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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 better, 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