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London, Decemb. 22.

WE have Letters from *Elfsnore in Denmark*, by a ship arrived from those parts, dated the 5th instant, giving an account that the Armies in *Schonon* engaged in a Battel the day before, of the issue of which they had not when the said Vessel came away any certain account, though various reports were spread abroad concerning it.

Whitehall, Decemb. 23. His Majesty has been pleased to cause to be published his Proclamation, Requiring the Members of both Houses of Parliament, to give their Attendance upon the 15 day of February next. As likewise another Proclamation, Prohibiting the Importation of Earthen Ware. Both which follow.

A Proclamation requiring the Members of both House of Parliament to give their Attendance upon the Fifteenth day of February next,

CHARLES R.

THE Kings Most Excellent Majesty having been pleased to continue this present Parliament by Prorogation until the Fifteenth day of February next coming, with a full purpose and resolution that the Parliament shall be then holden; and being desirous (for divers weighty Considerations) to have then a full Assembly of the Members of both Houses of Parliament, hath (with the Advice of His Privy Council) thought fit to declare and publish, and doth, by this His Royal Proclamation, declare and publish His said Resolution. And also doth hereby require all and every the Peers of this Realm, and all and every the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons, to give their Attendance at Westminster on the said Fifteenth day of February next precisely; And His Majesty doth expect a ready Conformity to this His Royal Will and Pleasure.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Twentieth day of December, in the Eight and twentieth year of Our Reign, 1676.

A Proclamation prohibiting the Importation of Earthen Ware.

CHARLES R.

WHEREAS by the Statute made in the Third year of the Reign of King *Edward* the Fourth, it is Enacted, That no Merchant Native born, Denizen or Stranger, nor other Person, shall bring, send or convey from beyond the Sea into the Realm of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales* (among other things) any Painted Wares to be Uttered and Sold within the said Realm or Dominion, by way of Merchandise, upon pain to Forfeit the same, as often as they be found in the hands of any Person or Persons to be Sold; The one half of the said Forfeiture to go to the use of His Majesty, and the other half to him that shall first Seize the same. And whereas Complaint hath been made to His Majesty by several Persons using the Trade of Potters in and about the City of *London*, and Suburbs thereof; That notwithstanding the said Statute, several Persons, as well Subjects of this Kingdom, as Foreigners, have presumed to Import, and daily do bring several great quantities of Painted Earthen Wares privately into the Port of *London*, and publickly into the Out-Ports (where there is little or no care taken to prevent it) to the inevitable Ruine of many hundred of His Majesties poor Subjects, who get their Subsistence and Livelihood by the said Trade, and to the great hazard of losing the said Manufacture within this Realm; the

and Manufacture being made to as great perfection by His Majesties said Subjects, as by any Foreigners, and that for the most part with Materials of English growth: His Majesty therefore (with the Advice of His Privy Council) out of His Princely care of the Artificers of this His Kingdom (to who He resolves to give all good Encouragement) and for prevention of like mischiefs for the time to come, hath thought fit by this His Royal Proclamation, particularly to take notice of the said Statute, and the Penalties therein mentioned, to the end that all Persons concerned, may not for the time to come pretend ignorance thereof: And His Majesty doth also (by like Advice) by this His Royal Proclamation straitly Charge and Command all Merchants, as well Natives, Denizens, as Strangers, and all other Persons whatever, not to presume at any time hereafter, to bring, send, or convey into the Kingdom of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*, from any part beyond the Seas, any Painted Earthen Wares, be the same Painted with White, Blew, or any other Colours, by way of Merchandise, or to be Sold, Bartered or Exchanged, contrary to the said Statute, upon the Pain and Penalties therein expressed, and such others as can or may be inflicted upon the Offenders, according to the utmost severity of Law and Justice. And for that end His Majesty doth hereby strictly Charge and Command all Searchers, Waiters, and other Officers of His Customs whatsoever, to use their utmost care and diligence to discover the Wares above-mentioned which shall be Imported contrary to the said Statute, and to Seize the same, to the end such proceedings may be thereupon had, as shall be agreeable to Law, and as they will answer the contrary at their utmost peril.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Fifteenth day of December, 1676. in the Eight and twentieth year of Our Reign.

Madrid, Nov. 23. The 19 instant arrived here the Spanish Men of War which were sent out to meet and Convoy hither the *New-Spain* Fleet, bringing in with them a French Vessel laden with Fish from *Newfoundland*, which they had taken. The next day arrived here the said *New-Spain* Fleet, except three ships which put into *St. Lucar*: It is reckoned that the said Fleet has brought home about six millions of pieces of Eight, of which one million and a half is for the Kings account; the returns of the Merchants have not been so great this year as hath been usual, the Trade having been very bad in the *Indies*. They had a very tedious passage from the *Havana*, and in their Voyage a great Merchants ship in their company proving very leaky, the Men, after having taken what they could out of her, set fire to her, and another Vessel was taken by the French.

Naples, Nov. 24. The ill weather we have had here for several dayes past, has hindered the departure of the Vessels with the Troops designed for *Sicily*, from whence we hear, that the French are marched towards *Gianca*, and we expect our next advices will tell us, that they have besieged it, and the Viceroy in the place.

Ratisbonne, Decemb. 12. The States of the Kingdom of *Bohemia* are assembled at *Prague* and are consulting how to satisfy the demand made by the Emperor of 200000 Dollars for the making Recruits against Spring, and of another very considerable Sum for the making of several new Levies, and providing of Magazines for the use of the Imperial Army. Great complaints are made to this Dyet by several of the Circles of the Empire, concerning the Winter-quarters imposed upon them, and though the Dyet would fain give them some ease in the matter, yet the present conjuncture