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BY THE KING,

A PROCLAMATION

For the more effectual Reducing and Suppressing of
PIRATES and PRIVATEERS in America.

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WHEREAS frequent Robberies and Piracies have
been, and are daily committed by great
numbers of Pirates and Privateers as well
in the Seas as on the Land of and in A-
merica, which hath occasioned a great
prejudice and obstruction to the Trade and Commerce as
well of Our Subjects, as of the Subjects of Our Allies,
and hath given a great Scandal and Disturbance to Our
Government in those Parts. And whereas We being re-
solved to take some effectual course for the putting an end
to all such Outragious Insolencies, have therefore thought
it requisite to send a Squadron of Ships into the Parts
aforesaid, under the Command of Our Trusty and Well-
beloved Servant Sir Robert Holmes Knight, Our Govern-
nor of Our Isle of Wight, and have otherwise given him
all necessary Powers for Suppressing of the said Pirates
and Privateers, either by Force, or assurance of Pardon,
and have Constituted and Appointed the said Sir Robert
Holmes Our Sole Commissioner in that Affair; Now to the
end that this Our Royal Purpose may be the better put in
Execution, and that none of the said Offenders may have
any cause of excuse or pretence left for want of a due Ad-
vertisement of Our Intended Mercy and Clemency towards
them, upon their withdrawing themselves from their said
wicked and Piratical courses for the future: We are
Graciously pleased hereby to Promise and Declare, That
in case any such Pirate or Privateer, Pirates or Privateers,
shall within the space of Twelve months next ensu-
ing the Date of this Our Proclamation, either in Person,
or by their Agents Surrender, or become obliged to Surren-
der him or themselves unto the said Sir Robert Holmes,
or any other person or persons appointed by him, or such
other person or persons as in case of his Death shall be
further Constituted and Appointed by Us, within any of
Our said Islands, Plantations, Colonies, or other Places
on the Sea or Land, lying between the Tropiques of Can-
cer and Capricorn in America, and in case any Pirate or
Privateer, Pirates or Privateers, shall within the space of
Fifteen months next ensuing the Date of these Presents,
Surrender, or become obliged to Surrender him or themselves
to the said Sir Robert Holmes, or any others, Appointed
as aforesaid, in any other parts of America, or within Our
Kingdom of England, and shall give sufficient Security to
be approved of by the said Sir Robert Holmes, or in case
of his Death, by such other person or persons as shall be fur-
ther Appointed by Us for his or their future good Beha-
viour; We will, upon such humble Submission, and after
such Security given, Grant unto such Pirate or Pirates;

Privateer or Privateers, Our Gracious Full and Ample
Pardon for all Piracies or Robberies committed by him or
them upon the Sea or Land before the Date of these Pre-
sents. And We do hereby straightly Charge and Command
all and singular Our Admirals, Vice-Admirals, Chief Go-
vernors, Captains, Commanders, Mariners, Seamen, and
all Our Officers and Ministers of and in all and every Our
said Islands, Plantations, Colonies, and Territories what-
soever, and of all and every Our Ships of War and other
Vessels, and all other Our Officers and Subjects whatso-
ever, not only to be Aiding, Favouring and Assisting in
their several Places and Stations, unto the said Sir Robert
Holmes, and such other person or persons as shall be ap-
pointed, as aforesaid, in and for the more effectual Reduc-
ing and Suppressing of all manner of Pirates and Privateers
within the Limits and Parts aforesaid, or any of
them, but also (upon the producing a Certificate or In-
strument under the Hand and Seal of the said Sir Robert
Holmes, or such other person as in case of his Death
shall be further Appointed by Us, signifying that any Pi-
rate or Privateer, Pirates or Privateers, hath or have Sur-
rendered him or themselves unto the said Sir Robert
Holmes, or such other person or persons appointed as aforesaid,
and given Security for their future good Behaviour,
according to the Tenor of these Presents,) to permit and
suffer the said person or persons lawfully to pass and tra-
vel either by Sea or Land, without any Let, Hindrance
or Molestation whatsoever, nor from any of our said
Islands, Plantations or Colonies, or into Our Kingdom of
England, as soon as conveniently may be, in Order to his
or their receiving Our Full and Gracious Pardon as aforesaid,
and that in the mean time no Indictment, Process, or
other Proceeding shall be had in any of Our Courts of
Record, or elsewhere, against any such person or persons
producing such Certificate or Instrument, for any Piracy
or Robbery by him or them committed as aforesaid, before
the Date of these Presents. Provided always, That if any
of the said Offender or Offenders whatsoever shall, after
the publishing of this Our Proclamation, in Contempt
thereof, and of Our Princely Mercy and Clemency to
them hereby offered, wilfully and obstinately persist in
their Piracies, Robberies, and Outragious Practices, or
shall not Surrender themselves in manner aforesaid; Then
We do hereby expressly Direct and Command, That all and
every such person and persons shall be pursued with the ut-
most Severity, and with the greatest Rigour that may be
until they and every of them be utterly Suppressed and De-
stroyed; We declaring it to be Our Royal Purpose and Re-
solution, That they and every of them shall from hence-
forth be finally Excluded and Debarred from receiving any
further Favour or Mercy. And lastly, We do hereby Re-
voke, Annul and make void, all Proclamations by Us
formerly Issued touching the Promises herein above men-
tioned, or any of them.

