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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Prohibiting His Majesties Subjects to Enter into the Service of Foreign Princes and States.

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WHereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty hath been Inform'd, That divers of His Majesties Natural born Subjects, as well Mariners as others, have, and daily do depart this Kingdom, and betake themselves to the Service of Foreign Princes and States, without Licence had and obtained in that behalf, from His Majesty, in manifest Contempt of His Royal Authority, tending to the Disfranchise of His Majesty, and Prejudice of His Kingdoms, Dominions and Countries, for Redress whereof for the future, the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by this His Royal Proclamation, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth strictly Prohibit and Forbid all and every Person and Persons of what Quality, Degree, or Condition soever, being His Majesties Natural born Subjects, from Entering into, or Listing themselves in the Service or Pay of any Foreign Prince or State; and doth hereby strictly Charge and Command them and every of them, upon their bounden and known Duty and Allegiance, that they or any of them, do not from henceforth withdraw him or themselves, or depart from this His Majesties Kingdom of England, or any other His Majesties Realms or Dominions, for, or in order to the Entering or Listing him or themselves into Pay, or otherwise betake him or themselves to the Service of any Foreign Prince or State, either by Sea or Land, without the Licence first had and obtained in that behalf: To all which His Majesty will expect, and doth Require the Obedience and Conformity, and doth hereby Publish and Declare, That all Offenders to the contrary, shall be only Incur His Majesties Just Displeasure, but be proceeded against, according to the utmost Severity of the Law.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Twenty eighth Day of January, 1697. In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

Kensington, Feb. 5. The following Address from the County of Oxon, at the last Sessions of the Peace, was presented to His Majesty by William Pudsey Esq; Chairman of the said Sessions, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Wharton, Lord Lieutenant of that County.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Deputy Lieutenants, and other Commission Officers of the Militia; as also of the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury for the County of Oxon, at the Sessions.

Great SIR,

WE humbly Congratulate Your Majesties Return with a sincere and unaffected Loyalty,

and would, if it were possible, express our just Acknowledgments of all Your great and glorious Undertakings for the Relief of this Your Kingdom, as well as other Nations, from Tyranny and Oppression, and establishing us in an Honourable Peace.

As we have nothing left to wish, but the continuance of Your Majesty in peace to us, so the only suitable Return we can make, is the tender of our Prayers; that we may long enjoy the Blessing of Your Presence, and Your Majesty the Fruits of all Your Generous and Heroick Labours.

These Favours further oblige us to devote our selves to Your Service, and we beg Leave to give this repeated Assurance, that we shall ever engage in a Voluntary Association for the Defence of Your Royal Person, Title, and Government, against all Your Enemies.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace and Grand Jury of the Eastern Division of the County of Kent, at their Quarter Sessions, was presented to His Majesty by the Honourable Philip Sidney Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the said County.

The humble Address of the Bayliff, Jurats and Commonalty of the Corporation of Lydd within the Jurisdiction of the Cinque-Ports in the County of Kent, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Nobility, Members of Parliament, Justices of the Peace, Magistrates of the several Corporations, Clergy, Officers of the Militia, and other Gentlemen of the County of Kildare in Ireland, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury and Freeholders of the County of Corke in the Kingdom of Ireland, assembled at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable Edward Earl of Meath, Governor of the County of Wicklow in the Kingdom of Ireland, as also of the High Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand Jury, and Freeholders and Gentlemen assembled at the General Quarter Sessions for the said County, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of Londonderry in the Kingdom of Ireland, was presented to His Majesty.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City of Corke in Ireland, was presented to His Majesty.

All which Addresses His Majesty received very Graciously.

