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Whitehal, Dec. 12.

This day was published His Majesties Proclamation for Proroguing the Parliament till the Eleventh of November next. As likewise another against Tumultuous Petitions, both which follow,

CHARLES R.

W Hereas the Parliament hath been Prorogued until the Six and twentieth day of January next, We, for many weighty Reasons, have thought fit, and resolved to make a further Prorogation of the Parliament, until the Eleventh day of November next ensuing the Date hereof: And therefore do by this Our Royal Proclamation Publish, Notifie, and Declare, That the Parliament shall be Prorogued upon and from the said Six and twentieth day of January, until the Eleventh day of November next, Whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgeses, and all others whom it may concern, may hereby take notice, and order their affairs accordingly; We letting them know, that we will not at the said Six and twentieth day of January, expect the attendance of any, but only such as being in or about the City of London, and Westminster, may attend the making the said Prorogation, as heretofore in like cases hath been accustomed.

Given at Our Court at Whitehal, the Eleventh day of December, in the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

CHARLES R.

W Hereas His Majesty hath been informed, that divers evil disposed persons at this time, endeavour in several parts of this Kingdom, to frame Petitions to His Majesty, for specious ends and purposes relating to the Publick, and thereupon to Collect and Procure to the same, the Hands or Subscriptions of multitudes of His Majesties Subjects; Which proceedings are contrary to the common and known Laws of this Land, for that it tends to promote Discontents amongst the People, and to raise Sedition and Rebellion. His Majesty considering the evil Consequences that may happen if such Offences should go unpunished, and lest that any of His good Subjects should be invigiled by plausible pretences, or should through inadvertency or ignorance, be engaged to a breach of the Laws in any of the particulars aforesaid, His Majesty hath therefore thought fit (by the Advice of His Privy Council) to Declare and make the same known by this His Royal Proclamation: and doth hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every His Loving Subjects, of what rank or degree soever, That they presume not to agitate or promote any such Subscriptions, nor in any wise joyn in any Petition of that

manner to be preferred to His Majesty, upon peril of the utmost rigor of the Law that may be inflicted for the same. And His Majesty doth further Command all Magistrates, and other Officers to whom it shall appertain, to take effectual care, that all such Offenders against the Laws, be prosecuted and punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at Whitehal the Twelfth day of December, 1679. In the One and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Prague, Dec. 2. It is hoped that the cold weather, which is now very sharp, will purge this place of the Infection, which we told you in our last, was broken out in two Houses. There has been a rencounter between the Imperialists and Rebels in Hungary, in which the former were put to flight, Lieutenant-Colonel Gersdorf taken prisoner, four Captains, six Lieutenants, and 500 common Soldiers killed upon the place. Provisions grow very dear here, and in all probability will in a short time be much scarcer, because of the Plague, which is spread into most Villages in the Countrey, between this place and Vienna; where the Plague is in a manner ceased. It is reported that the Emperour will very suddenly nominate Persons to be sent to the Courts of England, France, Spain and Brandenburg. Monsieur Vitry, the French Envoye, has great civilities shewed him here, by most of the Emperours Ministers, even beyond what they have been accustomed to pay to persons of that Character.

Francfort, December 7. People are very much troubled to hear the Plague is broke out at Lintz, not far from Ratisbonne, and at Prague, from which last place, the Emperour they say, is going to remove. Monsieur Colbert the French Ambassador, pursues his Negotiation at the Court of Bavaria, with all imaginable zeal and applications and speaks oft times in a very high stile, which its said, the Elector has taken notice of, and that he thereupon declared, he expected to be Treated as became a Sovereign Prince; what the Issue will be time must shew.

Brussels, Dec. 15. The Commissioners sent by his Excellency to Courtray to adjust the limits, having met with several difficulties in the conference they had with those of France, thought it necessary to return hither to inform his Excellency of them, who having given them farther Instructions, they are gone back to Courtray to pursue that work. From Valenciennes we have an account, that the Marschal d'Humieres arrived there on Sunday last, being received with great solemnity, and very richly presented by the Magistrates, and that he was gone from thence to Lille, where he will reside as Governour-General of the French Conquests. It seems the Garrison of Ruremond has followed the example of that of Vervins, and has raised 4 or 5000 Guilders, designed for the payment of the Garrison of

Maestricht; upon which, the Dutch Minister here, has renewed his former complaint, with fresh threats of Reprizals, unless speedy satisfaction be made. His Excellency being informed, that of the Hosts of Spanish and Italian Soldiers, which landed some time since at *Ostend*, many are dead, that many others had deserted, and that the small number that remained, would likewise be lost for want of subsistence, they not being included in the establishment of *Flanders*, his Excellency has thereupon given Orders, that the remainder of them shall be incorporated in the Spanish Regiments in *Flanders*, and that the Officers shall have liberty to dispose of themselves as they please, with thanks for their past service. The present season is very unhealthy, by reason of continual Fogs. Our Letters from *Germany* say, that a great and general Dyct of the States of the Empire, where the Emperor will be in person, will be held very suddenly, as is believed at *Nuremberg*.

