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Warsaw, Feb. 18. N. S.

THE Gentlemen of the *Rokatz* summoned by the Cardinal Primate to meet at *Lowitz*, are most of them arrived there, and the Great Marschal of the Crown, the Great Treasurer of *Lithuania*, and some other Persons of the chiefest Quality, are gone to assist at this Assembly, the happy Success whereof will very much contribute to the Reestablishing of the publick Peace and Tranquillity; and of this they have at this Court to good a Prospect, that the King thinks to set out the next week for *Prussia*, and has already sent part of his Household to *Dantzick*. The Troubles in *Lithuania* continue to a great height, the Party of *Ozinsky* declaring, they will not lay down their Arms till they have such Assurances as may satisfie them, that the Nobility of that Province shall for the future be equal to that of *Poland*, and enjoy the same Rank and Priviledges: In the mean while they continue to Ravage the Estate of the Great General *Sapieha*, who marches with all the haste he can to the Relief of his Vassals. We hear likewise, That the Under-General of *Lithuania*, who was sent as his Majesty's Commissioner to Negotiate an Agreement between the two differing Parties, has, instead of acquitting himself of that Commission, joyned with that of *Ozinsky*. The King has ordered the Senate to meet to consider of the most proper means to put a stop to these Disorders; as also what Answer to return to some of the Nobility, who desire they may have a Diet on Horseback; and to the Deputies of the *Lithuanian* Army, who press for the Payment of their Arrears. We have received from *Rome* the welcome News, That the Pope has acknowledged the King of *Poland*, and is ready to employ his Offices for procuring the Union of this Kingdom, which we hope will not be ineffectual. Our Advices from the Frontiers inform us, That a great Body of Tartars are marched towards *Gaminiec*, with a design to Revisit that place, and then make an Incurfion into the Country about *Lemberg*.

Dantzick, February 22. According to our Letters from *Warsaw*, the King of *Poland* would set out on his Journey hither the 26th of this month, and part of his Guards are already arrived. This City has made great Preparations for his Majesty's Reception. By the Circular Letters which his Majesty has issued out for the Assembling of the General Diet on the 16th of *April*, he has also Comanded, that the particular ones, which must precede it, shall meet by the 5th of *March*. We have Letters from *Lemberg*, which say, The Tartars have put a Convoy of Provisions into *Gaminiec*.

Vienna, Febr. 22. New Levies are making in the Empire for Recruiting and Increasing the number of our Forces, and Orders are given for Buying a great many Horses to remount the Cavalry. The Discourse still continues at this Court, that we shall begin the Campaign with the Siege of *Belgrade*; and it's said, the reinforcing of our Fleet on the *Danube*, (for which purpose several great Vessels are building with all possible diligence) is in order to it's making Head against that of the Turks, so as to hinder any Succours being brought to that place by Water. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is expected here in three Weeks, intending to begin his Journey so soon as the several Places to be restored by *France* are Evacuated, and the German Garisons settled there. It is said, the Emperor intends to send a Minister to be present at the Election of a Bishop of *Osnabrug*, and to support the Interest of the Prince of *Lorraine*, Bishop of *Olmutz*. The Bishop of *Passau* is appointed to go Ambassador from this Court to that of *Portugal*. Our Advices from the Frontiers say, The Turks are at work to put *Belgrade* and *Te-*

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Osnabrug, Feb. 24. Our Chapter is Assembled in order to fix a day for the Election of a Successor to this Bishopric, which, by the Death of the late Elector of *Hanover*, comes now to be disposed of, and must this time be given to a Roman Catholick, according to the Treaties of *Munster* and *Osnabrug*, by which it is agreed, That the Lutherans and Papists shall have the Right of Chusing by Turns. It is said, the Chapter desire the Garison may be sent out of the Town before they proceed to the Election, that the same may be the more Free. There are several Candidates, among whom are the Bishop of *Olmutz*, Brother to the present Duke of *Lorraine*, the Great Master of the Teutonick Order, and the Bishop of *Munster*; the former of whom 'tis thought will carry it, being supported by the Emperor, and the two latter seeming inclinable to Resign their Interest to him.

