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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION

For a General FAST.

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FOR the Imploring a Blessing from Almighty God, upon His Majesty, and all His Dominions, and for the Averting of those Judgments which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly Deerved, *Our Kings most Excellent Majesty has thought fit, and doth (by the Advice of his Privy Council) hereby Appoint and Command, That a General Fast, and Day of Solemn Humiliation be Kept and Observed throughout His Majesties Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in most Devout and Solemn Manner, on Wednesday the Twenty eighth Day of April next. And for the more orderly Solemnizing of the same, His Majesty has given Directions to the 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 Dispersing of the same through their several Dioceses in the whole Kingdom. And His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command, That the said Fastings and Prayers be Soberly, Reverently and Decently performed by all His Loving Subject, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishments as can justly be inflicted upon all such as shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious a Work.*

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Eighteenth Day of March, 1697. In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

Messina, Febr. 18. N. S. Letters from Malta of the 8th Instant give an account of the Death of the Great Master Vignacore on the 4th, and on the 7th Don Raimondo Parillos, a Spaniard, was chosen in his place. The Trumbull Galley from Smirna departed hence on the 12th Instant for England. The Panther, and the Valkeren a Dutch Privateer, are now in this Port.

Madrid, March 1. The King of Spain is perfectly recovered of his late Illness. Three Regiments of Foot, quartered in Estremadura, are ordered to march to Catalonia; and 1000 Horses are bought up by order of the Court to remount our Cavalry there. The Letters from Cadix of the 17th past give an account of the arrival of several English Ships in that Port; to wit, the Blackham Galley from London, the Lawrence Galley from Bilbao, the William and James from Dublin; and the Mayflower from Ireland. Several other English Ships are departed out of that Port, as the Mary for Bristol, the Richardson and Flavel Galleys for the Canaries, the James for Alicante, and the Blackham for Smirna.

Genoa, March 10. By a Vessel from Argiers we have Advice, that the Emperor of Morocco marches with a great Army against that Government, to revenge the Spoil the Algerines made the last year within his Territories; They are fitting out at Argiers a Squadron of their Ships, which is to join the Turkish Fleet in the Levant.

Leghorne, March 11. The Great Duke came hither on the 19th Instant from Pisa, intending to pass some time in this place. The Mary-Rose, Capt. Thomas Rogers, arrived here about a fortnight ago from Ireland; and the Hopewell, Capt. Bruce, from Yarmouth. The 3d Instant came in the Blackham Privateer, Capt. Rogge's Commander; and the Ship called the Prince John Gistone, who departed hence the same day for Venice, returned into Port by reason of the Winds coming contrary. A French Ship commanded by Capt. Rossi, arrived here this week, having had a short Passage from Alexandria; where the

Cloudsly and Slaughter Galleys were both lading for England. This day sailed out of this Road 5 English Ships, the Bolton, Macclesfield, Rooke, Bridger, and Bousdventure, all homeward-bound.

Milan, March 12. A general Review was made the last week of all the Forces now in the Service of this State, and several Officers of Horse and Foot are reformed. His discomfited, that two Italian Regiments of Foot, one of Suiffers, and 12 Troops of Horse, are to be sent to Catalonia; and that Money has been remitted hither by the Viceroy of Naples, for this Service. The Marquis de St. Thomas, the Duke of Savoy's Chief Minister, arrived here some days ago, and having had several Conferences with our Governor, returned to Turin. Our Governor is going to Loretto, to meet the Count d'Albanira, the Spanish Ambassador, residing at Rome, and some other Persons of Quality, to confer with them about the publick Affairs.

Venice, March 15. A great Convoy will depart from hence the next week with Soldiers, Money, and Provisions, for the Levant. The last Advices from thence say, that great preparations are making both by the Venetians and the Turks for the next Campaign. The Ormond Galley, Capt. Robinson, is now under sail for Zeffalonia and London.

Vienna, March 16. Orders have been sent to all the Emperor's Forces that are to serve this Summer against the Turks, to be in a readiness to leave their Quarters by the middle of the next month; and the Danube being now clear of Ice, a great many Vessels are lading here with Provisions, Ammunition, and other Necessaries for the Imperial Army in Hungary: His expected the Emperor will now in few days declare the General Officers to command it: The Elector of Saxony is expected here presently after Easter. Prince Lewis of Baden continues to have frequent Conferences with the Ministers of this Court about the Affairs of Germany, and will return thither very suddenly. The Count de Harach, the Emperor's Minister to the Court of Spain, begun his Journey thither the last week; and the Bishop of Passau prepares for his Embassy to Poland.

Francfort, March 24. The Deputies of the Circle of the Upper-Rhine, who met together in this place, are separated, and gone home; They have resolved to furnish 5000 Men, to serve this Campaign in the Army of the Empire under the command of Prince Lewis; and to keep constantly on foot their Quota of the Troops, which, according to what was lately resolved in the General Dyec of the Six Circles, are to be maintained as well in time of Peace as War; and to send Deputies, to the Treaty of a General Peace, on the behalf of the said Circle. An other General Meeting of the Six Circles above-mentioned, is appointed here for the 15th of the next month.

