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Westminster, March 13.

THE King came this day to the House of Peers, attended with the usual Solemnity, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne, the Commons were sent for up by Mr. Aston Deputy Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, and attending His Majesty accordingly, His Majesty gave the Royal Assent to an Act for Renewing the Bills of Credit, commonly called Exchequer Bills.

By the KING, A PROCLAMATION,

WILLIAM R.

Whereas We have received Information, That notwithstanding the great Care that hitherto hath been taken to Prevent Piracies, divers Pirates do Continue to Infest the Seas, wherein Our Subjects Trade, to the great Damage of the Merchants, and Discouragement of Navigation; We therefore (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) have thought fit to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That if any Person or Persons belonging to the Company or Ships Crew of any Pirate Ship or Vessel, shall at any time, after the Date hereof, Seize, or Cause to be Seized, the Person Commanding such Ship or Vessel, and any one or more Persons belonging to such Ship or Vessel, together with the said Ship or Vessel, and Goods, and Deliver them into the Custody of the Chief Magistrate of any of Our Ports in Our Kingdoms of England or Ireland; or in America, into the Custody of Our Governors, or Commanders in Chief of Our Islands, Colonies, or Plantations of Barbados, the Leeward Islands, Jamaica, Bermudos, Virginia, Maryland, New-York, or the Massachusetts Bay in New-England, or of the Commander in Chief of Our Ships of War at Newfoundland, for the time being; Or in Africa, into the Custody of the Chief or Chiefs of the Royal African Company at Cape Coast Castle, on the Gold Coast, at James Fort in the River of Gambia, or at Whiddah in the South-part of Guinea, for the time being; And shall give Evidence against the Persons so Seized and Secured, so as they may be convicted of Piracy, the Person or Persons so Seizing, or causing to be Seized, such Pirate or Pirates, and Securing such Ship or Vessel, and Goods, as aforesaid, shall not have Our most Gracious Pardon, for the Piracies before that time Committed by him or them, but also, upon the Conviction of such Pirate or Pirates, receive, as a Reward for his or their good Service, one moiety of Our Tonnage of such Ship or Vessel, and Goods, where no more than three Tonnage shall be by Us claimed; But if the whole Ship and Goods shall belong to Us, for want of a timely and legal Demand thereof by the First Proprietor, then such Person or Persons shall receive, as a Reward, the Sum of Twenty five Pound for every Hundred Pounds Value, of such Ship or Vessel, and Goods; to be paid unto them by such Chief Magistrate, Governor, Commander, or other Persons aforesaid, in the Places where such Seizure and Conviction shall be made; who are hereby Required to pay the same, upon the Parties producing a Certificate of such Seizure and Conviction made, and Ship or Vessel, and Goods Secured, under the Hands and Seals of the Persons or the Major Part of them, before whom such Pirates have been convicted (which Persons are hereby Required to give such Certificate, gratis, on Demand) and upon producing of which Certificate, We do hereby Require our Judge or Judges of Admiralty in England; or elsewhere, and all other Persons empowered by Commission to Hear and Determine Piracies in Europe, Africa and America, to stay any further Proceedings against such Person or Persons, who shall produce such Certificate, until he or they obtain Our most Gracious Pardon. And We do hereby further Declare, That if any Person or Persons, belonging to any Pirate Ship or Vessel, shall Seize and Apprehend the Commanding Officer of any Pirate Ship or Vessel, or any of the Crew belonging to such Ship or Vessel, and shall give Evidence against him or them, as before Directed, so that the said Pirate or Pirates be convicted, and shall receive a Certificate thereof, as aforesaid, though such Per-

