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A Proclamation, Enjoining the Prosecution of all such Persons as shall make or utter any Farthings, Half-pence, or Pence of Brass, or other base Metals, with private Stamps.

CHARLES R.

WHEREAS His Majesty having by His Royal Proclamation of the 16 of August, in the 24 year of His Reign, forbidden the use of all private Farthings, did cause sufficient quantities of Copper Farthings and Halfpence of the Intrinsique value, to be Coynd for the general good and convenience of His Subjects: Nevertheless His Majesty hath been informed, that several Persons and Corporations remote from London, have forborn to call in their private Farthings, and do still presume to make use of, and utter the same; whereby they continue nor only to violate the Laws of this Kingdom, and defraud His Majesties good Subjects, but hinder the vending of those Halfpence and Farthings, which are provided for necessary Exchanges, which would have been ere this time dispersed in those parts, if the said abuses of stamping and uttering of Private Farthings had been duly suppressed. His Majesty therefore, to the end that all Offenders in the Premises, who are now left without excuse, may know the danger they daily incur, and desist from any further proceeding in the like kind, hath thought fit by this His Royal Proclamation, to Publish and Declare His Royal Will and Pleasure to be, That a strict and severe Enquiry shall be made of all Persons that shall after the second day of February next ensuing, Stamp, or cause to be Stamped, Vend, Utter, or any way make use of in payment or exchange, any Halfpence, Farthings, or pieces of Brass, Copper, or other base Metals whatsoever, other then the Halfpence and Farthings by His Majesties Royal Proclamation, Authorized and Allowed; and whosoever shall be found culpable therein, shall be severely punished. And for that purpose, His Majesty doth hereby Will and Command all His Judges, Justices of Assize, Justices of the Peace, and all other inferior Officers and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, That they take care at their severall and respective Courts, Assizes, Quarter-Sessions, and other inferior Courts, that have, or may have Conjurance, or Punishment of the said offences, That after the said second day of February, they cause all such as shall offend in the Premises, to be proceeded against and punished as they shall deserve.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall. the fifth day of December, in the Twenty sixth year of Our Reign.

Whitehal, Feb. 19. His Majesty was this day pleas'd to order in Council, That Copies of His Majesties late Proclamation about Farthings, be sent to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, to be published, and that the Right Honorable the Lord Keeper, do direct the Judges of Assize, to give in Charge to the Grand Juries, and other Juries, in their respective Circuits this next Assizes, to present, and prosecute all Offenders against the said Proclamation, that they may be punished according to Law. And it was farther ordered, That the said Proclamation, and this Order of His Majesty in Council, should be inserted in the Gazette, to the end that all Persons concerned, may take Notice thereof.

Venice, Febr. 9. On Wednesday last Signior *Nicholo Sagredo*, Procurator of *St. Mark*, was, with the usual Solemnity, elected Doge, or Duke of this Republick, to the great joy of all people. The next day he appeared publicly in *St. Marks* place, accompanied with his Brother, Nephew, and all the Nobility, to shew himself to the people, after which was performed the Ceremony of putting on the Ducal Cap, &c. The Masks, and other publick Divertisements, are again permitted, with all other demonstrations of joy usual on such occasions.

Vienna, Febr. 17. The Count *de Souches*, who commanded the Imperial Army the last Campagne in *Flanders*, not having ever since his return hither been able to obtain an Audience of his Imperial Majesty, who is much dissatisfied with his conduct of the said Army, hath at length got leave to repair to his Government of *Warasdin*, whither he is accordingly gone. Our last advices from *France* tell us, That his Most Christian Majesty, amongst other things, still insists, that Prince *William of Furstenberg* shall be put into the hands of the Pope, or some other Neutral Prince, before he send his Ambassadors to the place of Congress; which it is feared, will very much retard the renewing the Conferences at the said place of Congress in order to a Peace, for that his Imperial Majesty seems absolutely resolved, that the said Prince shall continue Prisoner where he is, at least till the conclusion of the Peace. The Duke of *Bourbonville* having desired leave to resign his Command of the Imperial Troops which acted under his conduct now lately in *Alsazia*, for that those who had no great kindness for him, had put an ill interpretation upon all his Actions during the last Campagne, and had occasioned great dissatisfactions against him, his Imperial Majesty has granted it; and we hear that General *Heyster* is appointed to succeed him in the command of the said Troops. General *Montecuculi* before he goes to the Army, will make a step to the Elector of *Bavaria's* Court, to receive into the Emperor's service 6000 Men, which, it is reported, his Electoral Highness will assist his Imperial Majesty with.

