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From Saturday November 24. to Tuesday November 27. 1739.

By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General FAST.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS We have found ourselves obliged, for vindicating the Honour of our Crown, securing the Trade and Navigation of our Subjects, and defending our undoubted Rights, to declare War against the King of Spain, and are determined to prosecute the same with the utmost Vigour, till, by the Blessing of God on our Arms, we shall obtain that Satisfaction and Security, which we may hope from the Justice of our Cause; We therefore, putting our Trust in the Divine Assistance, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, hereby command, That a publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Wednesday the Ninth 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 our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments, which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to us and our Kingdoms. And we do strictly charge and command, That the said publick Fast be reverently and decently observed by all our loving Subjects in England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, 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 and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of publick Worship; and to take

(Price Two Pence.)

Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Twenty second Day of November, 1739, in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.

GOD Save the King.

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