall Paſs in any Payment whatſoever. And we do alſo hereby Declare and Command, That from and after the ſaid Second Day of March next, no other Money whatſoever, Clipped within the Ring, ſhall Paſs in any Payment, except only to the Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues and Taxes, or upon Loans or Payments into Our Exchequer; and that from and after the Second Day of April next, no ſuch Money, Clipped within the Ring, ſhall Paſs in any Payment whatſoever.

Given at Our Court at Kensington, the Nineteenth Day of December, 1695. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign

London, Nov. 29. This morning failed hence the Ormond Galley of 24 Guns, Capt. Robinson Commander for Venice; as alſo a Daniſh Ship bound home.

Limerick, Decem. 1. Yesterday came into this River the King William Galley, Nehemiah Winter Commander, carrying 26 Guns and about 50 Men from London; In her way hither, between Blaskets and Baltimore, ſhe met a French Privateer of 10 Guns and 60 Men, commanded by Rich. Welſh, who lay cloſe under the Shore, and bore down upon the Galley, ſo ſoon as he ſaw her: Capt. Winter let him come very near before he fired a Gun, and then gave him a broad ſide of great and ſmall ſhot: They were engaged about two hours; after which Welſh yielded, having loſt his Lieutenant and 10 Men more; but the Galley had not one Man hurt. Cap. Winter put ſome of his Men aboard the Prize, but the night following was ſeparated from her by bad weather, and Welſh and 45 of his Men are brought aſhore here, and committed to Priſon. This day is come in a Ketch called the Prosperous Galley of London, Matthew Williams Maſter, who reports, that he ſaw off the Dutch a diſabled Ship which he ſuppoſes

to be Capt. Winter's Prize, and one of our Men of War (which he took to be the Norwich) ſtood towards her, and 'tis believed he has carried the Prize to Kinſale; which is called The Subtle of Breſt; from whence ſhe has been about 14 days, having the Day before ſhe met with Capt. Winter taken an Engliſh Ketch bound home from Virginia, which was ſoon after retaken by the Forſight.

Kinſale, December 6. The twenty ninth paſt came in the Forſight, Captain Walker, with his Prize, a Privateer of 16 Guns, which he took about the latter end of October; and which has lain for ſome time in Dingle Bay: He alſo brought in with him a Ketch of 80 Tuns, called the Dolphin of Briſtol, laden with Tobacco, which he retook from a French Privateer commanded by Welſh, who being a good Sailor got away from the Forſight, but left 8 of his Men on board the Ketch. The 2d Inſtant was brought in a French Ship of 70 Tuns laden with Fiſh from Newfoundland, which was taken by my Lord Archibald Hamilton, Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Litchfield off Cape Clear. Yesterday failed hence His Majesty's Ship the Forſight towards Ventry Bay.

Kinſale, Dec. 15. On the 8th Inſtant arrived here His Majesty's Ship the Pearle, Capt. Robt. Hulmes Commander, and under her Convey the Greenfiſh Storeſhip from Weſford: the 9th came in the Shoram, Capt. Conſtable, from Miſford; and on the 11th the Dolphin, Capt. Stepany: The 12th the Shoram failed hence towards Weſford, but returned the next day, having ſprung a Leake. The 14th arrived here the Dover-Prize, Capt. Pound. The Shoram's Leake being ſtop'd, ſhe failed again this Evening. The Pearle and Greenfiſh will fail with the firſt fair Wind for England.

Dublin, Decem. 7. This day my Lord Deputy went to the Houſe of Lords with the uſual Solemnity, and the Commons being ſent for up, his Excellency gave the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for Granting a ſupply to His Majesty, by raiſing Money by a Poll and otherwiſe.

An Act for Granting unto His Majesty, an Aid or Additional Cuſtom on the ſeveral Goods and Merchandize therein mentioned.

An Act for the better obſervation of the Lord's-day Commonly called Sunday.

An Act for taking Special Bayles in the Countrey, upon Actions and Suits depending in the Court of Kings-Bench, Common-Pleas, and Exchequer at Dublin.

An Act for Granting Tules on Tryals to be had in the Court of the County Palatin of Tipperary before the Juſtices.

An Act concerning Fines in the County Palatin of Tipperary.

An Act for the better ſuppreſſing Tories, Robbers and Raperees, and for preventing Robberies, Burglaries, and other Hainous Crimes.

An Act for the more ſpeedy and effectual proceeding upon Diſtreſſes and Aſſwries for Rents.

And to four Private Acts.

Dublin, Dec. 18. On the 13th Inſtant the Commons voted an Adreſs to be made to his Majesty, which being drawn up by a Committee, and agreed to, the whole Houſe attended my Lord Deputy at three in the Afternoon, and deliver'd the ſame to His Excellency.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majesty.

The humble Adreſs of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of Ireland in Parliament Aſſembled.

WE Your Majesty's Moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes of Ireland in Parliament Aſſembled, having by Your Majesty's Inviſible Courage, and the Succes of Your Arms, been reſtored to our Religion and Eſtates; And being alſo by Your Majesty's late Glorious Victories abroad, preſerved from the Common Oppreſſion of the Liberties of Europe, do in all Humility Congratulate Your Majesty's