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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION

For the speedy Calling of a PARLIAMENT.

JAMES R.

WE have thought fit as the best and most proper Means to Establish a lasting Peace in this Our Kingdom, to Call a Parliament, and have therefore Ordered Our Chancellor to cause Writs to be Issued forth for Summoning a Parliament to Meet at Westminster upon the Fifteenth day of January next ensuing the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation. And that nothing may be wanting on Our Part towards the freedom of Elections, as We have already Restored all Cities, Towns-Corporate, and Boroughs throughout Our Kingdom, to their Ancient Charters, Rights and Priviledges; So We Command and Require all Persons whatsoever, that they presume not by Menace, or any other undue Means, to Influence Elections, or procure the Vote of any Elector. And We do also strictly Require and Command all Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs and other Officers to whom the Execution or Return of any Writ, Summons, Warrant or Precept for Members to the ensuing Parliament shall belong, that they cause such Writ, Summons, Warrant and Precept to be duly Published and Executed, and Returns thereupon, to be fairly made according to the true Merits of such Elections.

And for the Security of all Persons both in their Elections and Service in Parliament, We do hereby Publish and Declare, That all Our Subjects shall have free Liberty to Elect, and all Our Peers, and such as shall be Elected Members of Our House of Commons, shall have full Liberty and Freedom to Serve and Sit in Parliament, notwithstanding they have taken up Arms, or committed any Act of Hostility, or been any way Aiding or Assisting therein. And for the better Assurance hereof, We have Graciously Directed a General Pardon to all Our Subjects to be forthwith prepared to Pass Our Great Seal.

And for the Reconciling all Publick Breaches, and Obliterating the very Memory of all past Miscalriages, We do hereby Exhort, and kindly Admonish all Our Subjects, to dispose themselves to Elect such Persons for their Representatives in Parliament, as may not be Byassed by Prejudice or Passion, but Qualified with Parts, Experience and Prudence proper for this Conjunction, and agreeable to the Ends and Purposes of this Our Gracious Proclamation.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Thirtieth Day of November 1688. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

Vienna, Novemb. 18. The Sieur Hopp, who lately arrived here in the Quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the States-General of the United Provinces, has had his first Audience of the Emperor; It's said, that among other Matters, he offer'd the Mediation of his Matters for the Concluding a Peace with the Turks. The new Levies and Recruits advance with good success: The States of Bohemia raise 6000 Men at their own charge; and Austria, Silesia, Moravia, and the other Hereditary Countreys 8 or 10000. The Palatine of Hungary offers to make a Levy of 3000 Hungarians; and some others of the Principal Nobility of that Kingdom will likewise raise Troops, to the number of 4000 Men, at their own Expence; Besides these the Emperor has given out Commissions for several new Regiments; and the old ones will be recruited each to 2100 Men. The Duke of Lorraine has been ill again; but the last Letters from Insprucke gave an Account that his Fever had left him, though he continued still very weak. We hear from Bosnia that General Piccolomini had taken upon him the Command of the Imperial Forces, and that he was setting the Winter Quarters and Contributions on that side. We told you formerly of a design the Rascians had formed to surprize Teckelej, which they carried on so well, that on the 28th past they were got, being 1500 strong, within a Mile of Widin, where he was with about the same number, not having the least notice of their approach. But the Rascians making a halt there, with an intention to enter the Town in the dead of Night, an Hungarian went secretly away, and informed Teckelej of their design, who immediately drew his Men together, and upon the Rascians advancing sallied out upon them, killed 2 or 300, and put the rest to flight, however Teckelej not thinking himself safe at Widin, it being an inconsiderable open Place, retired from thence, and passed the River; and the Rascians having rallied, and being re-inforced with some fresh Troops, went in pursuit of him. The Count de Bathiani who Commands the Blockade of Camisa, was informed the 5th Instant by a Deserter, that the Bassa had the day before received a Letter from the Turkish Ambassadors at Perendorf, wherein they assure him, that a Peace will be suddenly concluded, and in the mean time exhort him to continue constant in the defence of that Place. The Tartars are now in a great Body in Moldavia, expecting the benefit of the Frost to make Incurursions into Hungary, or more probably into Poland; where the Provincial Dyets break up in great discontents.

Ratisbonne, Novemb. 19. They write from Munnike, that the Electors Troops which had served the last Campagne in Hungary, were arrived

lived, on the Frontiers of *Bavaria*; and that his Electoral Highness had summoned the States of *Bavaria* to meet the 22 Instant at *Wasserburg*, to consider of putting the Country into a posture of defence. The last week the Baron de *Neuburg*, the Elector of *Bavaria's* Deputy at the Dyet, went with the Secretary of the Imperial Commission, and some Soldiers of this Garrison, to the House of the late Resident of *Cologne*, and demanded the Papers in his Custody, that concern the Affairs of that Diocess, and upon his refusal to deliver them, seized the same, and carried them away. The Elector of *Bavaria* raises several new Troops.

Frankfort, Novemb. 25. The Elector of *Saxony* advances towards this Place with 12000 Men. And the Duke of *Hannover* and the Landgrave of *Hesse Cassel* with another Body of 10000; having with them a very good Train of Artillery. The Elector had last Night his head Quarter at *Walddeck*; The Duke of *Hannover* at *Bergen*; and the Landgrave at *Hochstadt*; the farthest of these Places not being above three hours march from hence. One of their Parties was on Tuesday last engaged with some of the French Troops on the other side of the *Main*, of whom they killed 50 and took 30 Prisoners; And it's said they have sent Detachements to possess themselves of *Ashaffenburg*, *Resselheim*, *Hoewst* and *Cassel*, belonging to the Elector of *Mentz*, in which there are at present French Garisons.

