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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS Charles Earl of Hopton was duly elected and returned to be one of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, to sit in the House of Peers of the present Parliament of Great Britain, and is since deceased; in order to the electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his Room, we do, by the Advice of our Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holy Rood House in Edinburgh, on Friday the Thirtieth Day of April next, between the Hours of Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, to nominate and choose another Peer of Scotland to sit and vote in the House of Peers of this present Parliament of Great Britain, in the Room of the said Charles Earl of Hopton deceased, by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers that shall be then present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent, such Proxies being Peers, and producing a Mandate in Writing duly signed before Witnesses, and both Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law. And the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his Name, are hereby respectively required to attend such Meeting, and to administer the Oaths required by Law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their Votes, and immediately after such Election made, and duly examined, to certify the Name of the Peer so elected, and sign and attest the same in the Presence of the said Peers, and return such Certificate into our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And we strictly charge and command that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns of Scotland Twenty five Days at least before the Time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such Election.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Tenth Day of March, 1741, in the Fifteenth Year of our Reign.

GOD save the King.

[Price Two-pence.]

The following is the Translation of a Declaration published by the King of Sardinia, in relation to the Eventual Convention lately concluded between that Prince and the Queen of Hungary.

THE Court of Spain had already sufficiently made known to the World, by her whole Conduct since the Death of the late Emperor, as well in the Declarations made by her to other Powers, as in the Negotiation she has been carrying on with the King; that she had formed the Design of making vast Conquests in Italy, without any Regard either to the known Rights of his Majesty to the State of Milan, or to those of other Princes who have Possessions there.

It was for this Reason, that immediately upon the Landing of a Body of Spanish Troops in Italy, which was a Proof that the Execution of so dangerous a Design was near at hand, his Majesty caused a Declaration to be made to the Ministers of his Catholick Majesty, importing, that in Case the said Troops made any Motion towards entering into Lombardy, before their Majesties should have agreed in Form upon such a Treaty, as, in Pursuance of the Explanations that had been given in the Course of the Negotiation, might contain the Conditions suitable to the Satisfaction of his Majesty's Rights, to his Security, and to that of the other Princes of Italy, his Majesty would think himself obliged, and was actually determined, to oppose them with his whole Force, and by all the Means that should be possible.

But whereas notwithstanding these repeated Declarations, the abovementioned Body of Spanish Troops did actually begin its March through the Territories of the Holy See, directing its Route towards Lombardy, and is moreover followed by another Body of Neapolitan Troops, and by a second Convoy lately landed at the Port of Spezia, his Majesty found that the exact Time was then come for putting in Execution the abovesaid Declarations.

In Consequence whereof, without prejudicing in the least Degree, either on the Part of the King, or on that of the Queen of Hungary, their respective Pretensions to the State of Milan; on the contrary, in order to support them against a Foreign Occupation, his Majesty has taken, with the said Queen, provisional Measures for making

