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Whitehall, Decemb. 2.

His Majesty has been pleased to Publish His Royal Proclamation For a General Fast.

CHARLES R.

WHereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, have by their Address to Us, made known unto Us, That they are deeply sensible of the sad and calamitous Condition of this Our Kingdom, occasioned by the Impious and Horrid Conspiracies of a Popish Party, who have not onely plotted and intended the Destruction of Our Royal Person, but the total Subversion of the Government and true Religion established amongst us, and that the same detestable Machinations are still obstinately prosecuted by them, as well by fomenting Divisions amongst Our Loyal Protestant Subjects, as all other the most wicked Contrivances, notwithstanding the many Discoveries thereof by Gods great Mercy and wonderful Providence lately brought to light. All which dreadfull Judgments are now impending over us most deservedly for our many and grievous Sins, and cannot otherwise in humane reason be prevented, but by the particular Blessing of God upon the Consultations and Endeavours of Our great Council now Assembled in Parliament: Have most humbly besought Us that a day may be most Solemnly set apart, wherein Our Self and all Our Loyal Subjects may by Fasting and Prayer endeavour a reconciliation with Almighty God, and with humble and penitent hearts implore him by his Power and Goodness, to divert those Judgments, and defeat the wicked Counsels and Devices of Our Enemies, to Unite the hearts of Our Loyal Protestant Subjects, and to continue his Mercy and the Light of the Gospel to Us and our Posterities, and more especially to bestow his abundant Blessings on our Self and this present Parliament, that our Consultations and Endeavours may produce Honour, Safety and Prosperity to Our Self and 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 We and Our People may send up Our 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 strictly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday, being the Two and twentieth day of December instant, 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 Publish-

ed, such a Form of Divine Service as we 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 contemn or neglect sa Religious a Duty.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Sec nd day of December, 1680. In the Two and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

Die Veneris 3 Decembris 1680.

Ordred by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That all Persons, as well Peers as others, that are Papists, and now in or about the Cities of London or Westminster, be, and are hereby Required forthwith to Depart from the same, at their Peril of undergoing the utmost Punishment as can be by Law Inflicted upon them for their Disobedience herein.

And further, That this Order be forthwith Printed and Published, to the end all Persons concerned may take notice thereof.

Jo. Browne Cleric,
Parliamentor.

Warsaw, Nov. 15, The King and Queen of Poland are expected here from Fawarrow (where they at present are) about the middle of the next Month. The Dyet is Summoned to meet on the 15 of January next; when Endeavors will be used to secure the succession of the Kings Eldest Son.

Dantzick, Nov. 23. The whole discourse here is concerning the endeavours that are using in Poland in order to the securing the Succession to the King's eldest Son, which is designed to be done at the next Dyet, and herein the French Ambassador labours as zealously as any. The Ambassador that was sent by the King of Poland to Moscow is returning home, and will be followed by a solemn Embassy from the Czar to the Republik.

Venice, Nov. 23. On Saturday last arrived here an Express, who is going to Poland to carry that King the News of the Death of Prince Radzeville, his Ambassador, who dyed the 14th Instant suddenly at Boulogne, being on his return home. Signior Donato is preparing for his Embassy to Constantinople.

Strasburg, Nov. 30. The French fill their Magazines and make other preparations with so great application, that it gives us here some disturbance, apprehending that their designe is against this City of which we have had some advertisement from France. Our Magistrates have sent to the French Intendant at Brisaw, to know of him, on what account

count those new Custome Houses (we mentioned in our last) have been set up in several places on the *Rhine*, and have received for answer that it had been done without his knowledge by the Farmers of the Imposts and that he would know of them the reason why they had done it, and if he were not very well satisfi'd with it, he would have them to be pulled down again.

Hamburg, Nov. 26. From *Stockholme* they write, that that Dyet had resolv'd to grant the King the supply he demanded, and that they were considering of the means of raising it. That at the same time the King did wholly apply himself for the putting the Army and the Navy into the posture he designed; which, as our Letters from *Copenhagen* tell us, gives the King of *Danemarke* a jealousy, and has made him likewise resolve to augment his forces both by Sea and Land, and particularly to raise 7000 Germans. The Danes have evacuated *Wismar*. From *Saxony* we have an account that a person had been taken, who had designed to have killed the Elector.

Hague, Dec. 10. The Deputies of the States of *Holland* are most of them come to Town in order to their reassembling to morrow: the chief matter before them is the state of the War for the next year, which it's not doubted but they will approve of, though there is a discourse, That some of the Towns think it necessary to reduce the standing Forces to a smaller number than they now are. The Letters from *Hamburg* inform us, That *Wismar* was in the hands of the Swedes, and that the Elector of *Brandenburg's* Troops were marching towards *Cleves*, and that it was reported they designed some enterprize on that side. In *Sweden* the matter concerning the re-union of the alienated Crown-Lands is concluded to the Kings satisfaction, and the differences between the King of *Denmark* and the Duke of *Holslein* are compos'd.

