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St. James's, May 4.

**T**H Morning, pursuant to Her Majesty's Warrant in Council, for Declaring War against France and Spain, Clarenceux King of Arms, with the Heralds and other Officers of Arms, the Sergeants at Arms, the Queen's Serjeant Trumpeter, Trumpets and Kettle-Drums, and the Knight Marshal's Men all on Horseback, assembled before the Gates of Her Majesty's Royal Palace of St. James's; and after the Trumpets had sounded thrice, Clarenceux King of Arms read the Declaration, and one of the Heralds proclaimed it aloud Paragraph by Paragraph; which being ended, and the Trumpets having again sounded, they proceeded thence in the following Manner to Temple-Bar, viz. First a Troop of Horse-Granadiers, Knight Marshal's Men, Kettle-Drum Trumpets, and Serjeant Trumpeter with his Mace; then the Pursuivants of Arms, two and two, followed by the Heralds and Clarenceux King of Arms, all in their Rich Coats of Her Majesty's Arms, having the Sergeants at Arms on each side of them, bearing their Maces on their Shoulders; and a Troop of Horse-Guards closing the Proceeding.

At Chancery-Lane End was made a Second Proclamation by Two Heralds, and a Third at the Royal-Exchange in like manner. The Streets through which they passed were crowded with a great number of Spectators, augmenting their Joy and Concurrance in so just and necessary a Declaration, by loud and repeated Acclamations.

## Her MAJESTIES DECLARATION of WAR against France and Spain.

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**W**HEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to Call Us to the Government of these Kingdoms, at a time when Our late Dear Brother William the Third, of Glorious Memory, had, in pursuance of the Repeated Advice of the Parliament of this Kingdom, Entered into solemn Treaties of Alliance with the Emperor of Germany, the States General of the United Provinces, and other Princes and Potentates, for Preserving the Liberty and Balance of Europe, and for Reducing the Exorbitant Power of France; which Treaties are Grounded upon the unjust Usurpations and Encroachments of the French King, who had Taken, and still keeps Possession of a great Part of the Spanish Dominions, Exercising an Absolute Authority over all that Monarchy, having Seized Milan and the Spanish Low Countries by his Armies, and made himself Master of Cadix, of the entrance into the Mediterranean, and of the Ports in the Spanish West Indies by his Fleets, every where Desiging to Invaide the Liberties of Europe, and to obstruct the Freedom of Navigation and Commerce: And it being Provided by the Third and Fourth Articles of the forementioned Alliance, That if in the Space of Two Months, which are some time since Expired, the Injuries Complained of were not Remedied, the Parties concerned should mutually Assist each other with Their whole Strength: And whereas instead of giving the Satisfaction that ought justly to be expected, the French King has not only Proceeded to further Violences, but has added thereto a great Affront and Iniquity to Us, and Our Kingdoms, in raising upon him to Declare the Pretended Prince of Wales King of England, Scotland and Ireland; and has also Influenced Spain to Concur in the same Affront and Iniquity, as well as in his other Oppressions; We find Our selves Obliged, for Maintaining the Publick Faith, for Vindicating the Honour of Our Crown, and for Preventing the Mischief, which all Europe is Threatned with, to Declare, and We do hereby accordingly Declare War against France and Spain: And Placing Our Entire Confidence in the Help of Almighty God, in so just and Necessary an Undertaking, We will, in Conjunction with our Allies, Vigorously prosecute the same by Sea and Land, being Assured of the ready Concurrance and Assistance of our Subjects, in a Cause they have so Openly and so Heartily Espoused. And we do hereby Will and Require Our Lord High Admiral of England, Our General of Our Forces, Our Lieutenants of Our several Counties, Governors of Our Ports and Garrisons, and all other Officers and Soldiers under them by Sea and Land, to Do and Execute all Acts of Hostility in the Prosecution of this War against France and Spain, their Vassals and Subjects, and to Oppose their Attempts; Willing and Requiring all Our Subjects to take Notice of the same, whom We therefore strictly Forbid to hold any Correspondence or Communication with France or Spain, or their Subjects; But because there are Remaining in Our Kingdoms many of the Subjects of France and Spain, We do Declare Our Royal Intention to be, That all the Subjects of France or Spain, who shall Discover themselves Dutifully towards Us, shall be Safe in their Persons and Estates.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Fourth Day of May, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Wednesday, May 6. The Queen came this day to the House of Peers, attended with the usual solemnity; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, the Commons were sent for up by Sir David Mitchell, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and attending Her Majesty accordingly, Her Majesty gave the Royal Assent to

An Act for granting an Aid to Her Majesty by drivers Subsidies and a Land-Tax.  
An Act for making good Deficiencies, and for preserving the Publick Credit.  
An Act for Enabling Her Majesty to appoint Commissioners to Treat for an Union betwixt the Kingdoms of England and Scotland.  
An Act to enable Her Majesty to amend the Act made in the Twenty second year of King Henry the Eighth concerning Repairing and Amending of Bridges in the Highways, and for Repealing an Act made in the Twenty third year of Queen Elizabeth the First Re-erecting of Cardiffe Bridge in the County of Glamorgans, and also for changing the Day of Election of the Members of Parliament.

