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Edenburgh, May 4.

A Horrid Murder having been yesterday committed upon James late Lord Archbishop of St. Andrews, Primate and Metropolitan of this Kingdom, the following Proclamation hath been ordered by His Majesties Privy Council to be Published, for the Apprehending the Assassinate.

CHARLES by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macears, or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally specially constitute, Greeting: We being fully and by legal Proofs assured of the late Horrid and Bloody Murder committed upon Saturday last, being the 3d day of May instant, by Ten or Eleven Fanatic and Execrable Assassinate, upon the Person of the most Reverend Father in God, James, late Archbishop of St. Andrews, Primate of all Scotland; which Barbarous and Inhumane Assassination will (we doubt not) spread Horror and Amazement in the Hearts of such as believe that there is a God, or a Christian Religion; A Cruelty exceeding the Barbarity of Pagans and Heathens, amongst whom the Officers and Ministers of Religion are reputed to be Sacred, and are by the respect both to a Deity whom they Adore, secured against all such Bloody and Execrable Attempts; A Cruelty exceeding the belief of all true Protestants, whose Churches have justly Stigmatized with the Marks of Impiety, all such as defile with Blood those Hands which they ought to hold up to Heaven; and a Cruelty equal to any with which we can reproach the Enemies of this True and Reformed Church! By which also not only the Principles of Humane Society, but Our Authority and Government (the Archbishop of St. Andrews being one of Our Privy Council) is highly violated, and Example and Incouragement given for Murdering all such as serve Us faithfully, according to the Prescript of Our Laws and Royal Commands: Daily Instances whereof we are to expect, whilst Field-Convencicles, those Rendezvous of Rebellion, and Forgers of all Bloody and Jesuitical Principles, are so frequented and followed, to the Scandal of all Government, and the Contempt of Our Laws; and which Murder is as far as is possible rendered yet more detestable, by the unmasked Boldness of such as durst openly with bare Faces in the midst of Our Kingdom, at Mid day assemble themselves together, to Kill in Our Highway the Primate of Our Kingdom, and one of Our Privy Council, by so many Strokes and Shots, as left his Body as it were, but one Wound, and many of which being given after they knew he was Dead, were remarkable Proofs they were acted by a Spirit of Hellish and Insatiable Cruelty:

Have therefore, with Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit hereby to Command and Charge all Sheriffs, Stewards, Bayliffs of Regalities and Bayliaries, and their Deputies, Magistrates of Burghs, and Officers of Our Standing Forces, to Search, Seek, Take, and Apprehend the Persons Guilty of this said Horrid Murder, or any Suspected by them, until they be brought to Justice; and all our good and faithful Subjects to concur in the Taking and Securing (as far as is in their power) those Assassinate. And in respect there is a Company of vagrant and skulking Ruffians, who, to the great Contempt of all Government, do Ride through this Our Kingdom, Killing Our Soldiers, Deforcing such as put Our Laws in Execution, and Committing such Horrible Murders, who might be easily Discovered, if all such, amongst whom they converse, did according to their Duty, endeavor to Apprehend them, or give Notice of their Residence. We have therefore thought fit, Conform to the 144 Act of Parliament 12, King James 4, to Command and Charge all Our Subjects, that whenever any unknown Men or Vagabonds happen to repair amongst them, That they with all possible Speed Certifie any of Our Privy

Council, Officers of Our Forces, or any having Trust under Us thereof; With Certification to them, That if they omit the same, they shall be punished with all Rigor, Conform to the said Act. And since several of the said Assassinate are known to have been Tenants in the Shire of Fife, whose Faces will be known to such of the Witnesses as were present. We hereby Require and Command all the Heretors and Masters of the said Shire of Fife and Kyrross, to bring their Tenants, Cottars and Servants, living in the respective Presbyteries, upon the several days, and to the places following, viz. to St. Andrews, &c. There to be seen by the said Witnesses, and to continue there until they be Examined; With Certification to such of the said Tenant, Cottars and Servants as shall be absent, they shall be reputed as accessory to the said Crime; And the Masters, if they produce them not, or if hereafter they harbor any that shall not Compear, they shall be reputed as Favorers of the said Assassination; And whereas there are several Persons under Caption and Intercommuning in the said Shire for several Causes, and left Persons, who are innocent, may be thereby debarred from appearing, We have thought fit hereby to sist and supersede all execution upon any Letters of Caption or Intercommuning, or any other Warrant, for securing of Persons for the space of Forty eight hours, after the said Days of appearance. And to the end the said cruel Murder may be the more easily discover'd, We do hereby offer and give full assurance of our Indempnity to any one of the said Assassinate, who shall discover his Complices, and such as hounded them out, and present payment of the Sum of Ten thousand Merks, to any who shall inform who were the said Assassinate, if upon his Information they, or any of them can be Apprehended, that they may be brought to condign Punishment. And We Ordain these Presents to be Printed and Published at the Market-Cross of Edenburgh, and other Places needful.

