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Whitehal, February 3.

His Majesty was this day pleased in Council, to Command, That the following Orders and Resolutions should be forthwith Printed and made Publick.

His Majesty was pleased this day in Council to Declare; That he found it necessary that the Laws which were made for the safety and preservation both of Church and State, should be put in execution, with more care and diligence, then of late they have been; and that having long since Commanded His Judges to do their Duty herein; He had also lately advised with several of His Bishops, and upon due Consideration of the whole Matter, had Resolved, and doth therefore Order,

I. That the Convictions of Popish Recufants be encouraged, quickened, and made effectual; and to this end His Majesties Attorney-General is required forthwith to inform himself what Convictions are already certified into the Exchequer, and to cause speedy Process to issue upon them. And it is further ordered, That Letters be forthwith sent from this Board, directed to the Justices of Peace within the several Counties, Cities, and Places of this Realm, thereby requiring them with all speed, to certify into the Exchequer such Convictions as are perfected, and to certify, His Majesties Attorney-General what Convictions of Popish Recufants are preparing, and what hinders the completing of them, and whether any Persons of Quality, who are suspected to be Popish Recufants, have been omitted to be Presented, and what obstructions they find therein; And His Majesty Declares, that upon due information thereof, care shall be taken that they may be speedily removed.

II. And His Majesty doth Declare His further Pleasure, and doth strictly Charge and Command, That no Person or Persons, of what Quality or Condition soever he be, do presume to say Mass in any part of this Kingdom, the Chappels of the Queens Majesty, and the Chappels of Foreign Ministers only excepted: and to prevent all extraordinary Resort to those Chappels, It is further Ordered and Declared, That if any Person or Persons shall presume to repair to those Chappels, nor being a Menial Servant of Her Majesty, or of such Foreign Ministers, and shall there willingly hear Mass, every such Offender shall suffer the forfeiture of 100 Marks, and one years imprisonment, as by Law is provided. And for the better discovery of such Offenders, His Majesties third part of the said Penalty shall be also given to the Informer, for his further reward and encouragement. And moreover, all Officers are required to apprehend such Offenders, and to cause them to be examined and proceeded with according to Law. And all Mayors, Justices of Peace, and other Officers and Ministers, to whom it shall or may appertain, are also Ordered and Required to cause diligent search and enquiry to be made into all other places, where they shall hear or suspect that Mass is privately Celebrated, to the end, that the Offenders may be brought to condigne punishment.

III. And His Majesty doth Command and Forewarn all Persons born within any of His Majesties Dominions, who have taken Orders by any authority derived from the Church or See of Rome, and are now remaining in any part of this Kingdom, and out of prison (except Mr. John Huddleston, who was eminently serviceable to His Majesty in His escape from Worcester) that they depart the Realm before the 25 day of March next ensuing, and that they presume not to return again, nor any other such Priests to come over after that day; His Majesty Declaring, that He will cause the utmost penalties of the Law to be inflicted upon the Contemners of this His Command; And Mr Attorney-General is Required to prepare a Proclamation accordingly. And His Majesty doth also Command all such Priests, who have taken such Orders, and do pretend a privilege to attend upon the Queens Majesty, or upon Foreign Ministers, to depart this Kingdom likewise by the time before appointed, and to leave the Court within 14 days after notice of this Order, whereof Publication shall be forthwith made, by causing the same to be affixed upon the Court Gates, and in such other places as shall be thought convenient.

IV. And His Majesty doth further Forewarn, and Command all His Subjects, that they presume not to send any Person or Persons to be Educated in any Popish Colledges or Semina-

ries beyond the Seas; and if any Notice or Information can be given of any that have been already sent, and are there still remaining, His Majesty Declares, that he will give Order for a Privy Seal to be directed unto them, and therby Command them to return home with all speed, as they will answer the contrary at their peril. And if the Parents or Guardians of such Person so Educated abroad, be living, and within His Majesties Dominions, His Majesty will also Command such Parents or Guardians to send for their Children or Pupils home, and cause them to return, upon peril of suffering the utmost penalties of the Law, in that case provided.

V. And if any of His Majesties Natural-born Subjects, being Papist, or reputed Papist, shall presume to come into His Majesties Palace at Whitehal or St. James's, or into any other place where His Majesties Court shall be, contrary to His Majesties late Prohibition; His Majesty Declares, that He will punish that Contempt with exemplary Severity, according to the quality of the Offender; who, if he be a Peer of the Realm, shall be sent to the Tower; if under that quality, to some other Prison.

VI. And His Majesty doth further order and appoint, that effectual care be taken for the suppression of Conventicles; And whereas divers pretend Licences from His Majesty, and would support themselves by that pretence, His Majesty Declares, that all His Licences were long since Recalled, and that no Conventicle hath any Authority, Allowance, or Encouragement from His Majesty.

Vienna, Jan. 27. On Monday last parted hence the Train of Artillery, appointed for the service of the Army, which his Imperial Majesty intends to have in *Silesia*, under the Command of General *Cobz*, the next day 58 Waggon's followed, laden with all sorts of Ammunition, and to morrow General *Cobz* likewise parts hence, to put himself at the head of the said Troops, which it is said, are to joyn with those of the Elector of *Brandenburg*. The Count of *Oxenstern*, Ambassador of *Sweden*, finding this Court will not admit of the reasons, which the King his Master has for his proceedings against the Elector of *Brandenburg*, but that on the contrary, his Imperial Majesty sends Forces against him, is preparing for his departure from hence, no room being now left him to hope to succeed in his Negotiation here. The Count *de Souches* is not under Arrest, as hath been said, but continues so far in the Emperors disfavour, that he cannot obtain an Audience of his Imperial Majesty. We have the confirmation of the designe of the Turks upon *Raab*, by means of the intelligence they had with the Governor of it, a *Hungarian*, who had already privately brought into the Town 200 Turks, but the German Soldiers in Garrison there, discovering them, fell upon them, and destroyed them, and made their Governor prisoner, to be proceeded against according to the Emperors Order.

Hamburg, Feb. 1. Our last Letters from *Pomeren* tell us, that the Swedes have seized a certain Pass, called *Fedenick*, and since are marching farther towards *Ruppin*, and *Havelberg*, and so approach nearer to *Silesia*, having reinforced their Troops with several *Hungarians*, and others, who voluntarily come and joyn them; but those Troops that are in the *Ucker*, and *New marke*, lye still in their former Quarters. We cannot yet certainly learn what measures the King of *Denmark* resolves to take, in this conjuncture of affairs.

Brussels, Feb. 3. From all the French Frontiers we receive an account of the great preparations they are every where making against the next Campaigne, which makes