son or Persons do not Take or Seize the Ship and Goods, yet such Person or Persons shall have Our most Gracious Pardon for any Piracies before that time by him or them Committed, and shall also have and receive, upon the Conviction of such Commanding Officer, or any of the said Crew of such Pirate Ship, the respective Rewards hereafter mentioned; viz. One Hundred Pounds for the Commanding Officer of such Pirate Ship or Vessel, and Twenty Pounds for every inferior Person thereunto belonging, that shall be so Seized and Apprehended, as aforesaid; which Sum or Sums shall be paid to him or them by the Governors or other Persons before mentioned. And for the greater Encouragement of those Persons belonging to any Pirate Ship or Vessel, who shall Seize and Apprehend any Commanding Officer, or any of the Crew belonging to such Ship or Vessel, and shall give Evidence against them, in order to their Conviction, and cause the said Ship or Vessel, and Goods to be Secured, as aforesaid, We do hereby Direct and Require the Commanders of all and every Our Ships of War, That upon any Person or Persons producing to them an Authentick Certificate of his or their having made such Seizure, and of the Conviction of such Commander or others of the said Ships Crew, so Seized by him or them, as aforesaid, or of his or their having Secured the Ship or Vessel, and Goods, as aforesaid, under the Hands and Seals of the Persons, or the Major part of them, before whom such Conviction shall have been made, (which Certificate the said Persons are in like manner hereby Required to give, gratis, on Demand) and Desiring to be Entertained in Our Service, to Enter them on Board their Ships, for Victuals and Wages, and to Discharge them again when they shall Desire it. And whereas We are inclined to Believe, That many ignorant Persons have been drawn into this wicked Course of Life, and that they would willingly embrace all Opportunities of Freeing themselves therefrom, provided they could be Secure of Pardon, We do hereby Promise and Declare, That if any Person or Persons, Serving on Board any Pirate Ship or Vessel, shall at any time, within Twelve Months after the Date hereof, Leave the same, and repair to any of Our Chief Magistrates, Governors, Commanders, or other Persons aforesaid, and before them make Affidavit of the Piracies Committed by the Ship or Vessel where they did belong, the Person or Persons, so Leaving such Ship, and making Affidavit, shall have Our Gracious Pardon for the Piracies Committed by him or them; before the Twenty fourth Day of June, Seventeen hundred and one, and upon a Certificate of his or their Surrender, and being so Intituled to this Our Gracious Pardon, under the Hands and Seals of any of Our Chief Magistrates, Governors, Commanders, or other Persons aforesaid, (which Certificate the said Chief Magistrates, Governors, Commanders and other Persons are hereby Required to give, gratis, on Demand) the Person or Persons, so Leaving such Ship, and making Affidavit, shall in like manner be Intituled to the Advantage of being Entertained on Board any of Our Ships, for Victuals and Wages, as aforesaid. And we do hereby further Publish and Declare, That all such Persons who shall neglect to lay hold of these Our Gracious Offers of Mercy, or who by Complying herewith shall be Pardoned for the Piracies by them Committed to the time of such Pardon, and after such Pardon relapse into the like Evil Practices, shall immediately upon their being Seized (for which all possible Care and Diligence shall be taken) be brought to Tryal, and be Proceeded against with the utmost Severity of Law; We having in pursuance of a late Act of Parliament for that purpose, sent Commissions under Our Great Seal into the East and West-Indies, for the speedy Tryal, Condemnation and Execution of all Pirates and Robbers upon the High Seas. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to the Pardoning of any Person or Persons that shall go out of Europe, or that shall Commit Piracy upon the Seas in Europe, from and after the Date of these Presents, nor to the Pardoning of such as shall Commit Piracy in any Place whatsoever, after notice of this Our Gracious Offer of Pardon, or of Henry Every, alias, Bridgeman.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Sixth Day of March, 1700. In the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

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Wien, March 9. N. S. A considerable Train of Field Artillery is sent away to the Country of *Tirol*, for the use of the Emperor's Army in *Italy*, and the heavy Cannon will follow towards the latter end of this Month. The Regiment of *Staremberg*, consisting of 2500 Men, was Reviewed at *Ens* in *Upper-Austria* the 2d Instant, and marched the next day towards *Tirol*; The rest of the Forces designed for that Service, are likewise on their March thither; And 'tis said, they will be made up to 40000 Men; and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* who is to Command them, will be going from hence in few days. Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* continues to have frequent Conferences with the Emperor's Principal Ministers, to settle Matters in relation to the Imperial Forces that are to serve on the *Rhine*, and in the mean time, several Regiments are marching that way.

