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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 Nimwegen, 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