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Whitehall, Feb. 26.

BY the Great Mercy of God a Discovery has been made of a most Horrid and Detestable Conspiracy, in which many Wicked and Traiterous Persons were Engaged, to Assassinate His Majesty when he went abroad. At the same time a Rising was intended within the Kingdom; and an Invasion from France: To which end divers French Troops were drawn towards Dunkirk and Calais, and Transport Vessels and Boats were got together at those Places; of all which His Majesty having received several Concurring Informations and Advices, Orders were given for apprehending the Conspirators; many of whom have been already seiz'd, and such strict Search is made after the rest, that his hoped few or none of them will escape the Hands of Justice. The Forces in England are in a readiness to march; and a Considerable Body of His Majesty's Troops in Flanders lie ready to Embark at Ostend. Admiral Russell is in the Downs with a Squadron of His Majesty's Ships, who will be daily reinforced by other Men of War from the River and Spithead. And the care that has been taken for the Defence and Safety of the Kingdom will we doubt not, with the Blessing of God, be sufficient to disappoint the Designs of our Enemies.

Westminster, Feb. 24. This Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, attended with the usual Solemnity; and being in his Royal Robs. seated on the Throne, and the Commons being sent for up, his Majesty gave the Royal Assent to

An Act for Taking, Examining, and Stating the Publick Accounts.

An Act for Repairing the High-Ways, between the City of London and the Town of Harwich, in the County of Essex.

And to two Private Acts.

After which His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, which follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am come hither this Day upon an Extraordinary Occasion, which might have proved Fatal, if it had not been Disappointed by the singular Mercy and Goodness of God, and may now, by the Continuance of the same Providence and Our own Prudent Endeavours, be so improved, as to become a sufficient Warning to Us to provide for Our Security against the pernicious Practices and Attempts of Our Enemies.

I have Received several concurring Informations of a Design to Assassinate Me, and that Our Enemies at the same Time are very forward in their Preparations for a sudden Invasion of this Kingdom, and have therefore thought it necessary to lose no time in Acquainting My Parliament with these things, in which the Safety of the Kingdom and the Publick Welfare are so nearly concerned, that I assure My Self nothing will be omitted on your Part, which may be thought proper for Our present or future Security.

I have not been wanting to give the Necessary Orders for the Fleet; and I hope We have such a Strength of Ships, and in such a Readiness, as will be sufficient to Disappoint the Intentions of Our Enemies.

I have also Dispatched Orders for Bringing home such a Number of Our Troops, as may Secure Us from any Attempts.

Some of the Conspirators against my Person are already in Custody, and Care is taken to Apprehend so many of the rest as are Discovered, and such other Orders are given, as the present Exigency of Affairs does absolutely Require at this Time for the Publick Safety.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Having now Acquainted you with the Danger which hath Threatned Us, I cannot Doubt of your Readiness and Zeal to do every thing which you shall Judge Proper for

Our Common Safety: And I perswade My Self We must be all sensible how Necessary it is in Our present Circumstances, that all possible Dispatch should be given to the Business before you.

The Humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled.

Die Lunæ 24. Febr. 1695.

WE Your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, having taken into our Serious Consideration what Your Majesty hath been pleased to Communicate to us this Day, think it our Duty, in the first Place, to give Your Majesty most humble Thanks, for having Acquainted Your Parliament with the great Danger Your Sacred Person hath been so nearly Exposed to, and the Design of an Invasion from our Enemies Abroad; We heartily Congratulate Your Majesty's Happy Preservation, and Thankfully Acknowledge the Signal Providence of God in it; and at the same time Declare our Detestation and Abhorrence of so Vilanous and Barbarous a Design. And since the Safety and Welfare of Your Majesty's Dominions do so Entirely Depend upon Your Life, we most humbly Beseech Your Majesty to take more than ordinary Care of Your Royal Person, and we take this Occasion to Assure Your Majesty of our utmost Assistance to Defend Your Person and Support Your Government, against the late King James, and all other Your Enemies both at Home and Abroad; hereby Declaring to all the World, That in Case Your Majesty shall come to any Violent Death (which God forbid) we will Revenge the same upon all Your Enemies and their Adherents; and as an Instance of our Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, we will give all possible Dispatch to the Publick Business; And we make it our Desire to Your Majesty, to Seize and Secure all Persons, Houses and Arms, that Your Majesty may think fit to Apprehend upon this Occasion.

His Majesty's most Gracious Answer to the Address of both Houses.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Thank you heartily for this kind Address; on My Part you may be Assured that I will do all that is within My Power for the Preservation of this Kingdom, to which I have so many Obligations; I will readily Venture My Life for Preserving it, and Recommend My Self to the Continuance of your Loyalty and Good Affections.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM R.