Brussels, Decemb. 6. The reform of the Army is at last concluded, and will be put in execution so soon as the Prince of *Parma* receives the orders he is expecting from *Madrid*. The Count *d'Archinto* and *Don Bernardo de Salinas* have not as yet been able to effect what they went to *Antwerp* about; the people there continuing to express a great resentment of the imprisonment of one of their Burgesses, who we told you in our last was sent to the Castle of *Namur*; and having in revenge thereof arrested and imprisoned an Officer of the Citadelle for debt. Our Letters both from *Lints* and *Vienna* give us great hopes that the *Hungarian*-Matters will submit themselves to the Emperor, upon his promise to restore to them the free exercise of their Religion, and the other privileges they enjoy'd before the War; and that in the mean time a Cessation of Arms has been agreed to. From *Alsice* they write that a General Rendezvous of the French Dragoons was appointed to be held at *Critznach* on the 30th past. Here has been seen for some days a Comet in the East; and they write from *Holland* and *Germany* that they have likewise seen it.

Brussels, Decemb. 6. The Prince of *Parma* continues under his indisposition, which is a great hinderance to the publicke Affairs and particularly to the design his Highness has of new modelling the Army which is at present in great Arrears. The

Count *d'Archinto* who was sent by his Highness to endeavor to dispose that City to grant the subsidies demanded of them, is not yet come back. The Marquis *de Bourgomanoero* is on his departure to the Emperors Court, whither he goes with the Character of Ambassador Extraordinary from the Crown of *Spain*. The Duke of *Newburg*, as our Letters from *Franckford* tell us, is parted from the place of his Residence on his journey to *Lintz*, whither he has been invited by the Emperor, in order to consult with him concerning the Affairs of the Empire. In *Hungary* things are near an accommodation the *Hungarians* submitting themselves and begging the Emperors pardon, which they could never before be brought to: and on the other side the Emperor promises them the liberty of their Religion with restitution of their Lands &c. that have been confiscated during the War. It is believed that the French have a design upon *Strasbourg*.

Whitehal, Decemb. 4. Thursday, Yesterday and this day have been taken up with the Lord *Staffords* Tryal; and The Court is Adjourn'd till Monday.

The Officers of the Receipt of His Majesties Exchequer have Money in Bank to pay to Number 495 Inclusive, of the Orders Registered on the Second Act for Disbanding the Army.

Advertisements.

Lost the 21 of November last, between *B m Church*, and *St. Pauls Churtyard*, *Luthers*, one piece of Purple Satin, with Gold stripes, and Flowered with Gold, about five yards and halfe long. Whoever gives notice of it to one Mr. *Gilbert*, at the signe of the Golden Cock in the *Memoirs*, shall have 20 s. Reward.

Lost the 18th past out of the *Dover Coach*, between *London* and *Roehste*, one Portmantle, three Books of Accounts, written in French, covered with marble paper; as also several other Accounts, Letters, Bills of Exchange, with other Papers, (all which are altogether useles to any other but the Proprietor:) Whoever shall bring tidings of these things to Mr. *Mail to Ruda* Marchant in *Kings Arms Court* in *Coleman Street* shall have four Guineys paid as a Reward.

Stolen or Strayed the 28th of November last out of the ground of *Fine Blag av Elq*; from *Surrey* near *Realing*, a black Gelding with a bob talle, 14 hands and a halfe high 30 hi feet a star and a litle blaze, troteth and galloper; and an other short thick black nag his maine cut halfe away with short Ears, all his paces, thirteen hands and a halfe, about 6 years old each of them. Whoever shall give notice to the aforesaid Mr. *Blagavur* at his House at *St. recott*, or to *John Starks* Bookeller at the *Mitre* near *Temple-Bar*, or to Mr. *Wall* Bookseller in *Bristol*, shall have forty shillings Reward.

Lost about a Month since out of the grounds in *Hollway* near *Hill-gate* two black brown Geldings, one of them about 14 hands high with a smal star, bob tailed near 8 years old, has all his goings, the other a thick Horse about the same age, 14 hands and a halfe high, no White but some Saddle spots with a great Star on his withers where the Saddle has hurt him, Spur-galled on both sides, bob tailed, and paces well. Whoever gives notice of these Horses or either of them to Mr. *Du ant* at the *Geog-Inn* in *Smithfield*, *London*, so as the same may be had again shall be well Rewarded.

Strayed or Stolen near *Burford* in *Oxfordshire* the 11 of November last, a Deer colloured Gelding about 15 hands high with a bob taylor and a broad star in the forehead, supposed to be gone toward *Fy Shann* in *Westshire*. Whoever gives notice of him, or brings him to Mr. *Thomas Matthews* at the Bear in *Burford*, or to Mr. *Robert Apperly* at the *Bull-Inn* in *Fryday-street*, *London* shall be well Rewarded.