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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 *Loirainers*, are lodged in the Countries between *Tirol*, *Suisserland* and *Alstia*, the Duke of *Bourbonville* having his Quarters in the Imperial City of *Ravensbourg* in *Sabia*, scituate 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