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From Tuesday December 16, to Saturday December 20, 1755.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
For a General FAST.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS the manifold Sins and Wickedness of these Kingdoms, have most justly deserved heavy and severe Punishments from the Hand of Heaven; and the Almighty, out of His great Mercy, hath not only been Our Defence in Times of Danger, but hath protected and preserved Us from imminent Destruction, especially at this Time, when some neighbouring Countries, in Alliance and Friendship with Us, have been visited with a most dreadful and extensive Earthquake, which hath also, in some Degree, been felt in several Parts of Our Dominions: And whereas the present Situation of publick Affairs (as to the Issue of them) is of the highest Importance to the Peace and Safety of these Kingdoms, to Our Commerce and Liberties, and, above all, to the most valuable Blessing of the Protestant Religion: We, from the deepest Sense of this Our State, and of the Miseries which Our People would suffer if a like Visitation should be shewed forth upon these Kingdoms, and placing Our whole Trust and Confidence in the Mercy of Almighty God, have resolved, That a General and Publick Fast be observed, that both We, and Our People, may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, and, in a most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, to avert all those Judgments which We most justly have deserved, to continue His Mercies, and to perpetuate the Enjoyment of the Protestant Religion among Us, and Safety and Prosperity to Our Kingdoms and Dominions, and to implore His Protection, and Blessing, upon Our Fleets and Armies; And We have therefore thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, That such General and Publick Fast be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Friday the Sixth Day of February next ensuing. And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Archbishops and Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly charge and command, That the said

Publick Fast be Religiously observed by all Our loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishment, as We may justly inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect the Performance of so Religious and necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Eighteenth Day of December, 1755, in the Twenty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

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