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Whitehal, Jan. 14.

His Majesty hath been pleased to Issue his Royal Proclamation as follows.

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WHEREAS Our most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in this present Parliament Assembled, have besought Us, That we would be graciously pleased to Issue our Our Royal Proclamation, thereby Requiring all Papists, or reputed Papists, who now are, or remain within five miles of Our Cities of London and Westminster, or Our Burrough of Southwark, not being Householders, nor attending any Peer of this Realm as a Menial Servant, to repair to their respective dwellings, or to depart Ten miles from the Cities and Burrough aforesaid, and not to return during this Session of Parliament. Provided, That it may be permitted for any Papist, or reputed Papist, to return unto the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, who shall first obtain a Licence therefore under the Hands of any six of the Lords of Our Privy Council; and that We would be pleased to give order to the Quarter Sessions, That they give in unto Us an account of what Householders now are within the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, and five miles thereof, who are of that Profession; and that the Quarter Sessions do Adjourn themselves from time to time for that purpose. Which Adress of theirs We have seriously considered, and do with much contentment and satisfaction accept; And as We have always manifested Our Zeal for the preservation of the true Religion established in this Kingdom, and to hinder the growth and increase of the Popish Religion, so We are now ready upon this occasion to prevent all Fears and Dangers that may arise by the concourse of persons of that Profession, in or near Our Cities of London or Westminster. We therefore by this Our Royal Proclamation do straightly Command and Require all Papists, and reputed Papists, who now are, or remain within five miles of Our Cities of London and Westminster, or Burrough of Southwark, not being Householders, nor attending any Peer of this Realm, as a Menial Servant, That they do before, or upon Monday next at the farthest, being the Nineteenth of this instant January, repair to their respective dwellings, or depart Ten miles from the Cities and Burrough aforesaid: And, That they, nor any of them do presume to return, during the sitting of Parliament, as they will answer the contrary at their perils. Provided always, That this Our Proclamation shall not extend to prohibit any Papist, or reputed Papist, from returning unto the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, who shall first obtain Licence therefore under the Hands of any six of the Lords of Our Privy Council. And We do hereby further Charge and Command Our Justices of the Peace, of and for Our Cities of London and Westminster, and for Our several Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, and Essex, that at their next Quarter Sessions to be holden for the said respective Cities and Counties, they make diligent enquiry within their respective jurisdictions, and give in unto Us an account of what Householders now are within the Cities or Burrough aforesaid, or within five miles thereof, who are of that profession; And that they do cause the said Quarter Sessions to be Adjourned from time to time for that purpose, as occasion shall require.

Lisbonns, Dec. 10. Here are arrived four Portuguese Ships from *Brazile*, and six are put into *O Porto*, and there are six more yet at Sea, the Fleet having been separated by bad weather. Last week was held an *Auto da Fe*, where was condemned three Jews to be burnt alive, and six others in Effigies, which Sentence has been since executed. The 8 instant put in here by bad weather a Spanish Vessel from the *Havana*, which is said to be an Advice-Boat; the Master being gone Post for *Madrid*.

Vienna, Jan. 7. The third instant arrived here an Ambassador from the Cham. of *Tartary*, with a Train of about 40 persons; though as yet we are ignorant of the occasion of his coming. The Emperor having resolved to raise several thousand Men against *Spain*, the Commissions are daily giving out; and in the mean time 400000 Crowns have been remitted hither from *Spain* for the carrying on the Levies that are to be made here for the service of that Crown. The Troops that were quartered on the Frontiers of *Hungary* are now on their march towards *Bavaria*; but as yet the Emperor hath not appointed a person to Command them in chief, though the Count de *Souches*, General *Cobs*, and the Count of *Herberstein* are in nomination. It is reported that the Count de *Sirowitz* has undertaken to raise 3000 Croats for the service of his Imperial Majesty. In some days we expect here Prince *Charles of Lorrain*, for whose Promotion to the Crown of *Poland* this Court labors with much earnestness, having obliged the said Prince, in case he succeed in his pretences, to marry the Queen Dowager.

Nurenberg, Jan. 9. The fifth instant arrived here Prince *Charles of Lorrain*, and without making any stay here, continued his journey towards *Vienna*, whether he the more hastens, for that the election in *Poland* is near at hand.

Hannover, Jan. 9. The young Prince of *Saxony* advances with slow marches towards these parts with the Troops, designed Auxiliaries to the Emperor, being counted about 4000 Men; they intend to quarter for several weeks in the Countrey of *Fulda*, and afterwards to joyn the Imperial Army, according as the Emperor shall appoint; The death of the Duke of *Simmern*, who dyed the 24 of the last month at *Creutznach*, without issue, is like to beget some difference between the Elector Palatine, Heir and Cousin German to the Duke deceased, and the Elector of *Mentz*, who pretends to the Baillage of *Bockelheim*, upon some agreement formerly made with the Duke of *Simmern*; but fearing a dispute would arise concerning it, his Electoral Highness ordered some Troops to lye ready, and so soon as they heard that the Duke of *Simmern* was dead, to take possession of it, which they accordingly did; but the Elector Palatine alledging that his right is more antient, and that no concession could be made without his consent to his prejudice, he hath caused his Forces to besiege the said place of *Bockelheim*, and hath brought four pieces of Cannon before it, to batter it, of which we expect the issue; though it is said, the Besieged are already in want of Powder.

Cologne, Jan. 16. Our Letters from *Liege* tell us, that the Count de *Schomberg*, and Monsieur de *Montal* having the 8 instant joyned the Duke of *Luxemburgh* with 8000 Horse, the day following the said Duke caused his Troops to pass the *Meuse* at *Maestricht*, and is since marched towards *Charleroy*, having till then continued in the Countrey of *Liege*, to frustrate the Negotiation of the Baron d' *Issola* at *Liege*, which was to induce that people to put themselves under the protection of the Emperor; but the said Baron not having been

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