Given under Our Signet at Edenburgh, the Fourth day of May 1679. and of Our Reign the One and Thirtieth Year.

Dantzick, May 6. The Letters we receive from Poland, give us an account, that the King was parted from Grodno for Warsaw, where a great Council of War isto be held the 10 or 11 of the next Month, for the taking such resolutions as are fit, concerning the conduct of Affairs with relation to the War against the Turks, which the Crown of Poland is now going to enter into, in pursuance of the Alliance with the Czar of Moscow, which Prince Radzevilt, who is going in quality of Ambassador Extraordinary to Mosco, is to conclude. We are told that the King of Poland is sending Commissioners hither, who are to Examine the matter of the Insult committed many months since, by the Rabble of this Town, upon the Carmelite Friars, and to see Justice done upon the Offenders, which it's feared may renew those disorders, which seem at present pretty well composed. From Riga in Livonia they write, that they are not only making new levies in that Country, but that they likewise expect several Troops from Sweden, to reinforce the Army with which the Suedes intend to fall a second time into Prussia, or at least to march that way, to oblige the Elector of Brandenburg to send part of his Forces thither, and consequently to divert him from giving any assistance to the King of Denmark, as it is reported he promised when he was at Coningsberg, the Minister that was there from that King, he would do.

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Cologne,

Cologne, May 12. We are informed that great endeavors are used with our Elector, to dispose him to give his consent for the choosing a Coadjutor, and at the same time an interest is making among those of the Chapter who are to choose, that the choice may fall upon the Prince of *Neuburg*, second Son to the Duke of that name, who is opposed by the Friends of the Bishop of *Strasbourg*, who has the same pretension, and is very suddenly expected here from *France*. To-morrow 2000 *French* take possession of *Lippstadt*, as 4000 have already done of *Wesel*.

Nimwegen, May 15. The *Sieur Meinders*, the *Brandenburgh* Minister, & of whose arrival here you had an account in our last, hath since had several Conferences, with *Monsieur Cosbert* the *French* Ambassador, but not being able to agree with him the terms of the Peace; nor to obtain a Prolongation of the Cessation of Arms beyond the 20th instant, he is preparing to pass on to *Paris*; to see if he can be more successful there.

Brussels, May 16. The Bishop of *Strasbourg* is daily expected here in his way for *Germany*, whither he will in all probability the more hasten, because of the indisposition of the Elector of *Salagne*, whose Coadjutor he pretends to be. Yesterday *Don Emanuel de Lysa*, the *Spanish* Envoy, returned to the *Hague*, where he will repeat his instances to the States to have *Maastricht* delivered to the King of *Spain*, and with the greater hopes of succeeding in them, because the States have consented to the re-establishment of the *Jesuites* at *Maastricht*, which it's thought they would not have done, if they had intended to keep that place in their own hands. From *Strasbourg* they write, that several of the Imperial Troops that had been in Garrison there, were marched from thence, and that the rest were to follow; but that at the same time the *French* were drawing their Troops together, and would in few days have an Army of 40000 men; that on the other side the Duke of *Lorraine* was likewise taking the Field with the Imperial Forces, and would continue in it till the Peace was executed.

Hague, May 16. The Prince of *Orange* parted from hence on Friday last for *Brada*, from whence he will return again some time the next week. The *Sieur van Leeuwen*, Ambassador Extraordinary from this State to His Majesty of *Great Britain*, is preparing for his Journey for *England*, which he will now begin in a few days. The Conferences between the *Sueder* Ambassador, and the Deputies of the States, have not yet had any effect, the points in difference of the Treaty of Commerce, remaining in the same state they were in, when his Excellency came hither from *Nimwegen*: however the said Conferences are continued, and may at length produce an adjustment of them. Her Highness is perfectly recovered of her indisposition.

