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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.

**W**E 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 thereby 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 Negrepon, 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 Negrepon, 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 Provveditor-General Cornaro; They encamped before the Place the 28th of the last