WHEREAS His Majesty hath received Information upon Oath, That the Persons herein after named, have with divers other Wicked and Traiterous Persons, entered into a horrid and Detestable Conspiracy, to Assassinate and Murder His Majesty's Sacred Person; for which Cause several Warrants for High Treason have been Issued out against them, but they have withdrawn themselves from their usual Places of Abode, and are fled from Justice; His Majesty hath therefore thought fit (by the Advice of His Privy Council) to Issue His Royal Proclamation; and His Majesty does hereby Command and Require all His Loving Subjects to Discover, Take and Apprehend James Duke of Berwick, Sir George Barclay, Major Lowick, George Porter, Captain Stok, Captain Walbank, Captain James Courtney, Lieutenant Sherburne, Brice Blaire, Dinant, Chambers, Boitt, George Higgens, and his two Brothers, Sons to Sir Thomas Higgens,

Huggens, Davis, Cardell Goodman, Cram-
 bane, Keyes, Pendergroff *alias* Prendergras,
 Bryerly, Trevor, Sir George Maxwell,
 Durance & Fleming, Christopher Knightley,
 Lieutenant King, Holmes, Sir William Perkins,
 Rookwood, wherever they may be found, and to
 carry them before the next Justice of Peace, or Chief Magi-
 strate, who is hereby Required to Commit them to the next
 Court, there to remain until they be thence Delivered by due
 Course of Law. And His Majesty does hereby require the
 said Justice, or other Magistrate, immediately to give no-
 tice thereof to Him, or His Privy Council. And for the
 Prevention of the going of the said Persons, or of any other
 into Ireland, or other Parts beyond the Seas, His Majesty
 does Require and Command all His Officers of the Customs,
 and other His Officers and Subjects of and in the respective
 Ports and Maritime Towns and Places, within His King-
 dom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick
 upon Tweed, That they and every of them in their respective
 Stations and Places be Careful and Diligent in the Exa-
 mination of all Persons who shall Pass or endeavour to
 Pass beyond the Seas; and that they do not permit any
 Person whatsoever to go into Ireland, or other Places beyond
 the Seas, without a Pass under His Majesty's Royal Sign
 Manual, until further Order. And if they shall discover
 the said Persons above-named, or either of them, then to
 cause them to be Apprehended and Secured, and to give
 Notice as aforesaid. And His Majesty doth hereby Publish
 and Declare, to all Persons who shall Conceal the Persons
 above-named, or any of them, or be Aiding and Assisting
 in the Concealing of them, or furthering their Escape, that
 they shall be proceeded against for such their Offence, with
 the utmost Severity according to Law. And for the Encou-
 ragement of all Persons to be Diligent and Careful in endea-
 vouring to Discover and Apprehend the said Persons; We
 do hereby further Declare, That whatsoever shall Discover
 and Apprehend the Persons above-named, or any of them,
 and shall bring them before some Justice of Peace, or Chief
 Magistrate, as aforesaid, shall have and Receive, as a
 Reward, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds; which said
 Sum of One Thousand Pounds, the Lords Commissioners of
 His Majesty's Treasury are hereby Required and Directed
 to pay accordingly. And if any of the Persons above-named
 shall Discover and Apprehend any of their Accom-
 plices, so as they may be brought to Justice, His Majesty
 does hereby Declare, That every Person making such Dis-
 covery, shall have His Majesty's Gracious Pardon for his
 Offence, and shall Receive the Reward of a Thousand
 Pounds to be paid in such manner as aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at Kensington, the 23d Day of
 February 1696. In the 8th Year of Our Reign.

Portsmouth, Feb. 25. Yesterday the Dutch Men of War
 sailed from Spithead for the Downs; and the English Men
 of War are now under sail, being likewise ordered thither.
 On the 23th instant the Charles Galley and Soldados, fell
 in with 4 French Men of War about 7 Leagues from Cape
 Barleur, who took the Soldados, but the Charles Galley
 fought some time, and at last got away, and came to Spit-
 head yesterday. We hear that the same French Ships have
 taken the Swallow Prize.

Deal, Feb. 25. Admiral Russell came hither last night,
 and went this Morning on Board the Victory, and caused
 the Union Flag to be hoisted on the Main-top-mast-head;
 My Lord Berkeley is in the Devonshire, and Vice-Admiral
 Aylmer in the Defiance. This Day is come in a Squadron
 of 12 Dutch Men of War from Spithead: The English are
 expected to-morrow; as also Sir Cloudesly Shovel with fe-
 veral Men of War from the Bay of the Nore.

London, Feb. 26. On Monday last came in a Mail from
 Holland, and brought the following Advices.

