

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

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the heavy Judgments with which Almighty God is pleased to visit the Iniquities of this Land, by a grievous Scarcity and Dearth of divers Articles of Sustenance and Necessaries of Life; moreover taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary War in which We are engaged, for the Maintenance of the Independence of Our Crown, for the Defence of the Commerce, and of the Rights and Liberties, Civil and Religious, of Our Subjects; and trusting in the Mercy of Almighty God, that, notwithstanding the sore Punishment which He hath laid upon Us and upon Our People, He will, if We turn to Him in due Contrition and Penitence of Heart, not only withdraw His afflicting Hand, but moreover graciously bless Our Arms, both by Sea and Land, have therefore resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Public Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of our Kingdom called Scotland, on Thursday the Twelfth Day of February 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 the Removal of those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and under which We at this present Time labour; and for imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity, to Us and Our Dominions: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Public Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favor 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 and necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith 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 Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published; and We appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's

Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be published, and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the First Day of January, One thousand eight hundred and one, in the Forty-first Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

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A PROCLAMATION,

Declaring what Ensign or Colours shall be borne at Sea, in Merchant Ships or Vessels belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions thereunto belonging.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS, by the First Article of the Articles of Union of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, as the same have been ratified and confirmed by Two Acts of Parliament, the one made in Our Parliament of Great Britain, and the other in Our Parliament of Ireland, it was provided that the Ensigns Armorial, Flags, and Banners of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland should be such as We should appoint by Our Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of Our said United Kingdom: And whereas We have, by Our Royal Proclamation dated this Day, appointed and declared that the Arms, or Ensigns Armorial of the said United Kingdom, should be as therein-expressed: And whereas, according to ancient Usage, the Ensigns, Flags, Jacks, and Pendants worn by Our Ships, and appointed as a Distinction for the same, ought not to be worn on board any Ship or Vessel belonging to any of Our Subjects, so that Our Ships, and those of Our Subjects, may be easily distinguished and known, We have, therefore, thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to order and appoint the Ensign described on the Side or Margin

