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Her Majesty's most Gracious

DECLARATION,

For the further Encouragement of Her SHIPS
of WAR and PRIVATEERS.

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W Hereas in and by Our Gracious Declaration for the Encouragement of Our Ships of War and Privateers, bearing Date the First Day of June, in the First Year of our Reign, We did Publish and Declare, That for all the Goods belonging to Our Enemies of France and Spain, which should be Seized or Taken at Sea, or in any of Our Enemies Ports, Havens or Rivers, by any of Our Ships of War, or Merchant Ships Employed in Our Service, or by any Privateer Commissioned by Our Lord High Admiral of England, such Duties and Customs should be Paid for the same, as would be due and payable for such Goods if the same were Imported by way of Merchandize, other than the Rates and Duties Imposed on French Wine, Brandy, Vinegar, and other Goods of the Growth, Product or Manufacture of France, by an Act of the late King William the Third, made in the Seventh Year of His Reign, Intituled, An Act for Granting to His Majesty an Additional Duty upon all French Goods and Merchandize: And whereas it hath been Represented to Us, That the Duties payable by Virtue of Our said Declaration for Oyls made of Fish, or any Creature living in the Seas, of Foreign Fishing, and for Goods of the Growth or Produce of Foreign Plantations, not belonging to Us or Our Subjects, taken from Our Enemies as Prize, are so great, that the Captors thereof have not the Encouragement intended by Us for them by Our said Declaration; We therefore have thought fit, and by the Advice of Our Privy Council, for the further Encouragement of Our Ships of War and Privateers, do hereby Publish and Declare, That for all Oyls made of Fish, or any Creature living in the Seas, of Foreign Fishing, taken or to be taken, and Condemned as Lawful Prize, that shall be, after the Date hereof, Entered at any of Our Custom-Houses, there shall not be paid any more or other Duties and Customs than would be payable for the same, if made of Fish or other Creature living in the Seas, caught in Ships or Vessels truly or properly belonging to England or Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and Imported in such Ships; And that for all Goods of the Growth or Produce of Foreign Plantations, not belonging to Us or Our Subjects, taken or to be taken, and Condemned as Prize, that shall, after the Date hereof, be Entered at any of Our Custom-Houses, there shall be paid such Duties and Customs only as are now payable for Goods of the same kind, of the Produce of Our Plantations Imported by English Shipping: And hereof We Require Our Commissioners of the Customs, and Commissioners of Prizes, and all others, whom it may concern, to Take Notice.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Seventeenth Day of May, In the Second Year of Our Reign, Annoq; Domini, 1703.

G O D Save the Q U E E N.

Rome, April 28. N. S. The Pope has lately been very much Indisposed, but is now pretty well recovered; however it is believed the ill State of his Health will occasion the putting off his intended Journey to Loretto. He has recalled Signior Conti from the Employment of Nuncio at the Court of Portugal, in order, as is believed, to make him a Cardinal at the next Promotion, which is expected very soon; and it is said

Signior Pignatelli, who is returning from Poland, where he has resided some time as Nuncio, Signior Colonna, Steward of the Pope's Household, Signior Palavicini, Signior Caffarelli, and Signior Saffoni, will be advanced at the same time to that Dignity. The Chevalier de Vendosme, Great Prior of France, passed lately by this City in his way to Naples, from whence he will shortly return to the French Army, commanded by the Duke of Vendosme his Brother, in order to make the Campaign under him. We had last week the greatest Storm of Hail, Thunder, Wind and Rain, that has been known in these Parts in the Memory of Man, and it has done much damage in the Country hereabouts. The Earthquake which happened in this Country on Easter Day has made an end of destroying the few Houses which the former Earthquakes had left standing at Norcia, Spolito, and some other Towns in the Ecclesiastical State. We have also been afflicted of late with a great Mortality of small Pox, which having made Provisions extremely dear, the Pope, to ease the Inhabitants of this City and the Neighbouring County, has obtained Leave of the Viceroy of Naples for them to be supplied therewith out of that Kingdom. The Government there continues to proceed with the utmost Severity against such Persons as are suspected of being in the Emperor's Interest, of whom there are great numbers, especially in the Province of Abruzzo. They are adding several new Works to the Fortifications of the City of Naples, and have built a new Fort at Baya; and they are likewise fortifying several other Seaport Towns on the Coasts of that Kingdom.

Venice, May 4. Signior Contarini, being lately promoted to the Dignity of Procurator of St. Mark, made his Publick Entry here the 2d Instant, with the usual Solemnity. The Imperial and the French Armies in Lombardy are preparing to take the Field as soon as the Season permits, and in the mean time the Forces of either side, which are posted along the Secchia, are cannonading each other, and raising Fortifications on both sides of that River, the French being resolved to attempt to pass it, which the Imperialists will endeavour to prevent. The Spanish Forces in the Mikaraze, are marching to their Rendezvous at Cremona, from whence they are to proceed towards Bergho, to join the Forces employed in the Blockade of that Place. That Garison has lately been reinforced by 3 Companies of Imperial Foot, who took their opportunity to get in by favour of the night; They frequently send out Parties against the Enemy with very good Success, and one of them, which was making an Excursion along the Po, discovering two Barks laden with Meal, which were going down from Cremona to San Benadetto, fired upon them, and having obliged those who were in them to come