Cologne, Novemb. 30. An Imperial Mandate has been published in this City, and affixed in the usual places, by which the Chapter and all the Subjects of this Electorate are required to acknowledge and obey Prince *Clement* of *Bavaria* as their Archbishop and Elector, upon pain of forfeiting their Goods, Rights and Priviledges, and incurring all the other Penalties of the Imperial Ban. Our Magistrates have sent Deputies to *Bonne* to desire that the Passages to this City may be left free and open, for that they shall otherwise be obliged to make use of force to remove the Troops that are posted there. Prince *Walddeck* continues at *Dunburg*, his Troops being quartered in the Villages thereabouts. The French have reinforced the Garison of *Mentz* to 6000 Men.

Wesel, Novemb. 27. The Elector of *Brandenburg* arrived the 23 Instant at *Bylevell*; and is expected here in few days. New Levies are making in all these parts for the Service of his Electoral Highness.

Brussels, Novemb. 30. Our Governor-General intends for the security of this Place, to keep here all this Winter a Garison of 6000 Men. The 28th Instant arrived here an Envoy from the Marshal of *Lumieres*, who had the next day Audience of his Excellency. He is come, it's said, to demand the release of a French Vessel which hath been stop'd by those of *Gant*, because the would not, according to the Priviledge of that City, unlade there. They write from *Wesel* that 8000 *Brandenburgers* were arrived at *Bylevell* to join the Confederate Forces Commanded by Prince *Walddeck*, which, when the 6000 Swedes have likewise joyned them, will make an Army of 36000 Men. The Letters from *Munich* of the 20th Instant tell us, that the Electress of *Bavaria* is with Child. We are told from *Liege* that part of that Country had pay'd their Contributions, and that the rest for not doing it, was put under Military Execution.

Brussels, Decemb. 7. On Sunday his Excellency saw the Baron de *Castro's* new Regiment of Dragoons, which was drawn up in the Park, com-

posed of 450 Men, very well Cloathed and Armed. The other new raised Regiments will be compleat before the end of this Month. They write from *Frankfort* of the 30 Instant, that the Duke of *Hannover* appearing on the 28th past with his Troops before *Hochst*, the French Governor had upon the first summons surrendered the Place, retiring with the Garison to *Mentz*. And that the Confederates intended likewise to possess themselves of *Cassel* on the *Rhine*, to hinder the French from passing that River over the Bridge at *Mentz*; after which the Confederate Troops will go into their Winter Quarters. We hear from *Liege*, that the Governor of *Dinant* had with 1800 French Horse and Dragoons made an Incursion into the Dutch Territories, and advancing into the *Meyerie* of *Bolduc* had burnt there 7 or 8 Villages: They demand two Millions, 500 thousand Florins for Contributions. The Letters from *Venice* of the 26th past give an account, that the Siege of *Negrepost* was raised on the 20th of *October*.

Hague, Dec. 7. We have an Account from *France*, that a Declaration of War hath been published there against this State. The French have burnt 9 or 10 Villages about *Bolduc*. Orders are given for the fitting out a great many Light Frigets for the security of our Commerce against the French Privateers.

Whitehall, November 30. The 28th Instant the Count de *Rouere*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of *Savoy*, had his Audience of Leave of the Queen: And the 29th, of the Queen Dowager; being conducted by Sir *Charles Cottrell* Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, November 30. His Majesty hath been Graciously Pleas'd to Confer upon Colonel *Edward Griffin* the Honour and Dignity of a Baron of this Kingdom, by the Name and Title of Lord *Griffin* of *Braybrooke* in the County of *Northampton*.

Whitehall, Novemb. 30. We have an Account from *Jamaica* of the Death of his Grace the Duke of *Albemarle*, His Majesties Governor of that Island.

Sheriffs for

Berks, James Paul of Bray, Esq
 Devon, Thomas Drewe Esq
 Warwickshire, Sir Reginall Foster, Bar.

We are Commanded to give Notice, That it is His Majesties Pleasure, that the Sheriffs appointed for the several Counties of this Kingdom for the year ensuing, do without any delay take out their Writs, in order to their entring upon their respective Offices.

Advertisements.

WHEREAS Captain George Hastings of Her Majesties the Queens Regiment of Horse, Commanded by the Honourable Sir John Laver, having barbarously murdered Captain Samuel English in his Bed at Henly upon Thames, being of the same Regiment, did immediately make his Escape with one Samuel Reynor Corporal in his own Troop, necessary to the said Murder; The Captain being upon a Black Stone Horse, and the Corporal upon a large black Gelding with one Eye. Whoever shall seize and secure the said Captain and Corporal, and give notice to Mr. Treckleron in Tuttle Street, Westminster, shall have a considerable Reward.

THE Debtors of Edward Mytton, late of London-bridge, Linnen Draper, are by the Commissioners appointed by the Commission of Bankrupt against him, desired to pay their several Debts due to the said Edward Mytton unto Samuel Briggs Scrivener in King Street near Guildhall, or to Mr. Thomas Wheeler Linnen Draper on London Bridge.

Run away the Twenty fifth past, an East India slim Boy about 14 years old, short Hair, with a grey Cloth Cap faced with blew, a pair of blew Stockins, an old sad colour Coat, the Bone in one of his Legs sticks out below his Knee-Pan; his Name is Coffentry. Whoever secures him, and gives notice to Mrs. Margaree Cooper at the upper end of Threadneedle Street over against the Pump, an East-India Warehouse, shall have a Guinea Reward.