Vienna, Jan. 18. N. S. Count Caunitz, the first of the Emperor's Ambassadors at the late Treaty of Peace, having made Report of his Negotiation, has entred upon the Functions of his Office of Vice-Chancellor of the Empire; and as such, has had several Conferences with Count Kenky, as well concerning the Matters now in debate at the Dyet of Ratisbonne, as the Execution of the said Treaty. The Obsequies of the late Queen of Poland, Dutchess of Lorraine, will begin the 17th Instant, and are to last 3 days. All the necessary

cessary preparations for the approaching Campaign are continued with great diligence, and the Officers are ordered to get their Regiments compleat by the month of *March*. It is said the States of the *Lower-Austria* intend to give the Emperor a Supply of Twelve millions of Livres for the Service of the next year, but the manner of raising the same is not yet talked of. We hear from *Upper-Hungary*, that the Emperors Commissioners at *Esperies* have agreed with the Deputies of the States of that Province about the Repartition of Winter Quarters for the German Forces, and the Supplies they are to give for their Subsistence. We have advice from *Caranseber*, that the Turks design to rebuild the ruined Fortifications of *Vipalanka*, and that the Bassa appointed to be Governor of that place, lies with the Forces under his Command at *Rham* on the other side the *Danube*, whence he frequently sends Parties to observe the Motions of our Troops in those Parts. Some Ingeniers are sent to *Buda* with a considerable Sum of Money to repair the Fortifications of that Town. Upon the Advices we have received from *Poland*, that the Differing Parties in that Kingdom seem inclinable to a perfect Union, our Forces which were commanded to approach near to the Frontiers of that Kingdom, have received Orders to return into *Transylvania*. Count *Stratman* and Baron *Sailer*, late Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiaries from his Imperial Majesty at the Treaty of Peace, are recalled from the *Hague*, the former being to return hither, and the latter to repair to *Ratisbonne*, where he is to reside as one of the Emperors Commissioners. It is said, that Count *Schlick*, who is lately arrived from *Hungary*, will be sent his Imperial Majesties Envoy Extraordinary to the French Court.

Cologne, Jan. 31. The President Canon late Plenipotentiary of the Duke of *Lorraine* at the Treaty of Peace, has passed through this City in his way to *Vienna*, which he is to take by *Coblentz*, being to have a Conference there with the Elector of *Triers*. We hear from the *Moselle*, that the French are at work to demolish *Montroyal*; and from *Mentz* we have an account, that the Governor of *Philipsburgh* has given notice to General *Thungen*, that he was going to demolish the Bridge on the *Rhine*, and other Works about that place, in order to its Evacuation, upon which Gen. *Thungen*, who is to be Governor of that Town, has put every thing in a readiness to march thither with his Regiment so soon as the French have quitted it. We hear from *Ratisbonne*, that the *Sieur Spanheim* is arrived there, being to reside, as Commissioner from the States-General of the United Provinces at the Dyet of the Empire. It is said 3 Regiments of Horse of the Elector *Palatine* Forces are ordered to go early in the Spring for *Hungary*. The Elector *Palatin* has taken possession of the County of *Veldintz*, which by the Peace was to be restored, and put in the same Condition as before the War, but the Ministers of some other Princes at *Ratisbonne*, who make Pretensions to that Country, have complained of this Proceeding before the Right of the several Pretenders is determined.

Liege, Jan. 31. N. S. The Equipage of the Elector of *Cologne*, our Prince, is sent from hence to *Bon*, where his Electoral Highness is shortly expected from *Brussels*, and designs to spend the remaining part of the Winter. We have advice, that the French evacuated *Luxembourg* the 28th Instant, and that the Spanish Garison under the Command of Count *d'Autel*, their Governor, entered into that City the same day. The States of this Country are still assembled, and have agreed to raise Money for maintaining the Forces that are to be kept on foot in his Electoral Highnesses

Service. The Lines round this place, and the Works at the *Carthusian Monastery*, are to be demolished as soon as the Weather will permit.

Kensington, Febr. 5. His Grace the Duke of *St. Albans* is returned from *France*, and waited on his Majesty this Evening.

Whitehall, Febr. 6. This Evening came in the Two Mails due from *Holland*; The freshest Letters from the *Hague* are dated last Tuesday.

Hague, Febr. 17. Monsieur de *Bonrepos*, the French Ambassador, having received his Dispatches by an Express from *France*, prepares for his Audience. The Count de *Bonde*, Ambassador from *Sueden*, intends to go very suddenly for *England*.

