

sources of His Majesty's Dominions; and His Majesty relies on the Aid of His Parliament in His anxious Endeavours to frustrate the Attempts of France against the Independence of Spain and Portugal, and against the Happiness and Freedom of those loyal and resolute Nations.

His Majesty commands us to acquaint you, that the Intercourse between His Majesty's Minister in America and the Government of the United States has been suddenly and unexpectedly interrupted. His Majesty sincerely regrets this Event: He has however received the strongest Assurances from the American Minister resident at this Court, that the United States are desirous of maintaining friendly Relations between the Two Countries. This Desire will be met by a corresponding Disposition on the Part of His Majesty.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

His Majesty has directed us to inform you that He has ordered the Estimates for the current Year to be laid before you: His Majesty has directed them to be formed with all the Attention to Economy which the Support of His Allies and the Security of His Dominions will permit. And His Majesty relies upon your Zeal and Loyalty to afford Him such Supplies as may be necessary for those essential Objects.

He commands us to express how deeply He regrets the Pressure upon His Subjects, which the protracted Continuance of the War renders inevitable.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

We are commanded by His Majesty to express His Hopes that you will resume the Consideration of the State of the inferior Clergy, and adopt such further Measures upon this interesting Subject as may appear to you to be proper.

We have it further in command to state to you that the Accounts which will be laid before you of the Trade and Revenue of the Country will be found highly satisfactory.

Whatever temporary and partial Inconvenience may have resulted from the Measures which were directed by France against those great Sources of our Prosperity and Strength, those Measures have wholly failed of producing any permanent or general Effect.

The inveterate Hostility of our Enemy continues to be directed against this Country with unabated Animosity and Violence. To guard the Security of His Majesty's Dominions, and to defeat the Designs which are meditated against Us and our Allies, will require the utmost Efforts of Vigilance, Fortitude, and Perseverance.

In every Difficulty and Danger, His Majesty confidently trusts that He shall derive the most effectual Support, under the continual Blessing of Divine Providence, from the Wisdom of His Parliament, the Valour of His Forces, and the Spirit and Determination of His People.

By the KING.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

*For a General FAST.*

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary War in which We are engaged, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God, that He will graciously bless Our Arms, both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Day of Fasting and Humiliation be observed throughout those Parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of February next ensuing, that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins, and in the most devout and solemn Manner send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and for imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms for the Restoration of Peace, and Prosperity to Us and Our Dominions: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the Favour 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: And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England and Ireland, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Publick Worship, and to take care that the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's Palace, this Twenty-fifth Day of January One thousand eight hundred and ten, in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

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