An Act for making the River Darwent in the County of York Navigable.  
An Act for the Rebuilding and Repairing the Peers of the Town and Port of Whitby in the County of York.  
An Act for the Enlarging and Encouraging the Greenland Trade.  
An Act to Ascertain the Water-Measure of Fairs.  
An Act for Continuing and Amending the Act made in the Ninth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, Entituled, An Act for settling and adjusting the Proportions of fine Silver and Silk, and for the better making of Gold and Silver Threads, and to prevent the Frauds of the Wire-Drawers.  
And to 27 Private Acts.

St. James's, May 1. This day his Grace the Duke of Ormond, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, accompanied by the Rt. Rev. the Lords Bishops of London, Durham, Rochester, Exeter, Lincoln and Coventry, Gloucester, and Chester, with the Vice-Chancellor, and several of the Heads of Colleges and Halls, presented to Her Majesty, in the Name of the University, a Book of Verses of Complacence upon the Death of His late Majesty William III. of Glorious Memory, and of Congratulation upon Her Majesty's Happy Succession to the Crown; Which Her Majesty was pleased to receive most graciously.

St. James's, May 6. The following Address from the County of Middlesex was presented to Her Majesty by Warwick Lake Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, accompanied by six of the Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Gentlemen of the said County, introduced by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of London.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

**W**E your most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Deputy Lieutenants, Gentlemen, and Freeholders of the County of Middlesex, crave Leave with all Humility to lay before Your Majesty our deep Sorrow for the Loss of our late Sovereign King William III. of ever blessed Memory; and at the same time do express the sincere joy of our Hearts, to see Your Majesty quietly and peacefully seated on the Throne of your Royal Ancestors: And as it is an unspeakable Comfort to the good People of this your Realm, so we doubt not but that it redoubles the Hopes of our Allies abroad, to see the Crown of England worn by a Princess, who the very first day of her Reign has given such Demonstrations of her Zeal and Care for Preserving the Balance and Liberties of Europe. As your high Wisdom has led Your Majesty into these Measures, so from Your Piety and Affection to your Native Country, we rest fully assured, That Your Majesty will maintain the Government in Church and State, as it is by Law established. We shall send up our earnest Prayers to Almighty GOD, That his Divine Power may prosper your Royal Endeavours for the Welfare of England in particular, and of all Europe in general; That of his infinite Goodness he will bless Your Majesty with Issue, which may inherit your Scepters after You have ruled happily many years among us, acclaying, That at the Expence of our Lives and Fortunes, we shall be always ready to Support and maintain Your Majesty's Rightful and Lawful Title to the Imperial Crown of these your Kingdoms, against all Pretenders and Opposers whatsoever.

The following Address from the Borough of Plympton was presented to Her Majesty by Richard Hele Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament, introduced by the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Seymour Bar. Comptroller of Her Majesty's Household.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of Your Majesties truly Loyal Freemen, Freeholders, and Principal Inhabitants of Your Town and Borough of Plympton Comitis, in the County of Devon.

Most Gracious Sovereign,  
**W**E Your Majesties most dutiful and obedient Subjects, with Hearts entirely loyal, beg Leave to Console with Your Majesty on the Death of our late Sovereign William III. and at the same time to assure You of the inexpressible Satisfaction we receive to see him so gloriously succeeded. With all Humility we return Your Majesty our most dutiful Thanks for the particular Zeal You shew for the Church of England, and the Common Good of your English Nation; and whenever there is an occasion, are ready to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes to maintain and defend your undoubted Right to the Crown of these Realms, against the Pretended Prince of Wales, the Exorbitant Power of France, and all other Your Majesties open and secret Enemies.

God Almighty preserve Your Majesty, and bless You with a Real Prince of Wales; and make us thankful that our King is so well supported.

The following Address from the Borough of St. Michael was presented to Her Majesty by William Courtenay Esq; one of their Representatives in Parliament.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Portrieve, Burgesses, and other Inhabitants, of the Borough of St. Michael in the County of Cornwall.

**N**ONE of your Subjects can be more truly sensible of the great Blessing this Nation hath enjoyed by Your Majesties happy Accession to the Throne: We therefore humbly beg Leave to demonstrate the Loyalty of our Affections; by assuring you, That as our Hearts were full of Sorrow for the deplorable Death of our late Gracious Sovereign, so they shall always be of Zeal for Your Majesties Sacred Person and Government.

The following Address from the Borough of Whitchurch was presented to Her Majesty by Andrew Withers Esq; introduced by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Bishop.

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