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Writel all, Sept. 30.

Several of my Lords the Bishops having attended the King on Friday last, His Majesty, was pleased, amongst other Gracious Expressions, to let them know, That he would signify His Pleasure for taking off the Suspension of the Lord Bishop of London; Which is done accordingly.

By the KING, A PROCLAMATION.

JAMES R.

WE have received undoubted Advice, That a great and sudden Invasion from Holland, with an Armed Force of Foreigners and Strangers, will speedily be made in a Hostile manner upon this Our Kingdom.

And although some false Pretences relating to Liberty, Property, and Religion, contrived or worded with Art and Subtilty, may be given out (as shall be thought useful upon such an Attempt) it is manifest however (considering the great Preparations that are making) that no less Matter by this Invasion, is proposed and purposed, than an absolute Conquest of these Our Kingdoms, and the utter Subduing and Subjecting Us and all Our People, to a Foreign Power, which is promoted (as We understand,) although it may seem almost incredible) by some of Our Subjects, being Persons of wicked and restless Spirits, implacable Malice, and desperate Designs, who having no sense of former Injustice Distractions, the Memory and Misery whereof should endear and put a Value upon that Peace and Happiness which hath long been enjoyed; nor being moved by Our reiterated Acts of Grace and Mercy, wherein We have studied and delighted to abound towards all Our Subjects, and even towards those who were once Our avowed and open Enemies, do again endeavour to imbroil this Kingdom in Bond and Ruine, to gratifie their own Ambition and Malice, proposing to themselves a Prey and Booty in such a publick Confusion.

We cannot omit to make it known, That although We had Notice some time since, that a Foreign Force was preparing against Us, yet we have always declined any Foreign Succors, but rather have chosen (next under God) to rely upon the true and ancient Courage, Faith and Allegiance of Our own People, with whom We have often ventured Our Life, for the Honour of this Nation, and in whose Defence, against all Enemies, We are firmly resolved to live and die: And therefore We solemnly Conjure Our Subjects to lay aside all manner of Animosities, Jealousies and Prejudices, and heartily and cheerfully to unite together in the Defence of Us and their Native Country, which thing alone will (under God) defeat and frustrate the principal Hope and Design of Our Enemies, who expect to find Our People divided, and by publishing perhaps some plausible Reasons of their coming hither, as the specious, though false Pretences of maintaining the Protestant Religion, or asserting the Liberties and Properties of Our People, do hereby to Conquer this Great and Renowned Kingdom: But albeit the Design hath been carried on with an imaginable Secrecy and Endeavours to surprize and deceive Us, We have not been wanting on Our Part, to make such Provision as did become Us, and by God's Blessing We make no doubt of being found in so good a posture, that Our Enemies may have cause to repent such their rash and unjust attempt.

We did intend (as We lately declared) to have met Our Parliament in November next, and the Writs are issued forth accordingly, proposing to Our selves, amongst other things, that We might be able to quiet the minds of all Our People in matters of Religion, pursuant to the several Declarations We have published to that effect, but in regard of this strange and unreasonable Attempt, from Our Neighboring Country (without any manner of provocation) designed to divert Our said Gracious purposes, We find it necessary to recall Our said Writs, which We do hereby recall accordingly, Commanding and requiring Our Loving Subjects to take Notice thereof, and to surcease all further proceedings thereon; And forasmuch as the approaching danger which now is at hand, will require a great and vigorous Defence, We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Loving Subjects, both by Sea and Land (whose ready Concurrence, Valour and Courage, as true English-men, We no way doubt in so just a Cause) to be prepared to defend their Country; And We do hereby Command and Require all Lords Lieutenants, and Deputy Lieutenants, to use their best and utmost Endeavours to Resist, Repel and Suppress Our Enemies who come with such Confidence and great Preparations to invade and Conquer these Our Kingdoms. And lastly We do most expressly and strictly enjoin and prohibit all and every Our Subjects of what Degree or Condition soever, from giving any manner of Aid, Assistance, Countenance or Succour, or from having or holding any Correspondence, with these Our Enemies, or any of their Complices, upon pain of High Treason, and being prosecuted and proceeded against with the utmost severity.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 28th day of September, 1688. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Legborne, Sept. 18. We have Advice from the Venetian Army before Negrepont, that they had raised 6 Batteries against the Place, and that their Attacks were so far advanced; that they were preparing for a general Assault. From Dalmatia we hear, that the Garrison of Clin had offered to surrender, if they were not relieved in 8 days; But that General Cornaro would not allow them more than 24 hours; so that we suddenly expect to hear of the surrender of that Place, which will free the Territories of Zara and Sebenico from the Enemies Incurfions. The Master of a Vessel come from Alexandria reports, that there were three Turkish Gallies, and ten Ships, that had on Board them Goods and Money to the Value of a Million and an half, bound for Constantinople; And that the Captain-General Venier, upon Notice of it, had sent out 20 Ships, in three Squadrons, to look after them. A Ship from Smirna confirms the great Ruin happened to that City, by the late Earthquake and Fire; and adds that most of the Merchants were removed from thence to Scio. The Marriage of the Prince of Tuscany with the Princess of Bavaria has been published here with great Solemnity.