Given at Our Court at Westminster, this Twentieth day of
January 1687. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

By

Son of the Church: That the present King was not behind any of his Ancestors in his Services and Respects to the Holy See: That the Persons of Ambassadors were always held Sacred, even amongst Nations not yet civilized: That the Priviledges and Franchises pretended to, were Immunities that the Crown had been long possess'd of: That the Rights of the Crown can admit of no Regulation or Bounds, but such as shall be set by the Justice and Moderation of the King: That the former Popes, who endeavoured to reform the Abuses of the Franchises, employed no other means but those of their Temporal Power: That the Censures of the Church, and the Power of the Keys, were abused when employed to serve Temporal ends: That an Ambassador, representing the King, and executing his Commands, was exempt from all Ecclesiastical Censure: That the Church of St. Lewis, was, by a Bull of Sixtus V. made the National Church of the French, where they were bound to assist at Divine Service, and receive the Communion, in whatever parts they lived at Rome. If this had been a matter of Ecclesiastical Cognizance, and the Ambassador Subject to it, there was neither a preceding Citation against him, nor Sentence pronounced and published, or so much as a Signification of any to the Curate of the interdicted Church: All which must plainly shew the nullity of that Decree. To which it was further added, That the Pope, since the last assembly of the Clergy, upon the Business of the Regale, and their Declarations then made, had refused his Bulls to such as the King had nominated to the vacant Archbishopricks and Bishopricks, by which there were 35 unsupplied, to the great Prejudice of those Diocesses, and contrary to the Agreement settled between Pope Leo X. and Francis I. by an Instrument called the Concordat, which, in Favour of the Pope, revok'd the Pragmatique Sanction, founded on the Decrees of the Councils of Constance and Basill, and grants, to the Pope's several Advantages by Lapses, Anticipations, and the Power of admitting Resignations, with other beneficial Articles; the Inconveniences of which Refusal, may, and ought, to be remedied by such ways as have been formerly put in practice by the Church: For the providing whereof, it was proposed, That Provincial Councils, or a National one, should be called. The King's Council having been heard, and a Copy of the Bull produced, which was made in May last, and Printed at Rome, concerning the Franchises of the Ambassador's Quarters, with the Ordinance of the 26th of December, and the Attorney-General's Appeal of the 22d Instant: And after mature debate upon the whole, the Court pronounced this Judgment, That the Attorney-General be admitted an Appellant as of abuse against the said Bull and Ordinance, declaring the same to be void, forbidding all Persons to dispense them within the Kingdom, and commanding that all Copies be brought to the Register's Office there, to be suppress'd. That the Appeal, brought by the Attorney-General to a future Council, be spoiled. That the King be humbly intreated to employ his Authority for the maintenance of the Franchises and Immunities of his Ambassadors Quarters at Rome, to the utmost extent, in which the same were ever enjoyed. As also to call Provincial Councils, or a National One, or an Assembly of the Great Men, to consider of the most convenient means to remedy the disorders, which the long vacancy of Archbishopricks and Bishopricks hath produced, and to prevent the Progress and increase of the same. And that in the meantime, his Majesty would be pleas'd to prohibit, in such manner as he shall think fit, any Commerce with the Court of Rome, in sending Money thither. And lastly, that this Sentence be affix'd in the publick and usual places.

