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A Proclamation for the Discovery and Apprehension of
Captain Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald.

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W Hereas it hath been represented unto Us, by the humble Petition of Martin Stamp, and due proof made by the testimony of credible Witnesses, That Timothy Stamp, Brother of the said Martin, being a Merchant, was in December 1672. taken by a Spanish Man of War, and his Ship, called the Humility of London, and the Goods therein, to the value of 5000l. carried into the Port of Havana, But the Governour of the place not finding cause for the Detainer of the said ship, restored the same, with promise of satisfaction for the damage sustained, and a Protection against all Spanish ships: Yet during the restraint of the said ship, a Man of War was fitted out, under the command of Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald, (Our Natural born Subject) who retook the said ship within Musquet-shot of the Castle of Havana, and after Tortured and Murdered the said Timothy Stamp, and most of his Men; some they hanged until they were half dead, and then cut them with their Swords, afterwards hung them up again, until they were almost dead, then cut them in pieces with an Axe; others had their Arms cut off, and were clef down with Axes; And afterwards the said Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald, and his Company, shared the said Ship and Goods; and the like barbarous cruelty the said Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald, hath since exercised upon other Our Subjects: We have therefore thought fit (with the advice of Our Privy Council) to publish the same to all Our loving Subjects, and doubt not of their care and forwardness in the discovery and apprehension of the said Fitz-gerald: And We do by this Our Proclamation (whereof he ought and shall be presumed to take notice) Enjoy and Command the said Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald, within Six Months after the publication hereof, to render himself to one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or to the chief Governour of the Island of Jamaica, or to the chief Governour of some other of Our Foreign Plantations, to receive and undergo such Order as shall be given concerning him. And We do hereby further publish and declare, That if the said Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald, shall not within the time aforesaid, render himself accordingly, then if any person or persons whatsoever shall at any time after apprehend and bring him dead or alive to one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or to the Governour of Our Island of Jamaica, or to the chief Governour of any other of Our Foreign Plantations, he or they so apprehending and bringing him, shall have a reward of One thousand Pieces of Eight. And We do also strictly Charge and Command all Our Officers and Ministers, as well Military as Civil, and other Our Subjects whatsoever, to be diligent, and use their best endeavours to search for, and apprehend the said Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-

gerald, in all places whatsoever, as they will answer the neglect thereof at their perils. And We do hereby further publish and declare, That if any of Our Subjects shall after the publication of this Our Proclamation, directly or indirectly, conceal or harbour the said Don Philip Hellen, alias Fitz-gerald, or shall not use his or their best endeavours for his discovery and apprehensions, as well by giving due advertisement to Our Officers, as by all other good means, We will (as there is just cause) proceed against them that shall so neglect this Our Command, with all severity.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the First day of October 1675. In the Seven and twentieth year of Our Reign.

Madrid Sept 25. We have not of late received any considerable news from Catalonia, the French, who are altogether Masters of the Field in those parts, not having entred upon any action since the taking of Bellegarde. The Duke de St. Germain hath by several Letters demanded a reinforcement from hence, the Forces which he has under his command not being any way sufficient to oppose the Enemy. We are told that the Queen has sent orders to the Governour of Cadix, to have all things ready there against the arrival of Lieutenant-Admiral de Ruyter, with the Men of War under his command, that he may not lose any time, but proceed towards Messina. It is strongly reported here, that Don Juan of Austria hath after all been prevailed with to accept of the command of his Majesties Vicar-General in Italy, and that he will embarque on de Ruyter's Squadron to pass to Naples; where its said preparation is making for his reception. Our Letters from Flanders giving us little hopes of any farther action this Campaign; it is said that the Ambassadors designed on the part of this Crown for the Congress at Nimueguen, will very suddenly part hence on their way thither.

