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Whitehall, March 28.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Royal Proclamation to be issued for a General FAST.

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W Hereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, being deeply sensible of the sad and calamitous condition of this Our Kingdom, occasioned chiefly by the impious and malicious Conspiracies of a Popish Party, who have not only Plotted and intended the Destruction of Our Royal Person, but the total Subversion of Our Government, and of the True Protestant Religion within this Realm by Law Established (All which the many and grievous Sins of this Nation have most justly deserved) We do most humbly beseech Us, That by Our Royal Proclamation, a Day may be solemnly set apart; wherein all Our Loyal Subjects may by Fasting and Prayer, seek a Reconciliation with Almighty God, and with humble and penitent hearts implore him by his power and goodness, to Infranchise and Defeat the Wicked Counsels and Imaginations of Our Enemies, and to continue his Mercies and the Lights of his Gospel to this Kingdom, and particularly to bestow his abundant Blessings upon Our Self, and this present Parliament, that their Consultations and Endeavours may produce Honour, Safety and Prosperity to Us, and to Our People: We have to this their humble Request most readily inclined; And do by this Our Royal Proclamation Command a General and Publick Fast to be kept throughout this whole Kingdom, in such manner as is hereafter directed and prescribed, that so both Prince and People may send up their Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God, to and for the purposes aforesaid. And to the end that so Religious an Exercise may be performed at one and the same time, We do hereby Publish and Declare to all Our loving Subjects, and do straitly Charge and Command, That on Friday, being the Eleventh day of April next, this Fast shall be Religiously kept and Celebrated throughout Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And that the same may be performed with all Decency and Uniformity, We, by the Advice of Our Reverend Bishops, have Directed to be composed, Printed and Published, such a Form of Divine Service, as We have thought fit to be used in all Churches and Places at the time aforesaid, and have given charge to our Bishops to disperse the same accordingly. All which We do hereby expressly Charge and Command shall be Reverently and Decently observed by all Our loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation against this Land, and upon pain of undergoing such Punishments as We may justly inflict upon all such as shall contravert or neglect so Religious a Duty.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Twenty eighth day of March 1679. In the One and thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

Vienna, March 19. The Emperors Ratifications of the Treaty of Peace with France, are dispatched, and will be sent away so soon as the Dyet at Ratisbonne hath given its consent, which we doubt not but they will do; for the Princes of the Empire are so well satisfied of the necessity that obliged the Emperor to conclude the Peace, though upon terms not so advantageous as were to be wished, that they will certainly give their opinions for the ratifying it. We are told that the Hungarians are about sending new Deputies hither to treat about a Peace; but they have little reason to think they will be able to obtain better Conditions, than those they have already rejected. The Imperial Ambassador in Poland, has, as we understand, orders to give the Moscowite all the assistance he can in his Negotiation at the Dyet, and our last from thence spoke of a fair prospect he had of success in it.

Dantzicke, March 22. To morrow the Elector of Brandenburg parts from Coningsberg on his return to Berlin, having put the affairs of Prussia into such a posture that his presence there is no longer needed.

Ratisbonne, March 23. The States of the Empire assembled here, are at length come to a resolution in the great matter depending before them with relation to the Peace, which is, that seeing his Imperial Majesty has been pleased to declare, that what has been done in the concluding of this Treaty without the consent of the Empire, shall not be brought into consequence for the future, their humble Desire and Advice is, that the Emperor would proceed to Ratify this Treaty with all diligence, and that the Ratifications may be exchanged within the time prescribed; for although they should have been glad that the Peace might have been made upon Terms more advantageous to the Empire, yet considering the present state of things, they think nothing is more to be desired than to see Peace restored in the Empire; and therefore they pray the Emperor will please to use his endeavors for the bringing those Princes which yet remain in the War to a speedy Peace, and in order thereunto, to propose unto them a Cessation of Arms.