Frankfort, March 16. We have Advice, that 3 Imperial Regiments of Horse, one of Dragoons, and one of Foot, are arrived in the Country of *Brigow*; and that several French Regiments which are quartered in *Alsace*, have received Orders to march towards *Dauphine*, in order to be sent to *Italy*. 'Tis said, the Ministers of the Electors of *Mans*, *Triers*, and *Cologne*, have lately had a Conference at *Loustein*, to enter into joint Measures in relation to the present Conjunction. The Officers in the Landgrave of *Hesse-Cassel's* Service, are ordered to repair forthwith to their respective Commands.

Cologne, March 18. The great number of French Forces that are at present in the *Spanish Guelderland*, gives much Jealousie to the Princes and States of the *Lower-Rhine*. The Count of *Nassau-Weilburg*, General of the Elector Palatine's Forces, came hither yesterday from *Dusseldorp*, and had this day a Conference with our Magistrates; after which he returned to *Dusseldorp*. His Electoral Highness's Troops which were quartered in the Country of *Jallers*, have passed the *Rhine*, and are Posted in the Duchy of *Berg*. Six Companies of these Forces are expected here, as also 6 Companies of the Forces of *Brandenburgh*, and 4 of those of *Munster*. Letters from *Cleves* say, the King of *Prussia* is expected there the next Month; that there are at present in that Country 8000 Stranling Forces, and that Orders are given to raise the Militia of that Duchy, who will make about 10000 Men, to be employed for securing these Frontiers. They are at work in Repairing the Fortifications of *Wesel*. The Prince of *Nassau-Sarbruck*, arrived here this day from *Frankfort*, in his way to *Holland*.

Hamburg, March 18. Letters from the Country of *Lunenburg* say, 6 Regiments of the Elector of *Hanover's* Forces, and 4 of those of the Duke of *Celle*, would this day begin their March towards *Holland*; and that Orders were given for raising as many new Regiments for the Service of those Princes.

Hague, March 22. This afternoon was held a Conference with the Count d'*Avoux*, Ambassador of *France*, at which Mr. *Scanhope*, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of *England*, and the Deputies of the States-General, delivered to him Proposals, in order to come to a Treaty for the Security of *England* and this State, and for the Preservation of the general Peace. Three of the six *Dutch* Battalions that were at *Luxemburg* are come from thence to *Maastricht*; but we hear the rest are stopped. The new Levies for the Service of this State, go on successfully. Ten Regiments of the *Lunenburg* Forces are marching towards their Countries, and a good Body of the King of *Prussia's* Forces are drawing together in *Cleves*. The Sieur *Stephani*, Envoy from the Elector of *Hanover*, is come hither from *Brussels*. The Heer *Van Meer* is gone to the Courts of *Lunenburg* and *Hanover*, with the Character of Envoy from this State; And the Heer *Critzenbourg*, who is now at *Hamburg*, is to go in the same Quality to the Courts of *Sweden* and *Poland*.

Brussels, March 22. The Elector of *Bavaria* parted from hence this day, being accompanied by the Master of his Horse Count *Sansray*, and his Great Marshal Baron *Vrybergue*, in order to return to his own Territories in *Germany*; The Forces in Garrison here, appeared in Arms, and lined the Streets through which he passed, and several Parties of Horse are ordered to attend him to our Frontiers; He designs to go by *Em*, and to stay there 3 days with his Brother the Elector of *Cologne*; And the Electors of *Bavaria*, with the rest of their Electoral Highness's Family, will follow in 8 or 10 days. 'Tis not yet known whether the Elector will return hither; And in the mean time, the Marquis de *Bedmar* is appointed Governour of the *Spanish Netherlands*. His Electoral Highness intends to have a good Body of his own Forces on foot, and has given Orders for making the necessary Recruits. A great Reform is making here in the Publick Offices, of which several will be suppressed; and the number of the Generals of Battalia in the *Spanish Service* in the *Low-Countries*, which is at present 40, will be reduced to 4. Commissions are given out for the new Levies to augment the *Spanish* Forces in these Provinces. The *French* Troops continue to advance

towards the *Spanish Guelderland*, where they are repairing great Magazines. A considerable quantity of Ammunition has been brought hither from *Nimmes*.