Venice, Octob. 2. Two days since Signior Antonio Barbaro parted from hence on his journey to Rome, where he is going to reside in quality of Ambassador on the part of this State. From Smyrna we have advice, that a Chiaux was imbarqued there for Tripoli, being sent by the Grand Signior to those people, positively to command them to make satisfaction to the English for the goods taken out of the Hunter and Martin; and to renew the peace with them, that so the Grand Signior may have the assistance of their Men of War and Gallies against the Christian Corsairs in the Archipelago. We are told that a Chiaux is likewise arrived at Tunis with a command from the Grand Signior, that they send their Men of War and Gallies into the Archipelago.

Vienna, Octob. 1. Two days since arrived here a Courier with Letters from General Montecuculi, giving his Imperial Majesty an account of the present condition of his Army: It is said that the said General hath further acquainted his Imperial Majesty, that seeing nothing was to be attempted upon the Enemy, he thought it best to put the Army into Winter-quarters, and not to weaken it by unnecessary Marches, &c. The troubles in

in Hungary are not so thoroughly appeas'd, but that some sparks still remain through the countenance they receive as we fear from the Turks. The Duke of Bavaria still maintains his Neutrality; and here is a report that his Forces begin to march, though we know not on what account.

Philipsburgh, Octob. 10. General *Montecuculi* has fortified *Landaw, Lauterburgh*, and other places on both sides the *Rhine*, to prevent the excursions of our Garrison, which hitherto he hath not been able to effect; for our parties have, and still continue to give great disturbance to the Enemies Foragers; and within these few days above 200 prisoners have been brought in here. The sixth instant, the Dutchess Dowager of *Lorraine* passed by this place, on her way to *Frankfort*.

Kaſtenholtz, Octob. 11. The Prince of *Conde* is still here, and we do not hear of any intention his Highness has to remove from hence, until we go into our Winter-quarters, as the Enemies are preparing to do. The last advice our Parties brought his Highness, was, That the Imperial Army approaches to *Spire*, finding great want of Forage, and that they are for that reason oblig'd to make frequent removes. From *Lorraine* we are told, that the young Duke of *Lorraine* pretends to give us some diversion on that side, and that in order thereunto a considerable body will be sent from the Imperial Army to joyn him.

Metz, Octob. 13. The sixth instant, the Mareſchal de *Rocheſort* parted from hence with two Regiments of Cavalry, and went and lodged at *Marſal*, where the Marquis de *Genlis*, who had a Body of 1500 Horse together near *Moyenveie*, was to join him; the other Troops that are in these parts, are likewise to march thither, to form a Body of an Army to oppose the designs of the young Duke of *Lorraine*, who is at present with his Forces on the Frontiers of the Territories of the Duke of *Deux Ponts*, and threatens that he will besiege *Saarbruche*. All our Advices from *Alsacia*, inform us, that the Campaigne is ended, and that the Armies are preparing to enter into their Winter-quarters, which the Imperialists will go and take on the other side of the *Rhine*.

Oudenarde, Octob. 14. The seventh instant, the Mareſchal de *Humieres*, and our Governour the Marquis de *Chamilly*, having with them 800 Horse, 3000 Foot, four pieces of Cannon, and two flying Bridges, made an incursion into the Country of *Waes*, having pass'd the *Schelde* near *Ghent*, and repuls'd the *Spaniards*, and the Bores that oppos'd them, and beat them from the retrenchments they had cast up for their greater security. Above 100 of the Enemy were killed upon the place, and above 80 prisoners, among which, two Captains of Foot; on our side were killed about 30 common Soldiers, and some Officers. We did the Enemy great damage, and burnt them above 1200 houses.

Charleroy, Octob. 15. We are now perfectly rid of all the apprehensions we had of the Enemies designs upon *Huy, Dinant*, and the Castle of *Liege*; and are sufficiently inform'd that the Prince of *Orange* is going to end the Campaigne, having already sent his heavy Cannon back to *Louvaine* and *Malines*, under the Convoy of 6000 men. The Duke of *Luxemburg*, as he has hitherto done, still continues to observe their motions, and is within some days advanced so near the Prince of *Orange's* Camp, that some are apt to believe he designs some action. The said Duke is at present encamp'd with his Army at *Boneffe* and *Harluc*, having the small River before him, over which he hath caused several bridges to be laid for the passage of the parties that are

frequently sent out to take an account of the Enemy. Our Governour the Sieur de *Montal*, having been here, ever since the Enemy reported that they would besiege this place to give the necessary orders, though we never thought they really intended it, is gone to the Army, to have his part in any action that may happen.