Venice, Sept. 24. The Letters from Zant, of the 23d past, tell us, they had received Advice by the way of Corinth, that the Venetians had taken all the Outworks of Negrepont, with the loss of 1600 Turks, and doubted not but they should in few days be Masters of the Town. On Sunday last arrived here a Felucca, with the News of the taking of the important Fortests of Cin, by the Forces of this State, under the Command of the Proveditor-General Cornaro; They encamped before the Place the 28th of the last

month, and with great diligence raised their Batteries against it, which having made a Breach in the Wall, they gave an Assault, and mounted the Breach with that Vigor and Bravery, that the Enemy, after having made all the Defence they were able, retired into the Castle, where they hung out a White Flag, and afterwards surrendered at discretion; And about 1000, with the Governor, and 5 Aga's, remained Prisoners. There were found in the Place 10 pieces of Brass Cannon, and 150 Slaves were released. The farther Particulars in our next.

Vienna, Sept. 23. The Imperial Army decamped from *Belgrade*, or rather separated, on the 13th instant. Several Regiments were ordered to march towards *Bosnia*, to reinforce Prince *Louis of Baden*; A Detachment was likewise sent to join with General *Veterani* on the Frontiers of *Valachia*; And another towards *Temeswar*; And the rest of the Imperial Forces will be put into Winter-Quarters in *Serua*, *Transylvania*, and *Upper Hungary*; Those of *Bavaria*, with the other Auxiliary Troops, will return home. The *Racians* being 10000 strong design to march towards *Sophia*, and to possess themselves of that Place. And *Yeghen Osman* is retired from *Nissa*, whether for fear of their approach, or upon any other design, is uncertain. The Turkish Ambassadors are expected here in three or four days, being under the Care of General *Caraffa*; It's said they do offer, as Conditions of Peace, to yield to the Emperor *Great Waradin*, *Gula*, *Jeno* and *Temeswar*; But these Places, as well as *Sigeth* and *Canisa*, are reduced to those Necessities, that they must quickly fall into the hands of the Imperialists. The Duke of *Lorrain* is arrived at *Gratz*; But we do not yet know, whither he will come hither, or go directly to *Innspruck*. The Elector of *Bavaria* will part from hence the beginning of the next Week for *Munick*.

Brussels, Octob. 5. We have Advice, that the French Forces, which assembled between the *Sambre* and the *Meuse*, under the Command of the *Mareschal d'Humieres*, are marched towards *Charlemont* to pass the *Meuse* there; It's said they are about 12000 strong, having been drawn out of the French Garisons in *Hainault* and *Flanders*; Those that were detach'd from *Luxembourg* and *Lorrain* are marched towards the Electorate of *Cologne*, and the *Palatinate*. The City of *Cologne* is very much press'd by the French to embrace a Neutrality; And those Magistrates have, as we are told, let the Imperial Minister know, that they shall be forced to accept of it, unless the Confederate Troops do oblige those of *France* to retire out of their Territories. They write from *Strasbourg*, That the City of *Spire* has received a French Garison; That the French are likewise in *Neustadt* in the *Palatinate*; And that *Philipsbourg* and *Keyserlauter* are invested; There is in the first of these Places a Garison of 2400 Men, who, by a vigorous defence, may give time for their Relief. The Letters from *Rome* of the 18th past, say, That the Pope had, pursuant to the Report of the Consistorial Congregation, confirmed the Election of Prince *Clement of Bavaria* to the Archbishoprick of *Cologne*.

Hague, Octob. 6. Yesterday in the Afternoon the *Marquis d'Albyville*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majesty of *Great Britain*, had a Conference with eight Deputies of the States General, to whom he delivered the following Memorial; Which will be read this Moining in the Assembly of the States-General.