Paris, May 17. Within these few days a Reform has been made of 10000 Horse, and we are told that more Troops will be disbanded, so soon as the Peace of the North is concluded, as we expect it will be suddenly; notwithstanding which, a very great Army will remain on foot of the standing Forces, for the keeping of which in discipline, the King has resolved that they shall every Summer take the Field, and encamp in a Body of 20000 men at a time. Yesterday all the Sovereign Courts were at St. Germain, to Complement the King upon the Peace. The

Maquis de los Balbaces, Ambassador of *Spain*, is preparing for his Publick Entry, which will be extremely splendid, his Equipage being very rich, and his Train numerous. There is not at present so much discourse, as formerly at Court, of the Marriage of the King of *Spain* with *Mademoiselle d'Orleans*; but that of the Dauphin begins to be talked of, and there are those who tell us it may be with the Infanta of *Portugal*; which meets with the more credit, for that the *Marschal de Schomberg* is gone to that Court.

Falmouth, May 5. The 2d instant arrived here the Goodwill of *Dartmouth*, *William Rawling* Master, in six weeks from *Cádiz*, from whence he came in company of between 50 and 60 sail of Merchantmen, of which 18 were *English*, the rest *Dutch*, under the Convoy of a *Dutch* Man of War; this Vessel parted from the said Fleet about 100 leagues off. This day we discovered off of this place the *Greenwich* and *Dartmouth* Frigates with several Merchant ships from the *Canaries* bound for the *Dornes*.

Deak, May 9. Yesterday in the afternoon arrived in the *Dornes* the *Berkley Castle* from *Bantam*.

Whitehall, May 9. This day His Majesty came in His Royal Robes into the House of Lords, and being seated in His Throne, and the Commons attending, their Speaker presented a BILL, For Granting a Supply to His Majesty of Two hundred and six thousand four hundred sixty two pounds seventeen shillings and three pence, for Paying off and Disbanding the Forces Raised since the Ninth and twentieth of September One thousand six hundred seventy seven. To which, as likewise to a Private Bill, concerning Sir *Francis Drake*, His Majesty gave His Royal Assent.

Advertisements.

☞ A Discourse concerning the Gift of Prayer. By *John Wilkins*, D. D. late L. B. of *Chesham*. Wherunto may be added, *Ecclesiastes*; Or, a Discourse concerning the Gift of Preaching, by the same Author.

☞ The Irish Rebellion: Or an History of the Beginnings and first Progress of the General Rebellion raised within the Kingdom of *Ireland*, &c. Written and Published in the Year 1646, by Sir *John Temple*. And now Re-printed. Both sold by *Edw. Gellibrand* at the Golden Ball in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

☞ Which is the True Church? The whole Christian World, as divided only by *Christ*, & of which the Reformed are the soundest Part; 1. or the Pope of *Rome* and his Subjects as such. By *Richard Baxter*. Sold by *Thomas Parkhurst* at the Bible and Three Crowns in *Cheapside*, and *Thomas Simmons* at the Princes Arms in *St. Pauls Church-yard*.

LOST or ROLLEN the 9th instant from *Whitehall*, a black and white *Spaniel* Bitch, with the Kings Collar about her neck. Whoever gives notice of the said Bitch to the Kings Back-stairs, or to *William Chiffins* Esq; shall be well rewarded.

LOST Wednesday night last two Papers, or Orders, Signed *Knockingham*. Whoever brings them to the Porter of *Walkingford-house*, shall be well rewarded.

STRAYED or ROLLEN from *Aldebrook* in *Essex* near *Wainstead House*, a pale chestnut Nag with a sorrel mane and tail, no white about him but saddle spots, 13 hands 3 inches high, with all his paces, 7 years old. And a black Gelding with a star in his forehead, a snip in his nose, a cross upon his next buttock, 14 hands high, with all his paces, near 8 years old. And one iron gray Mare Colt, one year old, brown mane and tail. Whoever shall give notice of these, to Mr. *Arthur Pepp* Upholsterer, at the Kings Arms in *Fenchurch Street*, London, shall have Four pound Reward.