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At the Court at WHITEHALL,

The 25th of June 1688.

Present the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty, and the Lords of His Majesties Most Honourable Privy Council.

**W**Hereas by the late Act of Uniformity, which Establisheth the Liturgy of the Church of England, and Enacts, That no Form or Order of Common Prayer, be openly used, other than what is Prescribed and Appointed to be used in and by the said Book: It is notwithstanding Provided, That in all those Prayers, Litanies and Collects, which do any way relate to the King, Queen or Royal Progeny, the Names be Altered and Changed from time to time, and fitted to the present Occasion, according to the Direction of Lawful Authority. His Majesty was pleased this day in Council to Declare His Royal Will and Pleasure, That in all Prayers for the Royal Family, the Persons particularly to be Prayed for, be thus named and expressed, Our Gracious Queen Mary, Catharine the Queen Dowager, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and their Royal Highnesses Mary Princess of Orange, and the Princess Anne of Denmark, and all the Royal Family. And His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command, That no Edition of the Book of Common Prayer be from henceforth Printed but with these Amendments, and that in the mean time, till Copies of such Edition may be had, all Parsons, Vicars and Curates within this Realm do (for the preventing of Mistakes) with the Pen Correct and Amend all such Prayers in their Church Books, according to the foregoing Directions. And for the better Notice hereof, That this Order be forthwith Printed and Published, and sent to the several Parishes, and that the Right Reverend the Bishops take care, that Obedience be paid to the same accordingly, within their respective Diocesses.

JOHN NICHOLAS.

## A PROCLAMATION.

JAMES R.

**W**Hereas nothing can prove a greater dishonour to a well-ordered Government where the Christian Faith is professed, than the open and avowed practice of Vice, Prophaness and Debauchery, which amongst some men hath too much prevailed in this our Kingdom of late Years, to the high displeasure of Almighty God, the great Scandal of Christianity it self, and the ill and fatal example of our Loving Subjects, who have been soberly Educated, and especially the younger sort, whose inclinations would lead them to virtuous Courses, did they not daily find repeated instances of dissolute Living and open Prophaness, which in some Persons is grown so habitual, as if, in this our Realm, there were an allowed Custom of doing Evil; For the prevention whereof, and so the intent that Religion, Piety and good Manners may (according to Our hearty desire) flourish and increase under Our Administration and Government, We do hereby Declare Our Royal Purpose and Resolution to be, That We will exercise the greatest severity of Punishment against men of Dissolute, Debauched and Prophan Lives, of what Quality, or under what Circumstances soever they shall be. And We do expect that all

Persons of Honour, or in Place and Authority, will so far contribute to the discountenancing such men, that they being re-did to shame and contempt, may be enjoined the sooner to reform their ill habits and practices; and that the displeasure of god in us towards them, may supply what the Law hath not of themselves, or (it may be) cannot wholly prevent. And for the more effectual reforming these Persons, who are a discredit to this Our Kingdom, Our further pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly Require, Charge and Command all Our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other our Officers and Ministers both Ecclesiastical and Civil, and other Our Subjects whom it may concern, to be very vigilant and strict in the Discovery and Prosecution of all Persons who shall be given to excessive Drinking, Debauchery, Prophan Swearing and Curfing, or any other Dissolute, Vicious and Immoral Practices, That (having first given Security for the good Behaviour) they may be further proceeded against with all Rigour and Severity, and exposed to shame in such a manner as the Law, and the just and necessary Rules of Government shall direct or permit.

Given at our Court at Whitehall the 29th Day of June, 1688. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Whitehall, July 2: The following Address from the Corporation of Portsmouth was presented to His Majesty by his Grace the Duke of Berwick, Governor of that Town and Garrison, and was the first that was presented on the Happy Occasion of the Birth of the Prince.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble and hearty Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Your Corporation of Portsmouth.

DEAR SIR!

**H**aving received by an Express from his Grace the Duke of Berwick, the joyful News of Her Majesties being safely brought to Bed of a Prince: We thought it our Duties in the first place, to pay our humble and hearty Thanks to the Almighty Hand that hath bestowed this Blessing upon us, and hath Crowned the Wishes of all your good Subjects, with that Act of Grace, which they have so long and so earnestly Prayed for. In the next place, we must not, we cannot omit to Congratulate your Majesty and your Royal Consort the Queen, in this great Jubilee of the Nation, in renewing and confirming to your Sacred Majesty by all the outward marks of an inward and real Joy, our true Allegiance to your Majesty and your Royal Successors.

Permit us then, Great SIR! to make this early offering of our Fidelity to the Royal Infant in His Cradle, and to present him here with the first fruits of our Loyalty, our unfeigned Wishes for his long Life and Happiness, that he may inherit with the Crown the Great Virtues of His Royal Parents; and that when Old Age, the publick Cares and Troubles of a Crown, hath made your Majesty weary of this World, and when that Hand which gave you to us, shall take you from hence to place you in a better, this Young Prince may succeed you in your Throne, and Sway your Scepter with the same Piety, Justice and Happy Temper, your Majesty hath hitherto done (and we do not doubt but will always do.) And since by Divine Providence we have been once more taught our Duties, and Heaven seems to be inclined, by this Blessing bestowed upon us, to forgive the Nation its past Faults, we shall henceforth take more Care never to provoke that God that gave us our King and this Prince, but shall ever say and Pray, Long Live King JAMES the Second, our Gracious Queen MARY and the PRINCE. In Testimony of these our hearty Congratulations and sincere Wishes, we have caused the Seal of your Majesties Corporation abovesaid herewith to be affixed. Dated this Twelfth Day of June, Anno Domini, 1688. And in the Fourth Year of your Majesties Reign.

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