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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1815.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION,

*For a Public Thanksgiving.*

GEORGE, P. R.

**W**HEREAS it has pleased Almighty God, in His great goodness, to put an end to the war in which We were engaged against France; We, therefore, adoring the Divine goodness, and duly considering, that the great and public blessings of peace do call for public and solemn acknowledgments, have thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His mercies, be observed throughout those parts of the United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Thursday the eighteenth day of January next; and for the better and more devout solemnization of the same, We have given directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer, suitable to this occasion, to be used in all churches and chapels, and other places of public worship, and to take care for the timely dispersing of the same throughout their respective dioceses; and We do strictly charge and command, that the said public Day of Thanksgiving be religiously observed by all His Majesty's loving subjects, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and upon pain of suffering such punishment as

may be justly inflicted upon all such as contemn or neglect the same.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, in the fifty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

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