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## By the KING, A PROCLAMATION,

For Dissolving this present Parliament, and Declaring the Speedy Calling another.

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Whereas We have thought fit for divers Important and Weighty Considerations, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Dissolve this present Parliament, which now stands Prorogued to Thursday the Sixteenth of January next; We do for that end Publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Dissolve the said Parliament accordingly; And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses of the said Parliament, are Discharged from their Meeting upon Thursday the said Sixteenth Day of January. And to the Intent Our said Subjects may Perceive the Confidence We have in their Affection, and how desirous We are to Meet Our self, and have their Advice in Parliament, We do hereby make known to Our said Subjects, That in respect of some Matters of the highest Importance to this Our Kingdom, We do intend to give Directions to the Keeper of Our Great Seal for the Issuing out of Writs in the Form of Law, for the Calling a New Parliament, which shall Begin and be Holden at Westminster on Thursday the Sixth Day of February next.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Nineteenth Day of December, 1700. In the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.

Madrid, Dec. 2. N. S. The Constable of Castile being appointed by the Queen and Regents of Spain to go and meet the new King, and afterwards to proceed to the Court of France, where he is to have the Character of Ambassador Extraordinary, is accordingly on his departure, and has received 12000 Pistoles by way of Advance towards the Charges of his Embassy. The Duke of Medina Sidonia High Steward, the Almirante of Castile Master of the House, and other Grandees and Persons of Quality, are going likewise from hence to meet the King of Spain upon the Frontiers, and conduct him hither; and great Preparations are making for his Reception. The Queen is preparing to quit the Royal Palace, and the Palace of Uzeda, where the late Queen Mother resided, is sitting up for her Majesty. The Duke of Montalto, one of the Regents, arrived here the 20th Instant.

Rome, Dec. 4. The Pope has sent Letters to several Princes and States, to notify his Election. He has given Audience to the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality, and among others, to the Duke of Popoli, sent hither by the Vice-Roy of Naples to Compliment him. The Pope has declared, that he will strictly observe the Bull of Innocent the Eleventh against Nepotism, and also that against the Franchises pretended by the Foreign Ministers; and accordingly ordered the Sbirris or Officers of Justice to pass before the Houses of the Queen-Dowager of Poland, and the Publick Ministers who reside here, as they have already done several times without Interruption. He has received a Letter from the Most Christian King about the Business of

Prince Vaheni, who declares, that he disapproves the said Prince's Conduct, and leaves it to the Pope to proceed against him as he shall think fit, and has ordered his Ambassador to return to Rome. Cardinal Paulucci, who was formerly Nuncio in Poland, is made the Pope's Secretary of State; Cardinal Sacripante First Datary, Signior Paracciani Auditor, Abbot Passionei one of the Pope's Secretaries, and Abbot Buonaventuri, who is related to the Pope, his Almoner. 'Tis said, he will appoint a Council to be composed of the Cardinals, Acciaoli, Marserti, Ottoboni, San Cesareo, Imperiali, and Carpegna; And that he intends to add to his Guards a Troop of Light-Horse, in which none but Gentlemen are to ride. The Cardinal d'Estrees gave lately a great Entertainment to divers Cardinals, and 'tis said he acquainted them, that he does not intend to return to France, but to spend the rest of his Life in Italy, and mostly in this City.

Milan, Dec. 8. The Prince of Vaudemont took a Review two days ago of the Troops quartered in and about this City, and has appointed the like to be done in all the other Garrisons in this State; and the Officers are ordered to give an exact Account of the Number of effective Men in each Regiment. Here is a Talk of augmenting our Forces; and 'tis said also, that the Most Christian King has sent word to our Governor, That he need not take the trouble of raising more Forces, for that his Most Christian Majesty has 25 or 30000 ready to assist this State in case there should be occasion.

Genoa, Dec. 4. The Spanish Envoy residing here notified to the Doge and Senate the Death of the King of Spain, and the Disposition of his Will; and the Envoy of France had an Audience the 2d Instant, and delivered a Letter from the King his Master, acquainting them with his having accepted the said Will. The Spanish Envoy has been since at Milan to confer with the Prince of Vaudemont.

Venice, Dec. 10. The Duke of Mantua designs to continue here the best part of the Winter. The Envoy from France has notified to his Highness the Duke of Anjou's Accession to the Crown of Spain, and is gone to do the like at the Courts of Parma and Modena. The last Advices from Dalmatia say, the Venetian and Turkish Commissioners continued their Conferences for settling the Limits, but the Season growing very bad, and their meeting in tents very inconvenient, they intended to adjourn their Conferences till the Spring.

Mittau, Decemb. 6. The last Letters from Livonia say, the Czar, upon Advice of the March of the King of Sweden, had made two Detachments from his Camp before Narva, to secure the Passes by which the Swedes might approach towards the Town, and the rest of his Forces went on with the Siege, part of them lying on this side the River, and the rest on the other. And that the King of Sweden made all possible Diligence in his March, with a Resolution to attack the Muscovites; which makes us expect to hear very soon of a Battle.

Warsaw, Dec. 6. The Circular Letters for calling a General Diet of this Kingdom in the beginning of February next are not yet dispatched, and 'tis probable the Diet may be deferred for some time longer, because of the Troubles in Lithuania, which render it impracticable at present for the Provincial Diets to meet in that Duchy to choose their Deputies. Our last Advices from thence say, the Sieur Goltzen, sent thither by the King of Poland to beg leave an Adjutment between the Differing Parties, has in order therunto made several Proposals to the Sieur Oginsky and his Followers; but they being encouraged by their late Success against the House of Sapieha, do not shew any inclination to agree to the Terms proposed, and have demanded of the City of Wilna a Contribution of 20000 Rixins, which the Magistrates have refused to pay, and have put themselves in a posture of Defence in case

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