Cologne, March 26. As the Spring advances, so the Preparations are hurried for the Campaign; The Forces of the Allies have Orders to be ready to take the Field upon the first Command; General Taungen, who has been to view them at their several Quarters, is returned to Mentz; of which he is Governor; and he is taking care to put that place into the best posture of Defence that may be; The like is done at Coblenz; and 4000 Munsteriens are on their march, in order to post themselves near the last of these places, that they may be in a readiness to reinforce that Garrison, or to march farther as there may be occasion. The Allies are building several Forts on the River Main, between Mentz, Francfort, and Aeschaffenburg; and have likewise cast up Works in several little Islands in the Rhine, and in other places, to defend the Passage of this River. The French at the same time make great Magazines at Landaw, Philipsburg, and other Frontier Garrisons, and their Troops quartered in Burgundy, and other remote Places, begin to move towards Alsace. The Deputies of the Circle of Westphalia are most of them arrived in order to their meeting in this City. The Brandenburg Forces quartered in this Country, are ordered to march towards the Meuse.

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Hamburg, March 26. We have advice of the Elector of Brandenburg's arrival at Cönnigsberg in Prussia. Letters from West of the 12th Instant say, things went on very well at Lemberg, and with all the appearances that could be expected of a speedy adjustment with the Contender. They write from Moscow, that the Czar makes very great Preparations, to march against the Tartars; and that he is sending an Ambassador to the Emperor and Republic of Venice.

Paris, March 25. Our Troops begin to move; and several Regiments are marching towards the Rhine and Catalonia. The Marshal de Boufflers is returned to Brest, and the Marshal de Villeroi will follow very soon. The Marshal de Créquy is to command the French Forces on the Rhine; Marshal Camille on the Meuse; The Duke de Vendôme in Catalonia; and Marshal Joyeuse on the Sea Coasts. Five or six Men of War are fitting at Brest, to be commanded by the Marquis of Nesmond; and it is said they are to be ready to sail by the middle of the next month. Some of our Merchants have advice by the way of Bayonne, of the arrival of the Spanish West India Fleet at Cadiz. The French King returned yesterday from Marli; He has of late been much troubled with the Gout. Notwithstanding the great Clamour that is occasioned by the Edict concerning Coats of Arms, the Commissioners are ordered to proceed in the Execution of it, and to set Fines upon all Persons that refuse or neglect to Register their Coats of Arms, as is thereby directed. Several other Edicts have been lately published for raising new Taxes upon the People, though the burthen that lay upon them before was insupportable; all they have to comfort themselves with, is the hopes of a speedy Peace, which is very much talked of here. A great Disorder happened some days ago in this City on the occasion of several Men being taken up, and forced to serve in the Army, which was appeased with much difficulty; The Officers plead for their Excuse, that they cannot by any other way make their Recruits.

Brussels, March 27. The King of England having sent Orders, that the greatest part of his Battalions should march forthwith to Brabant, they left their Quarters in Flanders in less than 24 hours warning, and are now actually all in Brabant. Five Dutch Battalions who came from Misbricht, are cantoned near Tilmon. The Prince of Vandemont is gone to the Bath of Aix la Chapelle. The French Troops do not yet move. Of the English Regiments from Flanders, 11 are come hither, and 12 are cantoned near Aiche, about 3 Leagues from hence.

Antwerp, March 27. We have Advice, that the Spanish Fleet from the West-Indies is lately arrived at Cadiz.

Hague, March 29. N. S. The French Ambassadors have Notified their arrival at Delft to the Mediator, and Visits have passed between them. The Count de Caumont, one of the Emperor's Plenipotentiaries, and Don Queros, one of the Spanish Plenipotentiaries, are both returned hither from Brussels. Monsieur Prielmeyer is likewise arrived here from the Elector of Bavaria. The States of Holland and West-Friesland will separate to-morrow for 3 weeks. The Dutch Men of War, who are to join the English Fleet this Summer, as also those appointed to Cruise, are fitting out with great diligence. We have Letters from Spain, by the way of France, that a rich Ship of the Silver Fleet, is arrived at Port-Maisy, coming from Vera-Cruz, but lost from the Havana, having been separated from the Fleet in the Channel of Bakama; This Ship brings advice, that the Fleets which went last from Cadiz to New-Spain, was safely arrived there. Letters from St. Mals say, a Vessel was come in there, the Commander whereof reported, that he saw the Spanish Silver Fleet on the 27th of February off the Azore Islands: And Advice come from several Places of their safe arrival at Cadiz.

Dublin, March 16. The Parliament met here this day, and adjourned to the 11th of May next. The Association Galley from Jamaica, but last from Dingle Bay, arrived the 5th Instant at Kinsale; and the Hunter arrived on the 6th at Cork, from Antegon.

Swissel, March 22. Yesterday sailed out of King's-head about 25 Sail of Merchant Ships bound to the West-Indies, with two Men of War. At the same time sailed about 50 small Vessels for Ireland.