Letters from *Warsaw* of the 28th of *January* give an account, that the Primate seeing his Party quite broke, began to hearken to an Accommodation; and that he demanded a great Sum of Money for himself, and another for the Castellan of *Calits*, with other Proposals, which if agreed to, he would come, and attend the King at *Warsaw*.

They write from *Madrid* of the 16th of *January*, that the French have evacuated *Barcelona* and *Geronne*.

The Letters from *Germany* give yet no account of the Evacuation of *Philipsbourg*, and the other Places on the *Rhine*.

Whereas a Letter dated the 27th of *January* last, and signed H. H. G. D. was sent to the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary *Vernon*, offering to discover several Matters therein mentioned; These are to give notice, that if the Persons who signed the said Letter, will come to Mr. Secretary at his Office at *Whitehall*, and make the said discovery, they shall have Protection and all due Encouragement.

These are to give notice, that during the late Fire at *Whitehall*, was lost a large Iron Chest with several Pieces of Plate, with His Majesties Arms on the same. Whoever gives notice thereof to Mr. *Kien*, Cl. Jet-Keeper to His Majesty at *Kensington*, shall be well Rewarded.

Advertisements.

A Sermon on the Occasion of the Death of the Right Honourable Elizabeth Lady Curts. By John Provoke, A. M. Printed for S. Lowndes over-against Exeter Exchange in the Strand.

Concubinage and Poligamy Disprov'd: Or, The Divine Institution of Marriage betwixt one Man and one Woman only, Asserted: In Answer to a Pamphlet writ by John Butler, B. D. called his Case, lately Presented by the Grand Jury of *London*. Price 1 s. Sold by R. Baldwin in *Warwick Lane*.

THE Creditors of John Hind, late of *London*, Goldsmith, are desired to meet at *Vernon's* Coffee-house in *Bathwick Lane* behind the *Royal Exchange*, on Wednesday next, at 4 after Noon, in order to have a Dividend of the said Hind's Estate.

ALL Persons who stand indebted to the Estate of John Betsford, late of *London*, Apothecary, deceased, are desired to pay their Debts forthwith to Mr. Isaac Knight, Attorney at Law, of *Wood-bree*, *London*, who is Authorized by the Administrator to receive the same, otherwise they will be speedily prosecuted at Law. (The said Mr. Betsford's House, Goods and Trade, being likewise to be disposed of.)

OR Six Exchequer Bills of 5 l. each, N^o 62604, 82164, 113556, 121068, 131844, and 27723, being inclosed in a Letter directed to John Giborne in *Darby*. Whoever brings them to the said John Giborne in *Darby*, or to Mr. Cowch, a Bookseller at the Corner of *Popes-head Alley*, *Cornhill*, shall have Two Guineas's Reward, or proportionably for any of them.

OR on the 27th past 3 Bills of Exchange, viz. on the backside, N. 22, drawn on Mr. Wallis and Studly for 200 l. payable on Mr. Joseph Enock; 573 drawn on Sir Alexander Rigby for 19 l. 14 s. 676 drawn on Mr. Cholmley for 19 l. 1 s. If any such Bill, be offered in Payment or Discount, you are desired to stop them, and give notice to Mr. John Watson at the Red Lyon in *Cornhill*, *London*, near the Exchange; Or, whoever brings or sends the said Bills to Mr. Watson as aforesaid, shall receive Two Guineas's.

MR. Paul Ruetier, who has been so successful in Curing all sorts of Rupures, for which he maketh Truffles of an extraordinary Invention, is removed from the *Savoy* to the Golden Ball in *Beaufort-Buildings* in the Strand.

OR an Exchequer Note of 5 l. dated Aug. 10. 1697. Number 75244, with other Papers in a Bag. If any give notice to Benjamin Andrews of *Lymchouse Brewer*, or at the *Amblerdam Coffee-house* the backside of the *Royal Exchange*, *London*, shall have 10 s. Reward.