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Whitehal, March 14.

His Majesty hath been pleased to issue His Royal Proclamation of the thirteenth instant: That where-
 Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Com-
 in this present Parliament Asssembled, have
 by their Humble Petition presented to His Majesty
 Fears and Apprehensions of the growth
 Popish Religion in these His Majesties
 er with the cause thereof, and also such
 conceive may be proper to prevent such
 which I mention before, His Majesty
 ed, and with such contentment and
 and approving his great care of the
 Temporal, and Commons in Parlia-
 the true Religion
 To which His Majesty declares,
 with all the actions whatsoever
 care and zeal in the Mainte-
 An therefore strictly charges and
 English, Irish and Scottish Priests,
 have taken Orders from the See of Rome, or
 Authority, or pretended Authority thereof, who are
 manner by Restraint by Imprisonment, other than such as
 not being his Natural born Subjects, are obliged to attend
 the Queen, or by the Laws of Nations are to attend Foreign
 Ambassadors; That they do before the 13 of April next, de-
 part out of England, and Dominion of Wales, upon pain of
 having the penalties of the Laws and Statutes inflicted upon
 them; and for their better means to depart accordingly, His
 Majesty doth Declare His Will and Pleasure to be, that if
 any time before the said 13 day of April, they or any of them
 shall resort to any Port-Town of England, or Dominion of
 Wales, and there declare himself to be a Priest, or the
 Town, or other Officers of any Port, that he is a Priest, and
 that he is thence to take Shipping for his passage, they shall
 suffer him or them quietly to depart, and shall receive him or
 sent away for Foreign parts, and give them their full
 rance for their departure. And to the end the said Proclama-
 tion may be better observed and obeyed, His Majesty doth first
 ly Charge and Command all Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants,
 Commissioners, Justices of Peace, &c. That they be circumspect
 and vigilant in their several Charges, from and after the
 said 13 day of April next, in searching for and discovering all
 such Jesuits and Priests as aforesaid, as shall presume to re-
 main in this Kingdom and Dominion of Wales, contrary to
 His Majesties Pleasure therein declared, that to the Laws may
 be put in due execution against them. And for the better Dis-
 covery of all others who are Popish Recusants, or justly sus-
 pected to be so; His Majesty doth also further Require, Charge
 and Command, That all the Judges, Barons of the Exche-
 quer, Justices of Peace, &c. not only observe His Majesties
 Will and Pleasure therein before expressed, in all and every
 of the Premises, but also forthwith put a further Law in due
 execution, against all Popish Recusants, and such as are sus-
 pected to be so, in order to their speedy Conviction, and cause
 the said Laws to be publicly given in charge, at all and every
 of their Assizes, Goal-deliveries and Quarter Sessions, &c.
 so often; And then and there take Order, That such Popish
 Recusants, or Persons suspected to be so, may be speedily
 Presented, Indicted and Convicted according to Law; and
 that due process of Law may from time to time be Issued out
 upon such Convictions. And because there may be some Priests
 imprisoned in this Realm, yet unknown to His Majesty; all
 Sheriffs, Bailiffs and Keepers of Prisons are, within 20 days
 after Publication of this Proclamation, to Advise some of
 the Lords of the Privy Council, of their names, and by
 whom and for what cause they were committed, to the end
 Order may be given for their Transportation, as the Case
 shall Require.

March 15. This day was Published His Majesties most
 Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament, in Answer
 to their Humble Petition and Address.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Yesterday you presented Me an Address, as the best means
 for the satisfying and composing the Minds of my Sub-
 jects, to which I freely and readily agreed, and shall take
 care to see it performed accordingly.

I hope on the other side, you Gentlemen of the House of
 Commons, will do your part: For I must put you in mind, it
 is near five weeks since I demanded a Supply, and what you
 then Voted unanimously, did both give Life to My Affairs at
 home, and dishearten My Enemies abroad; but the seeming
 delay it hath met withal since, hath made them take new
 Courage; and they are now preparing for this next Summer a
 greater Fleet (as they say) than ever they had yet; So that if
 the Supply be not very speedily dispatched, it will be altogeth-
 er inefficual, and the Safety, Honor and Interest of Eng-
 land, much of necessity be exposed. Pray lay this to heart,
 and let not the Fears and Jealousies of some, draw an inevi-
 table Ruine upon us all.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

If there be any Scruple yet remaining with you, concerning
 the Suspension of Penal Laws, I here faithfully promise you,
 That what hath been done in that particular, shall not for
 the future be drawn either into consequence or example.

And as I daily expect from you a Bill for My Supply, so I
 assure you, I shall as willingly receive, and pass any other you
 shall offer Me, that may tend to the giving you Satisfaction
 in all your just Grievances.

Venice, Feb. 18. The Letters of Messina inform
 us, that his Excellency the Prince of Ligne, having
 been advertised from Trapani, that the people there
 had taken up Armes against the Garrison, had
 Commanded the Marquis of Bayonne, with all speed
 to repair thither with his Gallies and a thousand
 Men in them, to reduce the Mutiniers, and to pun-
 ish the Authors of the Infurrection. The same
 Letters add, that his said Excellency causeth the Forti-
 fications of that Island, to be repaired with all
 possible care, and that they will be finish before
 the end of May; and in general, that he endeavors
 to the utmost of his power, more and more to
 establish where he governs, the Authority of the King
 his Master, and the tranquility of the People. By
 the Ship called the *Verity*, coming from *Constanti-
 nople*, we have advice, that the Captain of our
 Ships was at *Corfu* with his Squadron, expecting the
 Merchant men that are to set sail from hence for
 the Levant, whom he is to Convoy until they be past
 the danger of the Corsairs.

From on board the French Squadron under the
 Command of Monsieur de Martel, Cadix, Feb. 23.
 The 15 instant, being bound towards this Port,
 we discovered at break of day a Fleet under sail
 standing into the Straits-mouth, we made strait up
 to them, and put our selves in a posture of enga-
 ging them, if they should prove enemies, but com-
 ing nearer, we perceived they were English, to the
 number of 10 Men of War, and 40 Merchant men
 under their Convoy, when we were within Cannon
 shot of each other, Monsieur de Martel sent a Pin-
 nace aboard the Admiral, who was in the *Fairfax*;
 he received us very civilly, and told us he came
 from *Cales*, where he had lain some time, hoping
 to have had an opportunity of engaging 7 Dutch
 Men of War that lay in the Bay, but finding they
 resolved to keep close in Harbor, he was going to
 Convoy those 40 Merchantmen to *Tangier*; that he
 would be glad to meet us at his return, intending
 to come back that way, hearing that those seven
 Dutch Ships were suddenly to go to Sea, together
 with 15 Spanish Ships, to meet the Gallions com-
 ing from the *Indies*; afterwards he sent to visit
 Monsieur de Martel, and so we parted in pursuance of
 our voyages respectively.

Francfort,