THE underwritten Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Great Britain, has received Order to represent to your Lordships, That although His Majesty had believed, that what He had already declared to your Ambassador in England, and the Orders He had given to His said Envoy Extraordinary upon the same Subject, might have satisfied your Lordships, that there is no other Treaty between His Majesty and the Most Christian King, than those that are publick and in Print; Yet since a great deal of Artifice and Industry has been made use of to make the World believe, that the King his Master is entered into other Treaties and Alliances with the Most Christian

King, His Majesty, to shew the great regard He has to the Friendship and Alliances, which are between Him and your Lordships, and His desire to continue the same, has Commanded the said Envoy Extraordinary, in His Name, to assure your Lordships, that there is no other Treaty between His Majesty and the most Christian King, than those that are publick and in Print; And farther, that as His Majesty extremely desires the Preservation of the Peace, and Repose of Christendom, so He will be also glad to take such measures with your Lordships, as may be most convenient for maintaining the Peace of Nimegueu, and the Truce of 20 Years concluded in 1584. Given at the Hague the 5th of October, 1688.

M. D'ALBYVILLE.

The great Preparations, that have been making here for some time, are continued with extraordinary diligence: The Recruits that are ordered to be made will amount to 12000 Men: And 13000 of the Troops of *Brandenburgh*, *Lunenburgh*, and *Hesse Cassel*, are taken into the Service of this State: The Fleet lies now off of *Goeree*; and the Camp has been so ordered, that from thence they can send, as they do, the Troops to the *Texel*, *Zealand*, *Helvoet sluis*, and *Rotterdam*, to be embark'd; and all things will be ready for them to set sail the next week, with an Intention to invade *England*.

Whitehall, Sept. 30. His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, the Earl of *Lindsey*, the Earl of *Darby*, the Lord *Jermyn*, and others of the Nobility, have, upon the News of the intended Invasion, humbly offered their Services to His Majesty, who received very Graciously this Tender of their Duty, and has sent Commissions to several of them to raise Men in their Countreys.

Whitehall, Sept. 28. This day a Chapter being held of the most Noble Order of the Garter, his Grace the Duke of *Berwick* and his Grace the Duke of *Ormond* were Elected Knights Companions of that Order, and were invested with the Garter and *George*, having been first Knighted by the Sovereign.

Advertisements.

WHEREAS the Patentees for the New Lights did heretofore authorize one or more Patentees, to act on their behalf, and have since found it necessary to revoke those Letters of Attorney. These therefore are to give notice, That the Patentees will meet every Munday and Thursday between the hours of 3 and 6 in the Afternoon at Bourne Coffee house in Cateaton-Street, to receive Proposals and make Agreements for the setting up the said Lights.

HIS Majesty, by His Letters Patents hath granted to John Smith Esq; two Fairs to be held at Appleshaw near Way-Hill in the County of Southampton, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th Days of May; and upon the 24th, 25th, and 26th Days of October yearly; for Sheep, Horses, Huggs, Bullocks, and all sorts of Cattel, for Woollen and Linnen Manufactures, Cheese, Corn, and all other Commodities whatsoever usually sold in Markets and Fairs.

AT the Blew Posts in Pump Court, next door to the Black-spread Eagle, at Charing-Cross, any persons that have Estates to buy or sell may be there accommodated. Money will be lent at 5 l. per Cent. upon Mortgages, though distant from London, from 100 l. to 2000 l. with Expedition and Privacy; and at 6 l. per Cent. upon Personal Security. There are also Employments to be procured for those that have occasion: and Gentlemen both in City and Country may be accommodated with any sort of Servants.

A Thin man, having had the Small-Pox, short black lank hair, in a sad coloured Coat, stole from Thomas Whittcar of Toller in the County of Northampton Inholder, a dark brown Gelding, above 13 hands, about seven or eight years old, no white but only in his Tail, short neck, and a little greale-fallen. A large silver Tankard and a Spoon, marked T. M. W. Whoever gives notice of the Horse and Plate, so as they be recovered, to Mr. Sawtell at the General Post Office in Lombard-Street, or to Mr. Whittcar aforesaid, shall have two Guineas Reward.

ONE William Cleugh, about 25 years old lately went away from his Master at Newcastle upon Tyne; he is a luty proper Fellow, with flaxen Hair, in a grey Hat, a light coloured Cloth Coat with Gold and Silver coloured Lace about his Sleeves and Pocket-holds. Whoever secures him, and gives notice thereof to Captain John Wilkinson of Newcastle, or Mr. Thomas Fisher, Stationer, at the Cambden's Head under the Royal Exchange, London, shall have 3 Guineas Reward.