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By the KING, A PROCLAMATION, For a Publick Thanksgiving.

WILLIAM R.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His Providence towards Us and Our People, to manifest His Power and Mercy, in Discovering and Delivering Us from a horrid and Barbarous Conspiracy of Papists and other Treacherous Persons, to Assassinate and Murder Our Royal Person, and from an Invasion intended by the French upon this Kingdom, whereby not only the Destruction of Our Royal Person was Plotted and Intended, but the Total Subversion of Our Government, and of the Religion, Laws and Liberties of this Realm: And whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Asssembled, have by their Humble Address besought Us to Issue Our Royal Proclamation for Appointing a Day of Solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for Our happy Deliverance from the said Villanous and Barbarous Conspiracy against Our Royal Person, and from the said intended Invasion: We therefore Adoring the Divine Goodness, and duly Considering that such Great and Publick Blessings do Call for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgments, have thought fit (by the Advice of Our Privy Council) to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, that a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the said His Mercies, be observed throughout this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Thursday the 16th Day of April next. And for the better and more orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and Right Reverend the Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chappels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the timely Dispensing of the same throughout their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Day of Thanksgiving be Religiously Observed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of Suffering such Punishment as We can justly inflict upon all such who shall Contemn or Neglect the same.

Given at Our Court at Kensington, the 12th Day of March 1695. In the 8th Year of Our Reign.

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Whereas by an Act passed in this present Parliament, Entituled, An Act for the Relief of poor Prisoners for Debt or Damages; it is provided that no Man being under Forty Years of Age, shall during the present War with France, be discharged from his Imprisonment, or have any Benefit or Advantage by Means or Virtue of the said Act, or any thing therein contained, unless such Person or Persons do and shall before his Discharge voluntarily List himself a Soldier under some Officer of Our Fleet or Army, or in his Place or Stead procure one able Man to List himself under Our Service: To the end therefore such Persons as aforesaid may be the more regularly Listed into Our Army, and for preventing any Fraud in the doing thereof, Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly Charge and Command, That no Officer whatsoever of Our Army, do presume to List or Entertain in the Troop or Company under his Command, or to which he belongs, any Prisoner to be Discharged by Virtue of this Act, without Our Leave under Our Royal Sign Manual, upon pain of being cashier'd; and in Order to such Leave, We do hereby further Direct and Require the Respective Sheriffs, Gaolers, or Keepers of any of Our Prisons, immediately to Return unto Our Commissary-General of the Musters, at the Horse Guards near Whitehall, a List of the Names of such Prisoners as are Qualified and Willing to enter themselves

into Our Service by Land, or to Procure an Able Man in their Place and Stead, that We may thereupon issue Our Orders for their Listing, to such Officers of Our Forces as We shall appoint.

Given at Our Court at Kensington, this 14th Day of March, 1695. In the 8th Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
William Blathwayt.

Dublin, March 7. My Lord Deputy having received an Account from England of the Horrid Conspiracy against His Majesty's Life, and the intended Invasion, his Excellency caused a Proclamation to be immediately Published, for Apprehending such of the Conspirators (named in His Majesty's Proclamation) as should be fled into this Kingdom, and promising a Reward of One Thousand Pounds to any Person that shall Discover and Apprehend them, or any of them. And at the same time his Excellency gave Directions for securing all Disaffected Persons, with their Horses and Arms. The Letters from Kinsale of the 3d instant inform us, that on the 26th of February arrived there His Majesty's Ship the Ruby, Capt. Hughes Commander, with the Agreement, George Watson; the Redbridge, Edward Smith; the Jeffreys, Symon Pattison, all of London, and bound home laden with Cotton, Sugars and Indico from Jamaica; The Ruby brought in with her a Prize of 100 Tun, laden with Wine and Brandy. The 3d instant came into Kinsale Harbour His Majesty's Ships the Shoreham and Speedwell from Milford. The Unity of this Port is arrived at Belfast from Jamaica, being one of the 8 Ships that came thence under Convoy of the Ruby; they being separated by bad Weather.

Kensington, March 14. The Grand Inquest, Lord-Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and Gentlemen of the County of Southampton, met at the Assizes held for the said County at the Castle of Winchester, the 3d of this Month, as also the Mayor, Bailiffs, Commonalty, and Principal Inhabitants of the City of Winchester, being sensible of the many eminent Dangers to which His Majesty hath often exposed himself for the Liberties of these Kingdoms and all Europe, and especially of that Horrid and Detestable Assassination lately designed against His Majesty's Royal Person, as a Mark of their Constant Duty and Allegiance to His Majesty, have Unanimously entred into and signed the same Association that passed the Honourable House of Commons, which was presented to His Majesty by the Lord Marquis of Winchester.

The Association signed by the Mayor, Aldermen, Burgesses, and Inhabitants of the ancient Corporation of Portsmouth, as also by the Inhabitants of Gosport, and by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Officers of His Majesty's Garrison there; together with an humble Address from the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Portsmouth, assuring His Majesty of their steadfast Allegiance and Loyalty, was pre-