Brussels, Octob. 11. The Campaigne drawing towards an end, people begin to discourse very much of Peace; and, it's said, that some proposals have been made for the removing the difficulties which hitherto have hinder'd the adjusting the preliminary points concerning the Prince of *Fussenburg*. Our last Letters from *Vienna* told us, That the said Prince began to have more favour shewn him than formerly, and that his Secretary, who had been arrested on his account, was restored to his liberty. Our Army, as well as that of the Enemies, continues in the same quarters we told you in our last. The report that was spread abroad, that the whole *Luxemburg* Army was on its march to join the Prince of *Orange*, proves a mistake; according to our last Letters from *Aix la Chapelle*, they were encamp'd near *Nuis*. The damage which the poor Inhabitants in the Country of *Waes* have sustained by the French in the late incursion they made, proves to be very great; and besides they will be oblig'd for the future to pay contributions, which they have been free from all this war.

Paris, Octob. 19. The King, who hath been lately somewhat indispos'd, is now perfectly well again, and yesterday present at a Council that was held at *Versailles*. Our Letters from *Schl.ſtadt*, of the 12 instant, give us an account, That the Prince of *Conde* continued still in his Camp at *Kaſtenholtz*, and General *Montecuculi* near *Landaw*; but that the latter having no more Forage for his Army, was preparing to pass the *Rhine* at *Lauterburgh* and put his Troops into Winter-quarters in *Franconia*. From *Sicily* we have advice, That 400 Spanish Horse, and as many Foot, having, the 20th past, appear'd near *Augusta*, the Sieur de *Morras*, Governour of the place, since it hath been in our hands, sent out the Sieur de *Lery* with 100 Horse, who expected the Enemy in a very advantageous Post, charged two of their Squadrons which advanced before the rest, and totally defeated them. From *Andenarde* we have advice of the incursion which the Marquis de *Cramilly* hath made into the Country of *Waes*, and of his having set it under Contribution.

Whitehall, Octob. 13. This day the two Houses of Parliament, pursuant to His Majesties late Prorogation, met at *Westminster*. And His Majesty being come into the Houle of Lords, attired in His Royal Robes, with the Crown upon His Head, and with the usual Solemnity seated in His Throne, was pleas'd to send for the Houle of Commons up; who accordingly attending His Majesty at the Bar of the Lords Houle, His Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to the two Houses on the subject of their meeting; which done, the Lord Keeper farther most eloquently and fully declared His Majesties Mind on this occasion: Upon which the Commons returned to their own Houle; and after having debated several matters, adjourn'd till *Monday* next.

Advertisements.

ALL persons selling Wine by Retail in *England, Wales*, and *Berwick*, who have not had His Majesties Licence, or whose Wine Licences ended at or before *Lady-day* last, and have not yet renew'd the same, are hereby advis'd, That they, their Attornies, Correspondents or Friends, repair forthwith to His Majesties Office in *Durham-yard, London*, and contract and take Licence to sell Wine by Retail, that they may not be impleaded at Law. And all persons owing any Rent, or Arrears of Rent, or Sums of Money for Wine Licences, are also directed forthwith to pay the same into the said Office, else *Scire Facias* or *Capias* will issue against them, which will be both chargeable and troublesome, and only to be avoided by speedy payment.

These are to give Notice, That *Charles Lyon*, who formerly lived at the *George* in *Northampton*, before the late great Fire there, is now removed to *Sir William Farmer's* house near the Bridge in the said Town, where all Noblemen and Gentlemen may have good Accomodation and Entertainment.