Francfort, Febr. 18. The Confederates are now actually in their Winter-quarters, which reach from the Lake of *Constance* to the River *Main*. the Imperialists, with whom are the *Lorrainers*, are lodged in the Countries between *Tirol*, *Suisserland* and *Alstia*, the Duke of *Bourbonville* having his Quarters in the Imperial City of *Ravensbourg* in *Suabia*, situate on a small River which discharges itself into the Lake of *Constance*. The Troops of *Brandenburgh* are quartered in *Francoria*, 32 Companies are distributed in the Bishoprick of *Bamberg*, 24 in the Bishoprick of *Wirzburg*, and proportionably in the other Countries of that Circle, the Head-quarter being at *Sweinsfurt*. Four days since the Elector of *Brandenburgh* was at *Ochsenfurt*. The Troops of *Lunenburg* are lodged in the middle between the Imperialists and *Brandenburgers*, and their general Quarter is at *Gessinguen*. We are told that the Duke of *Bourbonville* intends suddenly for *Vienna*, from

from whence we expect in these parts the Count de Montecuculi towards the latter end of the next Month; it is reported that he will call upon the Elector of Bavaria, to receive 6000 Men, which his Electoral Highness should have promised the Emperor, though others rather think he will still continue Neutral.

Ratisbonne, Febr. 21. The States of the Circle of Franconia continuing their Complaints to the Dyet, viz. that they are not only obliged to quarter the Elector of Brandenburg's Troops, but that besides, great sums of money are exacted from them, to the undoing of the poor Inhabitants of those Countreies, who were already sufficiently ruined by the War. It hath been resolved, that the matter shall be represented to his Imperial Majesty, with a request from the Dyet, that he will please so to order things for the future, that all just cause of complaint in this kind may be removed. Our Letters from the Elector of Bavaria's Court, seem to confirm what we have formerly told you, of the discovery of a Conspiracy there, in which several persons of Quality are said to be concerned; and that the design was to have seized the Electoral Prince, and to have conveyed him out of the Empire; but the whole story is related so variously, and with such different circumstances, that we must expect to hear farther.

Cologne, Febr. 28. We were two or three days since assured, that some Regiments of Imperial Cavalry were ordered to march towards the *Meuse*, to reinforce the Imperial Troops that have their quarters in the Countrey of *Liege*, and enable them so to block up *Maestricht* by the places they possess in that Countrey, that no provisions may be brought into it from the Neighborhood, or other places; but as yet we do not hear that the said Cavalry begins to march, which makes it thought, that the Imperial Generality hath changed its resolution, looking upon the French to be too strong at *Maestricht*, and in the parts thereabouts, to be blocked up by the Imperial Troops in *Liege*, and those that can be sent to assist them. The Suedish Envoy that was at the Court of the Elector of *Maryne*, hath, as we understand, been since with several other Princes of the Empire, his business being to satisfy them of the just motives the King his Master has to carry his Arms into the Countreies of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, and to assure them of his Majesty's affection to the Empire, and his care to procure the peace thereof, which he particularly endeavors, in maintaining what in him lies, the peace of *Westphalia*.

Brussels, Febr. 26. We hear nothing farther of the Troops which the *Mareschal de Croqui* had assembled between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, which makes us believe they are dispersed again into their several Quarters; and the rather, for that the 600 *Spaniards* which were sent to reinforce the Garrison of *Huy*, are return'd again to the place from whence they came. It is reported that the French resolve to quit *Maseyk*, that so having no place in their hands in the Diocels of *Liege*, they may likewise oblige the *Imperialists* not to have any.

