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AT the Court at St. James's the 2d Day of March, 1716.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable John Smith, Esq; was, by his Majesty's Command, sworn one of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For prohibiting Commerce with S U E D E N.
G E O R G E R.

W Hereas in and by an Act of this present Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act to enable His Majesty effectually to prohibit or restrain Commerce with Sweden, reciting therein, that upon the discovery of evil Practices, which had been carried on by certain Ministers of Sweden, to disturb the Peace and Tranquillity of this Kingdom, it might be judged necessary by us to prohibit or restrain, in part or in the whole, the Commerce between our Subjects and those of Sweden; it is therefore enacted, That it should and might be lawful for us, by one or more Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued at any Time or Times before the twentieth Day of March, which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to prohibit or restrain all and every Person and Persons, Natives and Foreigners, Bodies Politick and Corporate whatsoever, to ship, export, carry, or send, or cause or procure to be shipped, exported, carried or sent, directly or indirectly, from or out of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, unto or for the Kingdom of Sweden, or any the Dominions or Countries under the Power of the King of Sweden, any Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes whatsoever, or such particular Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes, as in such Proclamation or Proclamations should be enumerated, described and forbidden (whether the same, or any of them, be or be not of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, or any of them) and also to prohibit or restrain all and every such Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate whatsoever, to import or bring, or cause or procure to be imported or brought, directly or indirectly, by way of Merchandize into Great Britain, Ireland, or any of the Dominions thereunto belonging, any Goods, Wares or Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Product or Manufacture of Sweden, or any of the Dominions under the Power of the King of Sweden, being mixt or unmixt with the Goods of any other Country, or such particular Goods, Wares, or Commodities of Sweden, or of any of the Dominions under the Power of the King of Sweden, mixt or unmixt, as aforesaid, as in such Proclamation or Proclamations should be enumerated, described and forbidden, for and during such Time and Times, not exceeding one Year, to be reckoned from the twentieth Day of this Instant March, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of Parliament, under the Penalties in the said Act mentioned, and in such Manner and Form as in and by such Proclamation and Proclamations respectively should be prescribed. But by the said Act no Person or Persons whatsoever is or are to incur or suffer any Penalty or Forfeiture, by virtue of that Act, or of any Proclamation to be issued thereupon, for or by reason of his or their importing or bringing, or causing or procuring to be imported or brought into Great Britain or Ireland, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, any Goods, Wares or Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Product or Manufacture of Sweden, or of any of the Dominions under the Power of the King of Sweden, which are, or at any Time or Times, on or before the fifteenth Day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, shall be laden or put on board any Ship or Vessel in Sweden, or other foreign Parts, to be brought into Great Britain, Ireland,

or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, so as due Proof be made upon Oath, that such Goods, Wares, or Commodities, were so laden or put on board on or before the said fifteenth Day of April. And we judging it necessary for the present, to prohibit the Commerce between our Subjects and those of Sweden, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation; and we do hereby, under the Penalties in the said Act, strictly prohibit and forbid all and every Person and Persons, Natives and foreigners, Bodies Politick and Corporate whatsoever, before the end of the next Session of Parliament, which shall be after the twentieth Day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to ship, export, carry or send, or cause or procure to be shipped, exported, carried, or sent, directly or indirectly, from or out of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, unto or for the Kingdom of Sweden, or any the Dominions or Countries under the Power of the King of Sweden, any Goods, Wares, Commodities, or Merchandizes whatsoever, or to import or bring, or cause or procure to be imported or brought, directly or indirectly, by way of Merchandize, into Great Britain, Ireland, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging, any Goods, Wares, or Commodities whatsoever, of the Growth, Product, or Manufacture of Sweden, or any of the Dominions under the Power of the King of Sweden, mixt or unmixt with the Goods of any other Country, other than such of the said Goods, Wares, or Commodities, which are, or at any Time or Times, on or before the said fifteenth Day of April, one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, shall be laden or put on board any Ship or Vessel in Sweden, or other foreign Parts, to be brought into Great Britain, Ireland, or any the Dominions thereunto belonging; unless we shall think fit, before the end of the next Session of Parliament, which shall be after the said twentieth Day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, by our Royal Proclamation to open the Commerce between our Subjects and those of Sweden, or to alter the Prohibitions herein contained.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Second Day of March, 1716. In the Third Year of Our Regn.

God save the King.

St. James's, March 4. This Day the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the several Denominations in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, being introduced by the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Stanhope, presented the following humble Address to His Majesty.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Protestant Dissenting Ministers in and about the Cities of London and Westminster.

May it please Your Majesty,

THO' we are very ambitious of professing the Allegiance and Duty we owe to Your Majesty on every Occasion, yet we never make these Professions with greater Readiness and Alacrity, than when your Majesty's Government is unhappily threaten'd with any Disturbance at Home or from Abroad: Such Occasions giving us the best Opportunity to express that Zeal and Fidelity by which we are always desirous to be distinguish'd.

As we offered up our constant Prayers to Almighty God for the Safety of your Majesty's Person, while you was Abroad; and have since sent up our humble Thanks for your Majesty's safe Return to these your Dominions: So we reckon it our great Felicity, among the rest of your faithful Subjects, that your Majesty is in this your Kingdom, before a Rebellion, concerted between a restless Faction and some foreign Ministers, was to break out.

We congratulate your Majesty with all Humility on the Success of your Councils Abroad, which tends to secure your Person and Government from the malici-