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Westminster, Decemb. 22.

HER Majesty having granted a Commission under the Great Seal, empowering the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, the Lord President of Her Majesty's Council, and other Lords to Pass the Royal Assent, in Her Majesty's Absence, to some Bills agreed to by both Houses of Parliament; this Day the Lords Commissioners sent a Message to the House of Commons by Sir William Oldes, Gentleman-Usher of the Black Rod, to desire that House to come up to the House of Peers with their Speaker, to be present at the passing the said Bills into Acts. The Speaker and the House went up accordingly, and the Lords Commissioners Passed the Royal Assent to

A Bill for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty to be raised by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year, 1712.

An Act for Preserving the Protestant Religion, by better Securing the Church of England by Law Established; and for Confirming and Supplying the Defects of the Toleration granted to Protestant Dissenters, by an Act entituled, An Act for Exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects, dissenting from the Church of England, from the Penalties of certain Laws; And for the further Securing the Protestant Succession, by requiring the Practicers of the Law, in North-Britain, to take the Oaths, and Subscribe the Declaration therein mentioned.

By the *QUEEN*,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For a General Fast.

A N N E R.

WE taking into Our serious Consideration the continued War, in which We, with several other Princes and States of Europe, are most justly Engaged, which hath cost so much Blood and Treasure, and most humbly acknowledging the great Goodness of God, who hath gi-

ven the Arms of Us and Our Allies many and great Successes, whereby Our Enemies have been Reduced so far as to make Proposals for Treating of a General Peace, and a Time and Place out of Our Religious Disposition, Resolved, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, do hereby Command, that a Publick Fast be Observed, throughout England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of January next, that so both We and Our People may Humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for Our Sins, and may, in most devout and solemn manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for Averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and for imploring his Blessing on that intended Treaty, that thereby may be produced an Honorable, Secure, and Lasting Peace to Us and the Nations and States in Alliance with Us; and, that he will be pleased to give his Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of Us and our Allies, and Our and Their Forces, both by Sea and Land; till Our Enemies shall submit to such a Peace. And for the more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to Our Arch-Bishops and Bishops, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, within their respective Dioceses; and for that end, to take Care for the timely Dispersing thereof. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Fast be Reverently and Decently observed by all Our Loving Subjects, on the said Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of January next, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation, and upon pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so religious a Duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Nineteenth Day of December, 1711. In the Tenth Year of Our Reign.

God Save the *QUEEN*.

Vienna.

Vienna, Dec. 9. N. S. Yesterday the Emperors-Regent went to the Cathedral-Church of St. Stephen, where the Governour of this University took the Oaths of Allegiance. 'Tis believ'd his Imperial Majesty will repair hither very speedily, after the performance of the Ceremony of his Coronation at Frankfort. Three Vessels laden with his Baggage, and that of his Retinue, are already arriv'd here from Inspruck. Before his Departure from thence, a new Council of State was appointed, consisting of Forty five Persons. They are still employ'd here about raising the necessary Sums toward defraying the Charge of the ensuing Campaign; and the Discourse continues of augmenting the Army. Some Barks are come up the Danube from Hungary, with such Cannon as have been render'd unfit for Service, in order to have them new-cast: That Kingdom at present enjoys a perfect Tranquility. Our Advices from Turkey assure us, that there is no question to be made, but that the Peace lately concluded between the Ottoman Port, and the Czar of Muscovy, will be inviolably observed.

Cologne, Dec. 18. N. S. Several Officers belonging to the Troops of the Allies are come hither to raise Recruits. This Electorate, and the Duchy of Juliers, begin to be again much infested with French Parties; which have lately stript several Passengers, notwithstanding they had sufficient Passes, which should have protected them. The Detachment of the Garrison of Coblentz, which attended Prince Eugene to Keyferswaert, is return'd thither. The Elector-Palatine is expected at Dusseldorp soon after the Coronation of the Emperor. Next Month the States of the Circle of Westphalia will hold their Assembly in this Place. The Companies of Traders are to meet on Sunday, in order to consider of raising the Hundreth Penny, and also to furnish a considerable Sum of Money to exempt them from Quartering of Soldiers. The Deputies of the States of Brabant set out from hence this Day for Frankfort, to be present at the Coronation of the Emperor. Several Persons lately come from the Country of Luxemburg assure us, that the Number of the Troops belonging to the Electors of Bavaria and Cologne, is to be considerably augmented, and their Cavalry remounted.

Liste, Dec. 16. N. S. The Enemies Forces, that were lately come into the Neigh-

bourhood of Bouchain and Doway, having retir'd with Precipitation upon the Approach of those of the Allies under the Earl of Albermarle, the Detachments drawn out of the Garrisons of Flanders, Brabant, and Hainault, which were on their March this way, have been countermanded, and are since return'd to their respective Garrisons. 'Tis reported, that they are now demolishing the Redoubt at Lillers, which they had possess'd themselves of, finding it too much expos'd to the Garrisons of Air and Bethune. Letters by the way of France bring Advice, that several Ships of the Allies having been seen on the Coasts of Languedoc, in their Passage from Vado to Barceloña, whither they were Transporting some German Troops, had alarm'd all that Country, and put 'em under Apprehensions of a Descent. The States of that Province, which were lately assembled at Montpellier, have made the King a free Gift of Three Millions, besides a Million for the Capitation. The same Letters tell us from Genoa, that the Republick has engag'd to pay the Imperial Commissaries Two hundred thousand Crowns, to be exempted from Quartering of German Troops, as also, that two Imperial Emisaries have been seiz'd at Palermo in Sicily, with Letters without any Supercriptions, which they have not as yet been able to decypher.

Advertisements.

By Decree of the High Court of Chancery, dated Decemb. 17. 1709. the Reversion of a Lease for Years, from St. Mary Magdalen College, Oxon, of Lands near Thame in the same County, of about 175 l. per Ann. and likewise Ground Rent of 70 l. per Ann. with the improv'd Rents thereon near Templebar, are to be sold to the best Purchaser, before John Hicocks, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincolns-Inn; where Particulars may be had.

Whereas Henry Hatch, of London, Leatherfeller, hath surrendered himself (pursuant to Notice) and been twice Examined, this is to give notice, that he will attend the Commissioners on the 10th of January next, at Three Afternoon; at Guildhall, London; to finish his Examination; where the Creditors are to come prepar'd to prove Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and assent or dissent from the allowance of his Certificate. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are forthwith to pay and deliver the same to Messieurs John Savignac, sen. of Horseleydown, Southwark. Oil'd Leatherdresser, and Samuel Franca, of Deadmans-place Southwark, Spanish Leatherdresser, Assignees, or they'll be sold.

A Commission of Bankrupt being awarded against John Hester, of London, Merchant, and he being declar'd a bankrupt, is hereby requir'd to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 2d, 9th and 23d of January next, at Three Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; at the first of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepar'd to prove Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

Whereas the acting Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against George Mason, of the City of Exce, Apothecary, have certify'd to the Right Hon. Simon Lord Harcourt Baron of Stanton-Harcourt, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of Great Britain, that he hath in all things conform'd himself to the Directions of the late Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give notice, that his Certificate will be allow'd and confirm'd, as the said Acts direct, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 16th of January next.

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