Disto, March 5. On Saturday night last, arrived the Spanish Ordery, which brought the Duke of *Montalto's* Commission to be General of the Horse in these Countreies; and advice that the Prince of *Vaudemou* had refused the command of General of the Foreign Cavalry here, as likewise the order of the Golden Fleece, offered him by her Majesty. The same Letters add, That her Majesty is greatly offended against the chief Officers of the Spanish Fleet which lies before *Messina*, for their not having taken care to keep all succors from coming to those people by Sea, and especially for permitting the *Marques de Villavoy*, and the *Chevalier de Valbell*, to en-

ter with their ships into that Port, and disembark the men and provisions they brought with them, without the least opposition. We are greatly alarmed from all parts of our Frontiers, with the preparations and motions of the French, who it is feared, will very suddenly besiege some one of our places. On Saturday last it was feared some disorder would have hapned here, on occasion of a new Imposition laid on Corn; but, through his Excellencies great prudence and moderation, the matter was soon accommodated.

Hague, March 2. The Prince of *Orange* does not go into *Friseland*, as it is said his Highness intended when he went hence; he is at present in his County of *Lingen*, and in two or three days is expected here. We are told that the Minister of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, who resides here, having pressed the *States General*, actually to break with the Crown of *Sueden*, and that the *Sieur Ehrenstein*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the said Crown, might leave this place, and the *States* having the 27 past debated the matter in their Assembly, they thought fit to make only this resolution, viz. That no Conferences should for the future be held with the said Ambassador, as Mediator, till such time as the *Suedish* Forces should be withdrawn out of the Territories of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*. It is said that *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, who, we told you in our last, was returned hither from *Brussels*, brought with him the moiety of such Subsidies which the Crown of *Spain* is obliged to pay to the Allies, this State being to pay the other half, except his Imperial Majesty can be persuaded to ease it of part thereof, which Count *Waldeck* has orders (as is said) to negotiate, amongst other things, at *Vienna*. The *Sieur Klinenberg*, Ambassador from the King of *Denmark*, continues as yet *inognito*, without receiving any visits from the Ministers of this State. His Highness, after his return hither, will wholly employ himself about preparing for the Campaigne.

Ditto, March 5. This evening his Highness the Prince of *Orange* returned hither. It is said that the *Sieur Ehrenstein* being made acquainted by order of the *States General* with the resolution passed in their Assembly the 27 past concerning their not treating with his Excellency any longer as Mediator. His Excellency is preparing to leave this place, and to return home.

Paris, March 5. There is but little to write of from hence, except of the preparations that are making against the Campaigne; the King will, it is said, begin his journey towards the Army about the middle of *April*. At *Toulon* and *Marseilles* are fitting 20 Gallies, and 10 Men of War, designed for a third supply for the *Messineses*.

Admiralty, Feb. 22. The 18 instant, put in here two Dutch Men of War, who came with a Fleet of Merchantmen from *Portugal*, but were separated from them in bad weather.

Advertisements.

LOst on Monday Feb. 22. between *Whitball* and *Carndon* House, going through the Hay-market and *Lickadille*, a black Enamel'd Diamond Ring with one stone flat in the middle, 1 offset round, with a yellow water, fastned to a steel Bodkin. Whoever shall bring it to Mr. *Hennings* a Confectioner, at the sign of the Red Lyon in the *St. Paul*, or to Mr. *Wild* a Jeweller at the King's head in *Cheapside*, shall have ten pound for their reward.

STolen out of a Stable at *Timar* in *Middlesex*, a bright bay Gelding eight years old, above 14 hands high, a pretty large Feather on the left side of his Mane; he had the Farcy between his Forelegs, and been Rowelled, which hath left a large Seam, hath all his paces, with his Tail dockt; give notice at Mr. *Hochers* house near *Wild-horse* in *Wild-street*, and you shall be well rewarded.

MONday the 22nd past, stray'd or stol'n out of *Roebampton* Grounds, one old black brown Gelding, bald faced, 14 hands, with all his paces. And one bright bay Nag about 13 hands, white spots on his Saddle-place, with all his paces, about seven years old. And one white Nag about 13 hands, having lost his near Eye. If any give notice to Mr. *John Dickens* in *Thames street* near the *Custom-house*, shall be well rewarded.