Perthmouth, Jan. 22. On Friday last, his Grace the Duke of Berwick came hither, to take Possession of the Government of the Place, lately conferred on him by His Majesty: He was

met, at some distance from hence, by the Gentlemen of the Country, who designed to wait on him hither, which his Grace (out of Respect to them) excus'd his Acceptance of. About Four Miles from hence, he was received by several Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the Town; who Conducted him to the Town, marching before him in Order, to the place of Parade, where two Regiments were drawn up, with the Deputy-Governor at the head of them, who presented the Duke with the Keys of the Town: He walked from thence to *Godshouse*, where he was met by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, who Complimented him in a Speech that express'd their great Joy and Satisfaction to see him in that Government; to which his Grace made a very obliging Return, and accepted from them the Freedom of the Town, which was also, the next day, given to several Gentlemen that came with him thither. The Respects of the Town were shew'd on this occasion by the ringing of Bells, and all the usual ways of declaring them. On Saturday the Duke, having first been to view the Fortifications here, went next to visit the two Forts on Gosport Side, with South-Sea-Castle.

Whereas there has been lately stolen out of Her Majesty's Kitchen, a Silver Mazarine Dish, Skellet, Sauce-pan, and large Spoon, all persons are hereby required, who have any of the said Goods, forthwith to bring them to Whitehall, and there give Notice of the same at His Majesty's Board of Greencloth, on pain of being prosecuted according to Law. And if any person or persons shall make discovery of the said Goods, so unlawfully taken away by any person or persons whatsoever, they shall be very well rewarded for the same.

Advertisements.

The King's Right of Indulgence in Spiritual Matters, with the Equity thereof, Asserted. By a Person of Honour, and Eminent Minister of State, lately Deceased. Sold by Dorman Newman at the King's Arms in the Poultry.

On Monday the 13th of February next, at the Bear in Ave-Mary Lane near Ludgate-street, will be sold, by Auction, that Celebrated Collection of Books in most Languages and Faculties, brought from the several parts of Europe, by Mr. Robert Spott of London, Bookseller to His Majesty. Catalogues of which are distributed from the Royal Coffee-house near Charing-cross, the Rainbow Coffee-house in Fleet-street, Mr. Holford, in the Pall-Mall, Mr. Willis in King-street, Westminster, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Thomas Dring in Fleet-street, Mr. Chiswel in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Parker near the Royal Exchange, Mr. Turin in Holborn, Mr. Benjamin Shirley in Oxford, Bookellers, Mr. Hayes in Cambridge, and Mr. Mill in Amen Corner.

On Wednesday next, the First of February, will be sold, by Auction, the Fam'd Library of Monsieur Maifoue, consisting of Complete Sets of Greek, Latin Fathers and Historians, together with Oriental Bibles, Church History, Councils, with Variety of the Writers of Foreign Nations, and of our own, as also of Classical Authors, &c. of the finest Prints and Editions from the Original of Printing. At the Black Swan in St. Pauls Church-yard, amongst the Woollen-Drapers, Catalogues are given by Mr. Morlock in Westminster-Hall, Mr. Bentley in Covent-garden, Mr. Wilkinson in Fleet-street, Mr. Miller and Mr. Smith in St. Pauls Church-yard, Mr. Crouch in Cornhill, Bookellers. The Books are expos'd to View daily.

An Ingenier has now brought into England the Model or Representation of the most magnificent and Royal Palace of Versailles, made in Copper, Gilt over with Silver and Gold, and of all the Gardens and Water-works. It is 24 Foot in Length, and 18 in Breadth. It is to be seen every day in Exeter Change over against the Savoy in the Strand, from Eight of the Clock in the Morning till Eight at Night.

On the 24th Instant, John Blakelock, suspected to have broke open two Locks in the Ship Woodworth, Nicholas Mowery Comander, and took in Amber Necklaces to the value of 30 l. He is a middle-sized Man, peckholes in his Face, reddish friz'd hair, light coloured Coat, red Waistcoat, 25 years of Age. Whoever apprehends the said Person or Goods, shall have two Guinea's Reward, giving Notice to Mr. Kayser at the Feathers in Ludgate-street.

Strayed the 14th Instant, from the Marshes in Bradwell near the Sea in Essex, a dark brown Nag about 23 hands high, with brown muzzle, and a brown half circle about each Eye, with one, if not both hinder Feet white, a cut Tail, and all his going very well. He was seen to be after to pass by England Gate. Whoever brings Notice of him to Mr. Skippin at Bradwell aforesaid, or to Mr. Turner Grocer without Aldgate, London, shall have a s. Reward, and Charges.