Hamburg, March 4. Mr. *Stepney*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain* to the Elector of *Brandenburg*, is arrived at *Bremen*, and designs to be here to morrow, and spend some days in this City, after which he will pursue his Journey to *Berlin*. They are preparing Quarters in the Dutchy of *Bremen* for 2000 Men of the Suedish Forces, who are expected from *Flanders*. Our Letters from *Stockholme* say, The Baron *Van Hekeren*, who has Resided there on the part of the Srates General, is preparing for his departure homewards.

Paris, March 3. The Earl of *Portland*'s Equipages are this day arrived here; so that it is believed his Excellency will now very suddenly make his publick Entry. Count *Tallard*, who is appointed to go Ambassador Extraordinary to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, designs to leave this place in 2 or 3 days, and to be at *Calais* on the 8th or 9th instant, in order to Embark for *England*. The Count de *Monasterol*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Elector of *Bavaria*, has had Audience of the Duke and Dutches of *Orleans*, and of Monsieur and Madamoiselle de *Charres*. The Sieur *d'Obrecke*, one of the Magistrates of *Strasbourg*, is appointed to meet at *Aix la Chapelle*, as Commissioner from this Court, with those which the Emperor will likewise send thither, for adjusting Matters concerning the Dutches of *Orleans*'s Pretensions on the *Palatinate*; and Monsieur *Audifret* is to go with the Character of Envoy Extraordinary to the Dukes of *Mantua*, *Parma*, and *Modena*. They write from *Brest*, That a Frigate was gone thence a Cruising against the Corsairs of *Zale*, and would shortly be followed by 4 more on the same Service. Our Letters from *Rouen* say, Several Dutch Merchants who were come there to *Trafalick*, are returned home, by reason of the Tariffe

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A Tenement in *Northamptonshire*, within 2 miles of *Stamford* in *Lincolnshire*, is a very good new built dwelling House, with 2 Bams, Stables, and other Out houses, Orchard and Garden, and a convenient parcel of Land, more or less, if desired, is to be Let for any number of years or to be Sold. Inquire of *Mr. John Hatcher* at the 6 Clerks Office in *Chancery-lane*, *London*, or of *Mr. John Blackwell* at *Stamford* aforesaid.

THE Mannor of *Wethampree* and *Hassell* near *Wells* in *Somersetshire* and a large Farm called *Saltmarsh* near *Bristol*, and divers Messuages and Lands thereto belonging, late the Estate of *Harry Roynton Esq;* is to be Sold by Virtue of a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, by *Thomas Pitt Esq;* one of the Masters of the said Court, where any Person may see a particular.

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TAKEN from the Servant of *Henry Jones* by *William Soelling*, a short well set man, round shouldred, of a brown Complexion, full eyed, two Gold Pendulum Watches, one being a *Minu e*, with *Ben. Jones* on the upper Plate, plain Pillars, and the Dial Plate graved with a Rose in the middle, and having two Gold Cases, the out Case well Engraven with a Landkip in the middle, it being new, the other a plain piece with *Benj. Bell* on the upper Plate, having two Gold Cases, the out Case engraved with the History of *Judith Cutting of Holoternes's Head*. If they come to you Heads, you are desired to stop them and Parry, and give Notice to *Henry Jones*, Clockmaker, to the *Inner Temple Lane*, *Fleetstreet*, and you shall have 5 l. Reward, or proportionable for either; And if Bought, your Money again with reasonable Profit.

CHARLES COOK, aged 8 years, a Mole on his Forehead, and 2 on his left Eye-lid, black Eyes, an Impediment in his Speech, went from his Mother the 31th of *December* last, having on a *Cinnamon Cloak*, and a red *Waitecoat* lined with *Silk*. Whoever gives Notice of him to his Mother *Elizabeth COOK* at the *Scotch Arms* in *Langley Street* in *Long-Acre*, shall be well rewarded.



