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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WHereas there is Reason to Apprehend, that divers Seamen, as well such as came home with Our Fleet from the Straights the last Year, as others, are gotten into the Inland-Countries with Design to shelter themselves there, although there is at this time an Absolute Necessary for their Service, and that the greatest Care hath, and will be taken to make them Ease, with respect as well to their Pay, as other Particulars: We do therefore, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, strictly Charge and Require Our several Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, and other Civil Magistrates, within the respective Counties of this Kingdom, especially those which are nearest unto any of Our Sea-Port-Towns, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to Apprehend all such Straggling Seamen, and Seafaring-men, and Cause them to be sent from Place to Place, until they Arrive at some Sea-Port-Town, from whence they may be Conveyed on Board Our Ships of War. And We do also Require the Civil Magistrates, at or near unto Our Port-Towns, not only to give their utmost Aid and Assistance to such Officers belonging to our Fleet, as shall be Employed in Pressing Seamen, but that they do also take particular Care to show that Zeal they ought to Our Service, and the Good of the Kingdom, by Preventing any Seaman, or Seafaring-man his Passing by or through the Towns, Boroughs or Villages, where they Inhabit, and that upon Meeting with any such Straggling Seamen, they do, from time to time, Secure them, and send them on Board some of Our Ships of War, their Service being now so Absolutely Necessary for the Defence of Our Kingdoms, and for the Support and Protection of Our Trading Subjects. And as an Encouragement to such Constables, or other Officers who shall Secure and send on Board any of Our Ships of War, or on Board any Tender belonging to them, any Straggling Seaman or Seafaring-man, We do hereby Declare Our Pleasure, That for every such Person delivered on Board Our Ships or Tenders, as aforesaid, they shall be allowed Twenty Shillings; the which We do hereby Order and Require the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy to pay unto them, or to such as they shall Legally Appoint, upon Producing to them Regular Certificates, under the Hand of the Commanding Officer on Board such Ship or Tender.

Given at Our Court at Kensington, the 18th day of January, in the Year of our Lord, 1704. and in the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Twin, Jan. 8. N. S. Our Advices from Verue say, The Enemy had been hard at work to repair the Damage done to their Trenches and Batteries in the Salley which the Besieged made on the 26th past; and that several of their Batteries not being in a Condition to fire during all this time, it had given the Garrison an Opportunity of repairing their Works. In the mean time, the Duke of Vendosme, having sent for more Cannon from the Milanese, had raised a new Battery of 8 pieces upon the Lodgment he lately made on the Covered-way; but our Men had sprung a Mine under that Battery, and buried two of his Cannon. The Weather has lately been fair, and excessive cold; but the Snow began anew to fall yesterday, which greatly incommodes the Besiegers.

Vienna, Jan. 14. The Emperor being perfectly recovered of his late Indisposition, appears in publick, and was present this morning in his Council; where Count Wratislaw, who lately Resided as his Envoy Extraordinary in England, was Sworn into the Place of Chief Justice of Bohemia. Count Kaunitz died here the 11th instant of an Apoplexy: by whose Death is become vacant the Office of Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, which is in the Disposal of the Elector of Mentz, as Chancellor. Letters from Tirnau of the 9th instant give an Account, That General Heister continued in the Neighbourhood of that Place with the main Body of his Army; but that upon notice, That Bathyan, one of the Heads of the Malecontents, appeared, with 24 Standards, about two Miles in the Rear of the Imperialists, near Smolonitz, (a Castle which Commands the Passage through the White-Mountains towards the Mark) with a design to make an Incurtion into Moravia, the General had on the 7th detached 1400 Horse, with Orders to attack them; but before the Germans could come up with the Malecontents they had quitted their Post, and repassed the Waag; and the Imperialists took possession that evening of the Castle, after having made a Capitulation with some Peasants that had taken Refuge there, who all submitted to the Emperor. To enable General Heister to pursue his Advantage over the Malecontents, Orders are given for his being reinforced by 4 Regiments more from Bavaria; viz. the Two Regiments of Cuirassiers of Gronsfeldt and Hanover, and those of Foot of Salms and Toller.

Frankfort, Jan. 21. All things continue very quiet on our Frontiers; however, the Confederate Forces in these Parts have Orders to be in a readiness to march. Recruits are raising in our Neighbourhood with all Expedition, the Officers being ordered to have their Regiments compleat by the 20th of the next month. It is said, the King of the Romans will return hither in a short time; and that the Campaign will be opened on this side early in the Spring. They are working with great Application at Landau upon the Repairs of the Fortifications of that Place; and Care is taken to provide it with Ammunition, and all other Necessaries for its Defence.

Hambourg, Jan. 23. N. S. The Queen of Prussia arrived the 16th instant at Hanover, where it is said, That the Hereditary Prince of Hesse Cassel, and the Princess his Wife, are shortly expected from Berlin. They write from Leipzig, That the King of Poland left that Place the 20th, in order to return to Dresden. Our Advices from Poland say, That the new Elected King Stanislaus was gone to Dapzick to confer with the Cardinal Primate; That a Body of 4000 Muscovites was come to Wilda, and that 30000 more, Commanded by Prince Czeremet, were marching thither from Pultock; their Design being, as was thought, to make an Irruption into Courland, and force the Swedes to retire out of that Duchy; who, on the other hand, were drawing together a Body of Troops under General