Copenhagen, March 17. The King has lately made five new Knights of the Order of the Elephant, which are the Sieur *Holtzerwint* Under-Treasurer, the Baron *Fuel*, the Sieur *Haen*, the Sieur *Fuel* Admiral, and the Baron *Wedel*, General of his Forces. In the mean time the preparations for the Campaign are carried on with all possible application, though it is said that the King means to act only defensively in *Schonen*, and to have an Army in *Holstein* for opposing the Enemies designs on that side. Our Fleet will be ready to put to sea so soon as the weather is proper for it, and will be joined by a Squadron of Men of War fitted out by the Elector of *Brandenburg*, if there be any occasion for it, otherwise they will act separately. From *Normay* we have advice, that the Sieur *Culdenlien*, having formed a flying Body of Men, had fallen with

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th in into the Suedish Territories, and had ravaged and laid in waste 15 or 16 miles in length, and 5 or 6 miles in breadth, which he had done to deprive the Enemy of any subsistence for their Forces on that side. We have nothing new from *Schonen* or *Sueden*, nor do we certainly hear where the King of *Suedgnat* present is.

Hamburg, March 31. The *Brandenburg* Troops are coming down from *Prussia*; and it is reported that they will march towards the *Rhine*, for the defence of the *Electors* Territories on that side, which the *French* are ready to fall into; and at the same time the *Electors* will assist the King of *Denmark*, with 8 or 10000 men, towards the forming an Army in *Holstein*, which it's said is to be commanded by Prince *George*, to make head against the Forces which it's believed will be employed for the re-establishing the Duke of *Holstein Gottorp* in his Country, which he hath now been out of for some years. The Dukes of *Lunenburgh* are going to disband greatest part of their Forces, and it's probable the Princes that remain in the War will endeavor to get them into their service.

Cologne, March 31. On Monday last Count *Kinski*, who came hither two days before from *Nimeguen*, parted again for *Bonne*, from thence to continue his journey for *Vienna*. The *French* do now demand Contributions for the month of *April*; which the Country people being unable to pay, they every where desert their houses, so that the misery among them is great.

Paris, April 1. On Wednesday last the King's Guards received orders to be ready to march on the 15 instant, but whither no body knows. It is said that the King has ordered the *Marschal de Crequi* to part immediately for *Alsace*, to command his Forces there. The discourse at Court concerning the Duke of *Mansou's* selling *Casal* and *Montserrat* to our King, is revived; a short time may let us see what ground there is for it. Yesterday was published here an *Edict* for the regulating of *Monies*, by which all foreign Coins, except Spanish *Piols* of weight, and *Reals* of weight, are cryed down; and the 4 *Sols* pieces are reduced to 3 *Sols*, and 9 *Deniers* for 3 months, and after that to 3 *Sols* and an half; and the marked *Sols* to 12 *Deniers*. We are told that the King's journey is put off till the end of this month; and some say, even to the 5th or 10th of the next. The Duke of *Navailles*, who commanded the King's Army in *Catalonia*, is come to Court. The Chamber of Justice appointed by the King for the Tryal of those persons who are now in Prison upon an Accusation of having poisoned several people, will begin their Session presently after *Easter*, though the first President hath made fresh instances to the King, that the cognizance of that affair might be left to the Parliament here.

Brussels, April 4. On Saturday in the evening the Dutchess de *Villa Hermosa* arrived here from *Engbien*, and was soon after to pay her Respects to her Royal Highness; and yesterday his Royal Highness visited her Excellency and the Princess of *Vaudemont*. His Excellency is expected here on Friday or Saturday next from *Ghent*, where he hath been detained longer than he expected by the publick affairs. To morrow the States of *Flanders* will take a final resolution concerning the supply demanded by his Excellency. From *Flanders* they write, that the *French* Troops are marching towards

the *Boulannois*, and the Sea Coast. The Baron de *Hounsbrooke* is gone by his Excellencies order for *Paris*, to adjust the matter of the Contributions.

