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Whitehal, Feb. 9.

**T**His day his Majesty was pleased to cause to be issued, His Proclamation as follows;  
*Whereas We have fully resolved to use Our utmost endeavours for the preservation of the True Religion, established in this Kingdom, to which We have always adhered, against all temptations whatsoever; And in order to this great end, have thought fit to Command all Popish Priests and Jesuits, being our Natural born Subjects, to depart out of, and not to return or come into this Our Kingdom, under such penalties, and in such manner as is herein after expressed; We do therefore by this Our Royal Proclamation, strictly Charge and Command all Jesuits and Priests whatsoever, being Our Natural born Subjects, who have taken Orders from the See of Rome, or by the Authority, or pretended Authority thereof, and not being under restraint by Imprisonment, (except Mr. John Huddleston, who do eminently serve us in Our escape from Worcester) That they do before the 25 day of March next ensuing, depart out of this Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales and Town of Berwick upon Tweed; and that they or any of them, or any other such Priests or Jesuits, do not after the said 25 day of March, presume to come or return into Our said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon pain of having the penalties of the Laws and Statutes of this Our Realm inflicted upon them: And for their better means to depart accordingly, We do hereby Declare and Publish Our furthest Will and Pleasure, That if at any time before the said 25 day of March, they, or any of them shall resort to the Town or Port of Berwick, or to any Port-Town of our said Kingdom of England, or Dominion of Wales, and there declare himself to the Magistrate of the Town, or the Officers of any Port, that he is a Priest, and that he is there to take Shipping for his Passage, they shall suffer him or them quietly to depart, and shall see them shipped and sent away for Foreign Parts, and give them their furthestance for their departure. And to the end, this Our Proclamation may be the better observed and obeyed, We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs and all other Our Officers and Ministers whatsoever That they be circumspect and vigilant each of them in their several Charges, from and after the said 25 day of March next, in searching for, and discovering all such Jesuits and Priests as aforesaid, as shall presume to remain or come into our said Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick, contrary to Our Royal Pleasure and Command herein declared, that so the Laws may be put in due execution against them.*

*Naples, Jan. 15.* From Sicily we have advice, that the Chevallier de Valbe's arrival with the French Succors at Messina, was so seasonable for those Inhabitants, that without it, they must have been necessitated to surrender themselves to the Spaniards, or else starve; that he, and the Soldiers he brought with him,

about 600 in all, had (as may well be imagined) been received with the greatest joy and satisfaction possible. Our Viceroy not to be wanting in the mean time on his part, labors with great earnestness to supply the Viceroy of Sicily with a considerable assistance from hence, in order to which his Excellency has demanded of the Nobility, that they according to their respective qualities, will raise certain Horsemen, to be formed into Troops and Regiments for his Majesties service against the *Messineses*: they have not as yet returned any answer, though it is said, that they would rather contribute, what may be reasonably expected of them, in Money. The Spaniards have taken a Vessel, going for Messina, in which they found 3000 Measures of Corn, and 5000 Crowns in Money.

*Venice, Jan. 26.* The Letters which we received this week by Land from *Constantinople*, are dated the 28 of November, and give us an account, of a great fire which had happened in that City some day before, by which above 3000 shops or Warehouses, with all their Merchandises in them, had been consumed to ashes; that the Grand Signior, who was then at *Adrianople*, had been ill of a Feaver, which continued upon him above 20 days together, but that at the coming away of these Letters, he was pretty well recovered that they had not any fresh news of the Progress of the Persians, farther then that according to their last advices, they seemed still to look towards *Babylon*, upon which the Armenians, and other considerable Merchants were retired from thence; The same Letters add, that a famous Arabian Rebel, having gotten a good Body of Men together, had sacked and pillaged the City of *Aecca*, in which is the Tomb of *Mahomer*, and where by that means was an immense riches heaped up, by the devout Turks, who made pilgrimages to visit his Tomb; the Turks are greatly afflicted thereat, and out of their natural suspicion, look upon it as an ill presage to the whole Ottoman Empire.

*Disio, Feb. 1.* On Saturday last dyed here our Doge, Signior *Dominico Contarini*, in the 92 year of his age, to the grief of all people, who had a particular veneration and esteem for his great Vertues and Merits.

*Madrid, Jan. 30.* The Kings Household is now established, but his Majesty is not yet removed to his own Apartment; it is reported as if his Majesty would go this Spring to *Arago*, to swear the observation of the Laws of that Kingdom. From *Cadix* we have advice of the 15 instant, of the arrival there of Captain *Wetwang* in the *Newcastle*, as likewise of two Dutch Men of War from *Holland*, who about the *South Cape*, happened to meet with an *Argiers* Man of War of 18 Guns, and 113 Men, which they sunk, having only saved 34 of her Men. The last advices from *Sicily* gave us an account of the arrival of the Duke of *Ferrandina* at *Palermo*, and of his good Reception there: as likewise of the ill posture the affairs of the *Messineses* were in.

*Francfort, Feb. 3.* On Thursday last passed through this place, three Regiments of Munster Troops, with  
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