Plymouth, March 22. His Majesties Ship the *Rouane* coming with several Vessels from Harwich, fell in with a small French Privateer on Saturday last, and took her; she carried 4 Guns,

(two of which she threw over-board in the chase) and 30 Men, and came lately from Dunkirk; Capt. *Wishart*, with the Ships of his Squadron, and the Merchantmen under their Convoy, continue off *Lowstoffs*, waiting for a fair Wind to carry them over to *Holland*.

Plymouth, March 23. The Merchant Ships bound to the *West-Indies*, sailed yesterday from *St. Helens* with their Convoy.

Advertisements.

✪ Sermons Preach'd on several Occasions. By the Right Reverend Father in God, Thomas Lord Bishop of Rochester. Now Printed in Octavo for Ch. Brooms at the Gun at the West End of St. Pauls.

✪ Eight Chirurgical Treatises of these following Heads: 1. Of Tumours. 2. Of Ulcers. 3. Of Diseases of the Anus. 4. Of the King's-Evil. 5. Of Wounds. 6. Of Gun-shot Wounds. 7. Of Fractures and Luxations. 8. Of the Lues Venerea. By Richard Wiseman, Sergeant-Chirurgion to K. Charles the Second. The Third Edition. Printed for B. T. and L. M. and are to be sold by W. Kablewhite at the Swan, and J. Jones at the Dolphin and Crown in St. Pauls Church Yard.

Deceased out of Capt. Shur's Troop in the Honourable Col. Windfor's Regiment of Horse, John Croft, born at Crossfall near Wigan in Lancashire, and supposed to be there or thereabout, a short Man, aged about 19, with bushy Hair, fresh colour, round faced; he was Apprentice to an Apothecary over against York-buildings in the Strand. Whoever secures him, and brings him to the said Captain's Quarters at Dartford in Kent, or to Mr. Agutter, Musical-Instrument-maker at the Crown over-against York-buildings in the Strand, shall have 5 Guinea's Reward, and reasonable Charges.

All Merchants, Country Shop-keepers, or any other Person, may be furnished with all sorts of Gold, Silver, Silk, Gimp Laces, Fringes, Bugles, and all other things belonging to that Trade, great Pettyworths, the People giving over their Trade, at the Hen and Chickens in Round Court, over against the Pastry Cooks, the end next the Strand.

The Manor of Stockwell, and divers Messuages and Lands situate in the Parishes of Lambeth, Newington, and Streatham in the County of Surrey, part whereof is in Possession, and part in Reversion, of the yearly value of 500 l. and upwards, and also divers Copyhold Messuages and Lands within the said Parish of Streatham, of the yearly value of 270 l. and upwards, with the Estate of George Chute, Esq; deceased; are, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, to be sold before Sir Robert Legard, Kt. one of the Masters of the said Court of Chancery, at his Office in Chancery-Lane, on the 8th day of April next, where Particulars of the said Estate may be had.

On Saturday the 26th Instant, two Gentlemen, carried in a Hackney Coach from the Crown-Office Stair-Case in the Inner-Temple to Highbury Row in Great Lincolns Inn-Fields, left a Blue Bag, with several Writings therein, being tied up, in the said Coach. Whoever brings the said Bag and Writings to Mr. William Gyles at his Shop next Door to the Arched Pillars Alley near the Inner-Temple-Gate in Fleetstreet, shall have Two Guinea's.

All Merchants and Chepmen that have occasion for Buttons or Ribbons, may be furnished by Wholesale, at the Sign of the Blue-Bear in the Strand, near St. Clement's Church, the Man having left off his Trade.

In Bart's-horn-lane near Charing-cross, at the first House on the right Hand, liveth Peter Narachin, who has a Parcel of very good Wine, both of Red and White and Canary: It is to be sold by Wholesale or Retail, the Red and White at 5 s. per Gallon, and the Canary at 6 s. per Gallon.

Whereas a Person did on Friday the 5th Instant, withdraw himself from his Habitation, if he will repair or send to Mr. Wood, Hester, at the Queen's Head, the Corner of Friday-Street in Cheapside, he may receive Proposals to his Satisfaction.

The True Purging Salt of Epsom Water, called, Sal. Cathartici Amari, according to Dr. Grew's Method, set down in his Treatise, is prepared and sold by Matt Serfant, Chymist in Grubstreet, near Cripplegate, where it may be had at very reasonable Rates.

Stolen or Strayed the 14th Instant out of the Grounds of Mr. Skinner at Stratford near Pow in Essex, a strong well made bay Gelding, full aged, about 15 hands high, paces most, foundered of both Heels before, cut down both the Hoofs before like Cloven Feet. Whoever secures the said Gelding, and gives notice to the above-said John Skinner, Apothecary, at the Plow in Whitechappel, London, or to Henry Hawke's of Praintry in Essex, shall have a Guinea Reward.

Stolen out of the Grounds of Mr. Robert Stephens near Gloucester, on the 15th Instant, two Horses, one a black Gelding, with a Star, his hind Feet white, above 15 hands high; the other a bay Gelding, about 15 hands high. Whoever secures them, and gives notice to Mr. Robert Stephens at the New Bear Inn in Gloucester, or to Benjamin Leary at the Bolt and Tun Inn in Fleetstreet, shall have 20 s. Reward for each Horse.