By the King,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For Preventing and Punishing Immorality and Prophaneness

WILLIAM R.



Whereas We cannot but be deeply Sensible of the great Goodness and Mercy of God, who has given us an End to a Long, Bloody and Expensive War, by the Conclusion of a Peace, which is not less touched with a Relentment, that notwithstanding this and many other Deliberances, Impiety, Prophaneness and Immorality do still abound in this Kingdom, as nothing can prove a greater Dishonour to a Well ordered Government, than the professed, nor is likelier to provoke God to Withdraw His Mercy and Blessings thereof, to inflict heavy and severe Judgments upon this Kingdom, than the Practice of Vice, Immorality and Prophaneness, which amongst many other Evils in this Our Kingdom of late Years, to the high Displeasure of Almighty God, and the ill and fatal Example of the rest of Our Loving Subjects, who are Educated, and whose Inclinations would lead them to the Exercise of Piety, have daily find such frequent and repeated Instances of Dissolute Living, Prophaneness, and has in a great Measure been occasioned by the Neglect of the Magistrates in the Execution of good Laws which have been made for Suppressing and Punishing thereof, and by the ill Example of some great Dishonour of God, and Reproach of Our Religion: Wherefore, and for that We cannot expect Blessings from God, and Our Subjects Enjoy, without Providing Remedies to prevent the like evils for the future, We are bound by the Duty We owe to God, and the Care We have of the People committed to Our Charge, to direct Our Courts, that Religion, Piety and Good Manners may, according to Our hearty Desire, flourish and Increase in this Our Kingdom and Government; and being thereunto moved by the Pious Address of the Commons in Parliament thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and do Declare Our Will and Pleasure, that We do hereby give Our full Power, Authority and Solemn Resolution to Discountenance and Punish all manner of Vice, Immorality and Prophaneness in all Persons, and in all Degrees within this Our Realm, and particularly in such who are Employed near Our Royal Person, or in the Management of Religion and Morality, We will, upon all occasions, Distinguish Men of Piety and Virtue from such who are of a dissolute and debauched Life, and do hereby give Our full Power, Authority and Solemn Resolution, that We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Officers and Ministers, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, and other Our Subjects, whom it may Concern, to be Strict in the Discovery and the Effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons who shall be guilty of Blasphemy, Prophan Swearing and Cursing, Lewdness, Prophanation of the Lords Day, or of any other Disorderly Practices, as they will answer it to Almighty God.

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For Preventing and Punishing Immorality and Prophaneness.