Hague, Dec. 15. We are expecting the return of the Deputies of the States of *Holland* against Tuesday next, when they are to re-assemble. The Minister of the Elector of *Cologne*, has given in another Memorial to the States, concerning the evacuating of *Cassal* and *Maseyk*, in the Country of *Liege*, which are still possess'd by the Troops of this State. The state of the War for the next year, as it is agreed on by the Prince of *Orange*, and the Council of State, is now before the States-General, who have ordered the same to be sent to the several Provinces for their approbation. The Heer *Boreel*, one of the Ambassadors of this State in *France*, has desired leave to return home, which is granted him.

Falmouth, Dec. 8. Yesterday the Wind coming about to the West, Forty or Fifty sail of Merchant Ships that were in this Harbor, bound home from *France* and other parts, sailed from hence.

Plymouth, Dec. 9. On Sunday last the *Diamond* and *Dartmouth* Frigates sailed from hence for *Portsmouth*, We have advice that the *Zant* Merchant of *London*, bound home from *Zant*, was some days since cast away upon the Rocks of *Scilly*, and that all the men on board her except 14 were drowned.

Dublin, Dec. 6. Some months since the late Lord *Power*, now Earl of *Tyrone*, was accused by one of his Servants, of designing to raise Forces in this Kingdom for the service of *France*: and being a Privy Counsellor, and a Protestant, he was summoned to give Bail; and upon his appearance it was ordered he should answer at the Bar to this Accusation, and be proceeded against according to Law; since which, two other persons having deposed to the same effect, his Lordship was on Wednesday last committed by order of the Lord Lieutenant and Council, prisoner to the Castle, for High Treason, and the Copy of the Depositions against him, are ordered to be sent for *England*, by this nights Post.

Last night Mr. *Phunkett*, Titular Primate of this Kingdom, was seized, and likewise committed prisoner to the Castle.

The Lord-Lieutenant has ordered several detachments to be sent out, of Horse and Foot, to assist the Country people, to shut up all the Avenues and Passes of the Bogs and Mountains, which *Hanland*, an old Tory, uses to hunt, in order to rout out this race of Robbers.

Whitehal, Dec. 11. The Justices of the Peace for *Middlesex* and *Westminster*, (who were appointed to attend His Majesty in Council this day) being called in, received a strict charge to put the Laws against Papists, with a regard to Merchant-Strangers, and Foreign-Travellers, in execution; and a direction that they should meet together to consult of such expedients, as should occur to them, for the effectual executing His Majesties late Proclamation (*Commanding all Papists forthwith to depart the Cities of London and Westminster, &c.*) and that they should make their report to the Lords of the Privy Council, whom His Majesty has appointed a Committee to receive the same, as well as to consider of the ways and methods, which their Lordships shall think most effectual for the due and punctual executing of the Laws against Papists.

Whitehal, Dec. 13. This morning arrived here Mr. *Sbere*, Surveyor-General of the Mole at *Tangier*, to give His Majesty an account of the state of things there. We understand that on the 3^d past, the Moors appeared with a considerable Army, and encamped near *Tangier*; and a day or two after, began to make formal approaches for the attacking the Forts. That on the 6th, the English made two Sallies, and beat the Moors out of their Trenches. That on the 7th, Vice-Admiral *Herbert* came ashore with 350 Seamen, part of which with a detachment of the Garrison, sallied out the next morning, beat the Enemy from their Trenches, and did considerable execution upon them. The *James*, *Ann*, and *Kendal* Forts, had been abandoned by order of the Governor, as not being Tenable, the Soldiers that were there, retreating without any loss, to the Town. That on the 15th, the Moors were very quiet. And that the 19th they marched off again; the Alcayde that commanded them, returning to *Alcazar*.

Whereas Mr. William Battie, Minister of Hitcham, in the County of Suffolk, in a Pamphlet, called *The Domestic Intelligence*, which came forth on Friday the 5th of this instant December, has been most scandalously and falsely aspersed; These are to give notice, that if the Author thereof do not retract that false imputation, the said Mr. Battie will be constrained to vindicate his Reputation by due course of Law.

Advertisements.

THE Lodgings of *Thomas Duppa Esq;* in *Whitehall*, were Robbed about ten in the Forenoon on the 4th instant, and thence stolen three Bags of Money. And two gentle persons (one a short man, about 36 years of Age, with sad brown hair a little curled, in a sad coloured brise Campaign Coat; the other an indifferent tall man in a light coloured Campaign Coat, being observed to take Coach about that hour, at *Whitehal* Gate, and to put 3 Bags of money in with them, are suspected to have done the fact. Whoever gives Notice at the Porters Lodge at *Whitehall* of both or either of the said persons, so as the Money, or any considerable part thereof may be found, shall have 20 pounds reward; Or if the Coachman come in, and make any considerable Discovery he shall have five Pounds for his pain; or else be taken for an Accessory.

Lost on Thursday the 4th instant out of certain grounds near *Palmey* a brown bay Mare, 13 hands high, 6 years old, cross all, marked with *Z*. On the near Buttock with Cifers, and a hole in her right ear. Whoever gives notice of her to Mr *Robins* in *Rumney* shall be well Rewarded.