Vienna, Feb. 15. N. S. The Young Duke of Lorraine is
 shortly expected here from Inspruck, intending to make the
 next Campaign as a Volunteer in the Emperor's Army in
 Hungary; the Command whereof is not yet disposed
 of: The Recruits that have been raised in these Parts, are
 sent to the Regiments in which they are to serve; and the
 Officers have Orders to repair to their Commands before
 the end of the next Month. The States of Transylvania
 have been lately assembled, and have agreed to what was
 desired by the Emperor, for substituting his Forces quarter'd
 in that Principality. There passes nothing of moment of
 the Frontiers of Hungary.

Frankfort, Feb. 23. Yesterday came to this Place Signior
 Zener and Signior Loanzo, Ambassadors Extraordinary
 from the Republick of Venice to the King of England, and
 to-morrow they will proceed on their Journey towards
 Holland with a numerous Attendance.

Amsterdam, Feb. 24. The Affairs of Denmark and

Holftein continue in the same State; and upon the great
 appearance there is of their being accommodated, 'tis dis-
 courted that the Duke of Holftein is treating in order to
 put the Regiments he has newly raised, into the Service
 of the Emperor.

Paris, Feb. 24. The last Letters from Provence give an
 Account, That Monsieur de Chateau Renault was sail'd
 with about 30 Men of War out of the Road of Thoulon to the
 Isles of Heres, where he staid for the rest of the Ships,
 who were not yet ready. 'Tis said, that an Envoy is ar-
 rived at Thoulon, from the Government of Algiers. Car-
 dinal Cavalierin has made all his Visits of Leave, and will
 depart in few days.

Brussels, Feb. 22. The Letters from Namur say, That
 5000 Men are daily at Work upon the new Fortifications
 that are making there, and are almost finished. A Body of
 the Forces of the Allies drawn from Liege, Maestricht, and
 other Places on that side, are going to Encamp near Na-
 mur, and the French design to form a Camp near Dinant.
 The Pioneers Summoned out of the Province of Haynault,
 are come back from Mons, having repaired and enlarged
 the Ways between that Place, Engorm, and Aets.

Hague, Feb. 28. N. S. The Count de Caumont, the Em-
 peror's Minister, is returned hither from Brussels. A
 Fleet of Merchant Ships with some Men of War are in the
 River Maese, ready to sail with the first fair Wind.

The Dutch Mail of Friday last is not yet come in.

Advertisements.

At the Casar's Head, adjoining to the Court
 of Requests, in the old Palace, Westminster, may be had the 5th
 Impression of the Chronological Tables of Europe, from the Nati-
 vity of our Saviour, to this present Year, 1696. Engraven on 45 Cop-
 per-Plate, and contained in a very small compass for the Pocket.
 By Col. William Parson. Sold by S. Lowndes, in the Strand; W.
 Rogers and H. Rhodes, in Fleet-street; J. Harris, in Little Britain;
 L. Meredith and T. Newborough in St. Paul's Church-yard, Book-
 sellers; and by Philip Lea, Globe-maker, in Chesepide. Price
 Bound, 4 Shillings.

Proposals have been lately Printed for the Re-
 printing of the Lord Coke's old Reports in French, in II Vol. with
 Notes and References to all the Ancient and Modern Books of the
 Law, with a new Table to the whole, according to the Specimen
 thereunto annexed: These are to give notice to all Gentlemen and
 Book-sellers, that they may have the Proposals and Specimen gratis,
 either for coming or sending for them, from either of the Under-
 takers, who are S. Kerle at the Turk's Head in Fleet-street, and
 J. Walther in the Middle Temple Cloysters.

The Sale of Mr. Miller's Collection of curious
 Pamphlets, Theological, Historical, Geographical, Political, Philoso-
 phical, Medicinal, Poetical and Miscellaneous, intended to be be-
 gun on Thursday last at the vacant place next the Common Pleas-Bar
 in Westminster-Hall, is for several reasons adjourned until this pre-
 sent Thursday, at 9 in the morning. Catalogues may be had of
 Mr. Gilliflower in Westminster-Hall, Mr. Bateman Jun in Holborn,
 Mr. Weld in Fleet-street, and Mr. Crouch in Pope's-head-alley, Book-
 sellers; and at the Gilded Acorn in St. Paul's Church-yard.

On Thursday the 12th of March next, at the
 Carolina Coffee-house in Burchin lane, near the Royal Exchange,
 London, will be sold by Auction a Freehold Estate of about 600 l.
 per an. called Pantons-yards in Coventry-street near Piccadilly; also
 two College-Leases; with several other Freehold and Leasehold
 Estates. Rent-Rolls may be had at George's Coffee-house in Covent-
 ry-street, near Piccadilly; Alice's Coffee-house in the Old Palace-
 yard, Westminster; and at the aforesaid Carolina Coffee-house of
 Mr. Gabriel Olingfells, who is every day to be spoke with, from
 One till Five Afternoon, who facilitates any that intend to Purchase.