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Whereas We cannot but be deeply Sensible of the great Goodness and Mercy of Almighty God, in putting an End to a Long, Bloody and Expensive War, by the Conclusion of an Honourable Peace, so We are not less touched with a Relentment, that notwithstanding this and many other great Blessings and Deliverances, Impiety, Prophaneness and Immorality do still abound in this our Kingdom: And whereas nothing can prove a greater Dishonour to a Well ordered Government, where the Christian Faith is professed, nor is likelier to provoke God to withdraw his Mercy and Blessings from us, and instead thereof, to inflict heavy and severe Judgments upon this Kingdom, than the open and avowed Practice of Vice, Immorality and Prophaneness, which amongst many Men has too much prevailed in this our Kingdom of late Years, to the high Displeasure of Almighty God, the great Scandal of Educated, and whole Inclinations would lead them to the Exercise of Piety and Virtue, did they not daily find such frequent and repeated Instances of Dissolute Living, Prophaneness and Impiety, which has in a great Measure been occasioned by the Neglect of the Magistrates not putting in Execution those good Laws which have been made for Suppressing and Punishing thereof, and by the ill Example of many in Authority, to the great Dishonour of God, and Reproach of our Religion: Wherefore, and for that We cannot expect Increase or Continuance of the Blessings We and our Subjects Enjoy, without providing Remedies to prevent the like evils for the future, We think our selves bound by the Duty We owe to God, and the Care We have of the People committed to our Charge, to proceed in taking effectual Course, that Religion, Piety and good Manners may, according to our hearty Desire, flourish and Increase under our Administration and Government; and being thereunto moved by the Pious Address of the Commons in Parliament Assembled, We have thought fit, by the Advice of our Privy Council, to Issue this our Royal Proclamation, and do Declare our Royal Purpose and Resolution to Discountenance and Punish all manner of Vice, Immorality and Prophaneness in all Persons from the highest to the lowest Degree within this our Realm, and particularly in such who are Employed near our Royal Person; and that for the greater Encouragement of Religion and Morality, We will, upon all occasions, Distinguish Men of Piety and Virtue by Marks of our Royal Favour. And We do expect that all Persons of Honour or in Place of Authority, will to their utmost contribute to the Discountenancing Men of Dissolute and Debauched Lives, that they being reduced to Shame and Contempt may be enforced the sooner to Reform their ill habits and Practices, that the Displeasure of God Men towards them may supply what the Laws (it may be) cannot wholly prevent. And for the more Effectual Reforming these Men, who are a Discredit to our Kingdom, our further Pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other our Officers and Ministers, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, and other our Subjects, whom it may Concern, to be very Vigilant and strict in the Discovery and the Effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons who shall be Guilty of Excessive Drinking, Blasphemy, Prophan Swearing and Cursing, Lewdness, Prophanation of the Lords Day, or other Dissolute, Immoral or Disorderly Practices, as they will answer it to Almighty God, and upon Pain of our highest Displeasure. And for the more Effectual Proceedings herein, We do hereby Direct and Command our Judges of Assizes and Justices of Peace, to give strict Charges at the respective Assizes and Sessions, for the due Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons that shall presume to Offend in any the Kinds aforesaid, and also of all Persons that, contrary to their Duty, shall be Remiss or Negligent in putting the said Laws in Execution, and that they do at their respective Assizes and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, cause this our Proclamation to be publicly Read in Open Court immediately before the Charge is given. And We do hereby further Charge and Command every Minister in his respective Parish or Chapel, to Read or cause to be Read this our Proclamation, at least four times in every Year, immediately after Divine Service, and to incite and stir up their respective Auditories to the Practice of Piety and Virtue, and the Avoiding of all Immorality and Prophaneness. And to the end that all Vice and Debauchery may be prevented, and Religion and Virtue Practised by all Officers, Private Soldiers, Mariners or others, who are Employed in our Service, either by Sea or Land, We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all our Commanders and Officers whatsoever, That they do take Care to Avoid all Prophaneness, Debauchery and other Immoralities, and that by the Piety and Virtue of their own Lives and Conversations they do set good Examples to all such as are under their Authority, and likewise to take Care and Inspect the Behaviour and Manners of all such as are under them, and to Punish all those who shall be Guilty of any the Offences aforesaid. And whereas several Wicked and Prophan Persons have presumed to Print and Publish several Pernicious Books and Pamphlets, which contain in them Impious Doctrines against the holy Trinity and other Fundamental Articles of our Faith, tending to the Subversion of the Christian Religion, therefore for the Punishing the Authors and Publishers thereof, and for the Preventing such Impious Books and Pamphlets being Published or Printed for the future, We do hereby strictly Charge and Prohibit all Persons that they do not presume to Write, Print or Publish any such Pernicious Books or Pamphlets under the Pain of Incurring our high Displeasure, and of being Punished according to the utmost Severity of the Law. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Require all our Loving Subjects to Discover and Apprehend such Person and Persons whom they shall know to be the Authors or Publishers of any such Books or Pamphlets, and to bring them before some Justice of Peace or Chief Magistrate, in order that they may be Proceeded against according to Law.

Given at our Court at Kensington the Four and twentieth Day of February, 1697. In the Tenth Year of our Reign.

God save the King.