Hague, April 4. On Friday last the States of *Holland* separated for some time, having granted the 200th penny to be paid by the first of *June*, and with some abatement to those who shall pay their quota's by the first of *May*. The matter of the Contributions of the *Mavery of Bolduc* is adjusted, the States having given way that they shall be paid; the first payment is to begin about a week hence, and so to be continued weekly, till the whole Sum demanded be discharged. The Prince of *Orange* is gone this morning for *Soestdyke*, to pass some time there in Hunting. The Letters we receive from *Nimeguen*, confirm what we told you in our last, of the Treaty of Peace between the Crowns of *France* and *Sueden*, and the Bishop of *Munster*, being signed the 29th past: And add, that the Ambassadors of *France*, of *Sueden*, of *Denmark*, and of the *Electors* of *Brandenburgh*, had finally agreed on Articles for a Cessation of Arms, to commence on the first day of this month, and to continue till the first day of *May*, during which time Contributions are to be paid as formerly.

Falmouth, March 24. Yesterday came into this Port the *Ferry of Bristol*, in two days from *Morlaix*; the Master says that there are a great many Soldiers in those Parts, and that the Drums beat daily to raise Seamen to serve on Board the Men of War that are fitting out.

Lynn, March 24. The 20 instant arrived here the *Endeavour* of *Ramsgate*, with Tobacco from *Maryland*, from whence she came about a month since; the Master says, they had there a very good Crop of Tobacco this year.

Plymouth, March 25. This afternoon arrived here the *Harwich*, the *Woolwich*, the *Lyon*, the *Dunbirk*, and the *Lark* Frigats, being bound to the Westward to Cruise.

These are give Notice, That there is Money reserved in Bank at His Majesties Exchequer, to pay off all Orders of Loan Registered upon the 206462 l. 17 s. 3 d. (part of the 619288 l. 11 s. 9 d. lately granted to His Majesty by Act of Parliament, for Disbanding the Army, and other Uses) to Number 56 Inclusive.

Advertisements.

The Memoires of Mr. James Wadsworth, A TESTIMONY that Recanted: Discovering a dreadful Profess of Impiety, in the Blasphemous Doctrines of the Jesuits, &c. Faithfully published to the World out of the Authors own Original Notes with the particular Places, Persons, and Circumstantial Actions, &c. of which himself was both an Eye and Ear-witness, from time to time. Sold by Henry Brome at the Gun at the West-end of St. Pauls.

Several weighty Considerations humbly recommended to the serious Perusal of All, but more especially to the Roman-Catholics of England. To which is prefixed an Epistle from one who was lately of that Communion, to Dr. *Stillingfleet*, Dean of St. Pauls, declaring the Occasion of the following Discourse. Sold by *John Horsford* in the Pall-Mall, over against St. Albans-street; and *John Harding* at the Bible and Anchor in St. Pauls Church-yard.

A New Printed Book of Choice Italian Songs in Musick Compos'd by several Excellent Masters. Dedicated to the several Lovers thereof. And are to be sold by *John Carr* within the Middle-Temple Gate.

Whereas there was a square old Deal Box full of Writings and old Deeds, which concerned some Lands in *Cheshire*, lost about a year since betwixt *Grays Inn* and the *Temple*, or betwixt the *Temple* and *Abchurch-lane* street. These are to signify That whoever gives notice of the said Box, to Mr. *Thomas Fingar* Sadler at the *White Street* in *Fleet street* near the *Lunar Temple gate*, shall have Five pounds Reward.

John Spiby, aged about 40 years, a short well set man, brown hair, in black cloaths, with black glass buttons on his doublet, having of late been very melancholly, went from St. James's Houle about the 7th of *March* instant, and never heard of since. Whoever can bring tidings of him to the Earl of *Essex's* Porter at St. James's, shall be well rewarded.