Paris, March 23. The 19th Instant about midnight, the Dauphin was taken extremely ill, and about 3 the next morning fell into a Fit of an Apoplexy, which lasted about half an hour; but upon application of proper Remedies, and being bled several times, he was perfectly Recovered by noon; And in the evening, received the Compliments of all the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality, who went to *Versailles* for that purpose. The Marshal de *Catinar* intends to go from hence the 28th Instant, to Command the *French* and *Spanish* Forces in *Italy*. 'Tis said, he carries with him a Commission of Captain-General for the *Count de Tesse*; by virtue of which he will Command all the Lieutenant-Generals, and that the Prince of *Vaudemont* is only to have the Administration of the Civil Affairs in the Duchy of *Milan*. The Marshal de *Joyeuse* is appointed to be one of the two Marshals of *France* who are to Command in *Flanders* under the Duke of *Bourgoignay*; And Provision is made of all things necessary for a Campaign. The Royal Regiment which is now quartered at *Verdun*, is ordered to march to *Brussels*. The Receivers-General of this Kingdom have advanced to the King 10 Millions of Livres upon the Capitation Tax.

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court to consider of a Dividend, will be held at the Bank on Monday the 24th of March Instant, at 10 in the Forenoon; That Printed Lists for the Annual Election will be ready to be delivered out at the Bank on Tuesday the 25th Instant; And that a General Court of Election will be held at the Bank on Monday the 31st Instant, from 9 to 12 in the forenoon, and from 3 to 6 in the afternoon, for the Election of a Governor and Deputy; which Court of Election will be continued by Adjournment, and held at the same Place, and during the same hours, on Wednesday the 2d of April next, for the Choice of 24 Directors; (which will also be a Quarterly Court;) And the Elections will be declared so soon as the Scrutinies are over.

The Committee and Managers for the Old Portugal Debt, do desire all Persons; their Executors and Administrators, concerned in the said Debt, to meet at the Blue-coat Coffee-house in Swthins-Alley near the Royal-Exchange, on Monday the 24th of this Instant March, at 3 in the afternoon.

Advertisements.

A Religious Discourse in Common Conversation in 3 Parts. By John Norris, M. A. Rector of Beccles near Sarum. Printed for S. Manby at the Ship near the Royal-Exchange in Cornhill. Price Sixpence 3d. or 20s. per Hundred.

In Cecil-street, against Bedford-house in the Strand, this day will be exposed to Sale all Sorts of Household Goods; the Sale will continue only till to-morrow, being Tuesday the 18th Instant, and the House to be Let.

All Persons concerned in or for the Debt due for Transport-Service in the year 1693, are desired to meet at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, on Wednesday next the 19th Instant, at 3 in the afternoon.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against Richard Coudham, late of Norwich, Merchant, intend to meet at the Coal in Goat-Lane in Norwich, on Thursday the 17th of April next, at two in the afternoon, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; And all such of his Creditors as have not yet proved their Debts, are then to come prepared to prove the same, and pay their Contribution-money, or they'll be excluded.

Whereas Notice has been several times given, for the Creditors of Joseph and Nathaniel Hornby, Goldsmiths (against whom a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded) to prove their Debts, and pay Contribution, notwithstanding which several of the Creditors have neglected the doing thereof: These are to give Notice, That the Commissioners in the said Commission intend to meet on Wednesday the 2d of April next, at 9 in the forenoon, at the Irish-Chamber in Guildhall, London, where all Creditors concerned are then to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-money, or they'll be excluded the Dividend then to be made of the said Bankrupts Estate.

To let the 12th Instant, out of Mr. James Travers's Stable at Sewardston near Waltham-Abbey in Essex, a black Mare, above 14 hands, with a small Star, a large Place without Hair upon the Right side of her Back lately Sore, flat Footed, and Trots all; also a Hog's Skin Holster Saddle, with a green Silk Fringe round the Seat, the Pannel chambered on the Right side, and a new Bit Bridle, with broad Reins. Whoever secures the said Mare, &c. and gives Notice to the said Mr. James Travers, or to Mr. John Barker at the Chequer in Lime-street, London, shall have a Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.

Lost the 3d Instant, out of Mr. Brett's Ground at East-Ham in Essex, a black-brown Punch Gelding, above 14 hands, about 7 years old, a light Forehead, a small Spot of White in his Forehead, and bob Tailed. Whoever secures him, and gives Notice to Mr. Brett aforesaid, or to John Chapman at the Fox and Goose at London-Wall, shall have a Guinea Reward, and reasonable Charges.

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