John Mills aged about 27, and Oliver Mills his Brother, aged 31,
 both lusty plump Persons, fresh colour'd, and wearing their own
 hair, have fraudulently deceiv'd a Person of a sum of Money, and
 are since absconded; John being supposed to be a serving Man in
 or about London, and Oliver to be a Brewer's Servant: Whoever
 shall give notice of both, or either of them, at the Angel and Crown
 Coffee-house in Threadneedle-street, so as they may be secured,
 shall have his Charges born, and be well rewarded.

On the 19th instant between Barchin and London, or in the
 Saracen's-head Inn yard in Friday-street, a large Deal Box,
 wherein were Clothes, Writings, and a Pocket-Book. Whoever
 gives notice of the said things, so as they may be recovered, to
 Mr. John Haydak, Tapster at the Saracen's-head aforesaid, shall
 have 10 l. Reward: Or for the Box, Writings and Book, shall
 have 5 l.

The White Hart Inn in Saffron Walden in Essex, ready furnished,
 is to be sold. Inquire at the White Hart aforesaid, or of Mr. Alder,
 at the blue Boar Inn in Whitechappel, and you may know
 further.

Taken on Wednesday the 12th Instant, from Mucking in Essex.
 A Black Mare above 15 hands, a Star in her Forehead, wrong
 on the near Shoulder, about 7 years old. Whoever secures the said
 Mare, or apprehends the Person that stole her, and gives notice
 to Mr. John Spry, Mesman, at St. Katherine's near the Tower of
 London, shall have 40 l. Reward.



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

WILLIAM R.



Whereas his Majesty hath Received Information upon Oath, of a horrid and Detestable Conspiracy, to Assassinate and Murder his Royal Person, carried on by Papists and other Wicked and Traiterous Persons; And hath also Received certain Intelligence of an Invasion intended by the French upon this Kingdom; And his Majesty taking Notice, That great Numbers of Papists and other Ill Disposed Persons have lately Resorted to, and Assembled in the Cities of London and Westminster, contrary to the known Laws of this Kingdom, and in order, as may reasonably be thought, to put their said Wicked and Traiterous Designs in Execution: his Majesty therefore, upon the humble Addresses of the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament Assembled, hath thought fit, by the Advice of his Privy Council, to Issue this his Royal Proclamation, and does hereby Strictly Charge and Command all Popish Recusants, Papists 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, then to the Places where their respective Father or Mother is, or shall be Dwelling, and do not thereafter Removeth or Pass above five Miles from

thence. And his Majesty doth likewise Charge and Command all Papists and Persons Reputed to be (except Merchant Strangers, Settled householders, and other Persons Excepted in the Statutes made in this behalf) on or before the Tenth Day of March next, 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 his Majesty does 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 Statutes in that Case provided, and particularly the Statute made in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty and of the late Queen Mary of Blessed Memory, Intituled, (An Act for the Removing Papists and Reputed Papists from the Cities of London and Westminster, and Ten Miles Distance from the same) by Tending to them the Declaration therein mentioned, and otherwise, according to the said Act. And his Majesty does likewise Charge and Command the aforesaid, and all other Justices of the Peace whatsoever, who shall Know or be Informed, that any Person is, or is Suspected to be a Papist, to Tender unto such Person the Declaration aforesaid, and proceed thereupon, according to one other Act made in the said first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty and of the late Queen, Intituled (An Act for the better Securing the Government, by Disarming Papists and Reputed Papists.) And for the better Discovery of Persons Disaffected to the Government, and that being Discovered, their Disloyal and Wicked Purposes

and Ten Miles Distance from the same) by Tending to them the Declaration therein mentioned, and otherwise, according to the said Act. And his Majesty does likewise Charge and Command the aforesaid, and all other Justices of the Peace Whatsoever, who shall know or be Informed, that any Person is, or is Suspected to be a Papist, to Tender unto such Person the Declaration aforesaid, and proceed thereupon, according to one other Act made in the said first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the said late Queen, Intituled (An Act for the better Securing the Government, by Disarming Papists and Reputed Papists.) 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, his Majesty does 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 Demeanour, shall be Suspected not to be Well Affected to his Majesties Government, they do Tender unto such Person the Oaths Appointed by an Act made in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty and the said late Queen, 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 Tending the said Oaths again to the Person so Refusing; it being his Majesties Pleasure, that the said Law be Executed to the utmost against such Offenders. And his Majesty does hereby Charge and particularly Require all Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, That they do meet Monthly, to Inquire 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 his Majesty and his Government, and that from time to time they give Information of their Proceedings and Discoveries to the Lords of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Council.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington*, the Twenty fifth Day of *February* 1692. In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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