

compose a Form of Prayer, suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
For a General Fast.

GEORGE R.

WE taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary Measures of Force, which We are obliged to use against Our rebellious Subjects in Our Colonies and Provinces in North America, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God that he will vouchsafe a special Blessing on Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Thursday the Twelfth Day of December next, that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins, and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and for imploring His Intervention and Blessing speedily to deliver Our Loyal Subjects within Our Colonies and Provinces in North America, from the Violence, Injustice, and Tyranny of those daring Rebels, who have assumed to themselves the Exercise of Arbitrary Power; to open the Eyes of those who have been deluded by specious Falsehoods into Acts of Treason and Rebellion; to turn the Hearts of the Authors of these Calamities; and finally to restore Our People, in those distracted Provinces and Colonies, to the happy Condition of being Free Subjects of a Free State, under which heretofore they flourished so long, and prospered so much. — And We do strictly charge and command, that the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That incontinent this Our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day abovementioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service. Given at Our Court at St. James's the Thirtieth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

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Petersburg, October 8. Yesterday Morning at Ten o'Clock the four first Classes of the Nobility, and the Foreign Ministers, assembled at the Palace, on a Signal of five Guns being fired from the Fortrefs; and soon after Eleven the Empress, with the Great Duke and Dutchess, proceeded to the Chapel, where the Marriage Ceremony was performed by her Imperial Majesty's Confessor. Prince Orlov held the Crown over the Head of the Great Duke, and Mont. Betskoy over the Head of the Great Dutchess. After the Ceremony a Sermon was preached by Plato, Archbishop of Moscow. On Account of the Length and Fatigue

of the preceding Ceremony, the Empress did not receive the Compliments of Congratulation of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers, as had been intended. Her Imperial Majesty afterwards dined in Publick upon the Throne, with the Great Duke and Dutchess. Tables were spread in the same Saloon for the four first Classes of the Nobility. In the Evening there was a Ball at Court; and the Festivities of the Day were concluded by very magnificent Illuminations.

This Morning the Nobility and Foreign Ministers had the Honour of complimenting their Imperial Highnesses in their Apartments; and this Evening there will be a Ball at Court, and Supper for the four first Classes and the Foreign Ministers.

St. James's, November 2.

There will be a Levee at St. James's on Monday next the 4th Instant, which will be continued on Mondays, as usual, until farther Notice.

Dublin-Castle, October 23, 1776.

This Day being the Anniversary of the Irish Rebellion in 1641, in the Morning the Flag was displayed on Bedford Tower; at Noon the Great Guns at the Salute Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks; and the Evening concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

Dublin, October 26, 1776.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of His Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, in the Morning the Flag was displayed on Bedford Tower; at Noon the Great Guns at the Salute Battery in His Majesty's Park the Phoenix were fired three Rounds, and answered by Volleys from the Regiments in Garrison, which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks. In the Evening a Play was given by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the Entertainment of the Ladies; and the Night concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and all other Demonstrations of Joy.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,  
August 3, 1776.

THE Commissioners and Governors of the said Royal Hospital do hereby give Notice, that at Salters-Hall in London, on Wednesday the 5th of February next, or as soon after as may be, Fourstones Colliery in the County of Northumberland, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Henry Errington, Esq; will be let on Lease for Two Years, to commence from the 12th Day of May, 1777. All Persons willing to take the said Colliery are desired to give in their Proposals in Writing to Mr. Ibbetson, at the Admiralty Office, London.

Note, The said Commissioners and Governors will reserve a Power of new winning the said Colliery, in such Manner as they shall judge proper; and the Person or Persons to whom the Colliery shall be let, for the said Term, are to be restrained from working any of the whole Coal, which shall be won or laid dry, by any new Winning made at the Expence of the said Commissioners and Governors.

J. Ibbetson, Secretary.

Blenheim, November 4, 1776.

HIS Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Oxford hereby gives Notice, that there is a Want of Officers to serve in the Militia of the said County: All Gentlemen, therefore, who are qualified and willing to serve, are desired to return their Names and Intention to His Majesty's said Lieutenant, or in his Absence to any General Quarter Sessions for the said County.

MARLBOROUGH.

THE Governors of the Charity for the Relief of the Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen do hereby give Notice, that their Annual General Court appointed by their Charter will be held at the Corporation Office, No. 13, Paper-buildings, in the Inner Temple, London, on Thursday the 14th of November instant, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, for the Choice of Officers for the Year ensuing.

Thomas Wall, Registrar.