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By the QUEEN,
A PROCLAMATION,
For Discovering and Apprehending the Author,
Printer and Publisher of a Libel, Intituled, *Legion's Humble Address to the Lords.*

A N N E R.
W Hereas it has been Represented unto Us, by Our Justices of the Peace for the County of Gloucester, Assembled at the Quarter Sessions held for the said County, That a certain Printed Paper (by them Transmitted to one of Our Principal Secretaries of State) Intituled [Legion's Humble Address to the Lords] was presented to that Court as a Libel, by the Grand Jury there; which Paper contains False, Scandalous and Malicious Reflections on Our House of Commons, and their Proceedings in this present Parliament, and tends to Stir up Sedition in, and disturb the Peace of this Our Kingdom: We therefore (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) have thought fit to Issue out this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Requiring and Commanding all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend the Author, Printer and Publishers of the said Libel, to the end they may be Dealt withal, and Proceeded against according to Law. And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That whatsoever shall Discover the Author of the said Libel, so as he may be brought to Justice, shall have and Receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of One hundred Pounds; And that whatsoever shall Discover the Printer thereof, so as he may be brought to Justice, shall Have and Receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of Fifty Pounds; Which said respective Sums of One hundred Pounds, and Fifty Pounds, Our High Treasurer is hereby Directed and Required to Pay accordingly. And We do hereby further Promise and Declare, That if any Person (other than the Author himself) who was any way Privy to or Instrumental in the Printing or Dispersing the said Libel, shall Discover the Author thereof, so as that he may be brought to Justice, the Person Making such Discovery of the said Author, shall not only have the said Sum of One hundred Pounds, as aforesaid, but also Our Gracious Pardon for his Offence. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Loving Subjects (as they will Answer the contrary at their Perils) That they do not any ways Conceal, but Discover and Apprehend the Author, Printer and Publishers of the said Libel, to the end they may be Proceeded against with the utmost Severity according to Law.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Twenty Fifth Day of May, 1704. In the Third Year of Our Reiga.

G O D. Save the Q U E E N.

London, May 23. N. S. Yesterday there came Advice, that a considerable number of Ships appeared in sight of the Rock of Lisbon, coming from the North, and afterwards they

came a little nearer to the shore, and a small Frigate was detached from the rest, and stood in, making Signals for Pilots, and shewing English Colours; whereupon a Portuguese Bark with Pilots on board went off to the Frigate, and upon a nearer Approach, suspecting them to be French, endeavoured to get away, but the Frigate firing upon her both great and small Shot, obliged her to come on board, and having taken out the Men, and left the Bark floating, rejoined the Squadron, which is supposed to be that from Bretty, commanded by the Comte de Toulouze, High Admiral of France. The Master of a Dutch Dogger, who saw them at a distance, reports, that they do not exceed 25, whereof he believes 20 may be Ships of Force. Another Dutch Dogger came in this morning from Genoa, who met the fleet commanded by Sir George Rock the 9th Instant off of Malaga, but did not see this French Squadron. We have an Account from Alentejo, That our Forces being now drawn together in that Province, the Spanish Troops under Prince Serclaes of Tilly, which were advanced near to a little Place called Aroches, are retired to Badajoz. The Kings of Spain and Portugal will be going to the Army in a day or two. The Spaniards desert and come over to us in great numbers, 50 of them came in one day, most Horse, and we understand by them, as also by many English and Irish who have deserted from the Duke of Berwick's Regiment, that the French do greatly mistrust the Spaniards, and observe them very narrowly.

Falmouth, May 25. On the 22d Instant in the evening arrived here the Spanish Alliance Pacquet-Boat, who came in 20 days from Lisbon. Yesterday came in a Hoy from Waterford, laden with Beef and Hides, and bound for Jerley; as did also the Penrose of this Place from Lisbon, who parted from the homeward bound Lisbon Fleet about six Leagues from the Lizard. This day was sent in here by the Seven Provinces, a Privateer of Flushing, a Kerch, whom he had found floating upon the Sea without either Men or Lading on board her.

Plymouth, May 26. On the 24th Instant came in here the Wolpenburgh, a Privateer of Zealand, with a Portuguese Ship, laden with Oranges, &c. which he had retaken from a French Privateer. Yesterday came in Her Majesty's Ship the Coventry from the Westward, and the Penzance from Ireland; the Queen Anne Galley of London, Edward Slaughter Master, from Leghorn; the Golder, Frigate of London, Jos. Dewell Master, from Jamaica; the Friendship of Minehead, John Davis Master, from Barbadoes; and the Goodwill of London, Peter Bunno Master, from Fyal; all four bound for London. Last night a French Prize called the St. Sulpice of St. Malo, of 18 Guns and 150 Men, was sent in here by Her Majesty's Ship the Advice. This day came into our Port Her Majesty's Ships the Expedition and Exeter, with about 130 Sail of homeward bound Merchant Men and Transport Ships under their Convoy from Lisbon.

Dartmouth, May 26. This day came into our Range the Scarborough Galley from Fyal, laden with Wine and Brandy, and bound for London, having left the homeward-bound Lisbon Fleet this morning to the Westward of the Scarr; With her came in also a Dutch Privateer from cruising.

Bristol, May 29. Yesterday arrived here the Africa of London, Benjamin Nurwood Cominander,