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Whitehall, May 16.

THE Queen being informed of a scandalous and malicious Report that was spread abroad, as if some of the Officers of Their Majesties Fleet were disaffected, or not hearty in their Service, and that Her Majesty had thereupon ordered the discharge of many of them from their Employments; Her Majesty was pleased to command the Earl of Nottingham to write to Admiral Ruffell, to let him know, That Her Majesty was satisfied that this Report was raised by the Enemies of the Government; and that she reposed to entire a Confidence in their Fidelity and Zeal for Their Majesties Service, and the Defence of their Country, that she had resolved not to displace any one of them. Which being communicated to the Admiral, they made and sent up the following Address, which was this day presented to the Queen by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects and Servants, Flag-Officers and Captains in Your Majesties Fleet, out of the deep and grateful sense we have of Your Majesties Good and Just Opinion of our Loyalty and Fidelity, imparted to us by the Right Honourable Admiral Ruffell, in a Letter to him from my Lord Nottingham: Do, in the behalf of our selves, and all the other Officers and Seamen, humbly presume to Address our selves to Your Majesty at this juncture, to undeceive the World in those false and malicious Reports that have been lately spread in prejudice of Your Majesties Service by People of an unreasonable disaffection to Your Majesties Government, and an obstinate aversion to the Quiet and Good of our Country, That there are some amongst us that are not truly zealous for, and entirely devoted to Your Majesties Service. We do therefore most humbly beg Your Majesties leave to add to our repeated Oaths this assurance of our Fidelity, That we will with all imaginable Alacrity and Resolution venture our Lives in the Defence of Your Majesties uncontroverted Rights, and the Liberty and Religion of our Country, against all Foreign and Popish Invaders, what soever. And that God Almighty may preserve Your Majesties most Sacred Person, direct Your Councils, and prosper Your Arms by Sea and Land, against Your Majesties Enemies, let all the people say Amen, with Your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects. Dated on board the *Britannia* at St. Helens, this 15th day of May, 1692.

This Address was signed by Sir John Ashby, Admiral of the Blue; Sir Ralph Delaval, Vice-Admiral of the Red; Mr. Rooke, Vice-Admiral of the Blue; Sir Cloudfly Shovel, Recr-Admiral of the Red; Mr. Carter, Recr-Admiral of the Blue; and the other Commanders of Their Majesties Fleet: And Her Majesty accepted it very graciously, being pleased to say, That she always had this Opinion of the Commanders; but was very glad this was come, to satisfie others.

By the King and Queen,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
Declaring the Parliament shall be Prorogued until the Fourteenth day of June next.

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WHEREAS Our Parliament is now Prorogued to the Four and twentieth Day of this instant May; And where- as by Our Proclamation of the Fifth of this Month,

for the Reason therein mentioned, We thought fit to declare Our Pleasure, That Our Parliament should not only Meet on the said Four and twentieth Day of May, but should Continue then to Sit for the Dispatch of divers Weighty Affairs. We taking it into Our Royal Consideration, That Our Navy being now at Sea, and joined with that of Our Allies, and in a readiness (by the Blessing of God) to Resist and Repel the Designs and Attempts of Our Enemies: And being unwilling to Call Our Subjects from their Habitacions at this Season of the Year, unless in Case of Necessity, have therefore thought fit (with the Advice of Our Privy Council) to Publish and Declare, and We do hereby Publish and Declare Our Royal Pleasure, That Our Parliament shall upon the said Four and twentieth day of May, be further Prorogued to the Fourteenth day of June next, Whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons, and all others whom it may concern, may hereby take Notice, and Order their Affairs accordingly. We letting them know, That We will not at the said Four and twentieth Day of May expect the Attendance of any, but such as being in or about the Cities of London and Westminster, may attend the making of the said Prorogation, in such manner as heretofore in like Cases has been accustomed. And We do hereby further Declare, That convenient Notice shall be given by Proclamation, of the time when Our Parliament shall Meet and Sit for the Dispatch of Business, to the end that the Members of both Houses may Order their Affairs accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Sixteenth day of May, 1692. In the Fourth year of Our Reign.

Milan, May 7. The German Troops, who have had their Winter Quarters in the Duchies of Mantua, Parma, Modena, and Montserrat, are now on their march towards Piedmont, where it's believed the Campagne will be opened about the 20th of this month.

Vienna, May 11. The Courier that was sent in December last with Letters to the Dutch Ambassador at the Ottoman Port, returned hither this day, and confirms the News of the Grand Vifier's disgrace. He had in less than six months put to death and ruined above 500 persons of the best Reputation in the Empire, upon meer suspicions that they were not his Friends, and had designed to cut off the Caimacan of Adrianople, for whom the Sultan had a particular favour. Some persons in the Seraglio took this occasion to lay before him the Vifier's Cruelty, and his close Engagements with the French Ambassador, which made him extremely hated by the people, as also his unfitness in other respects for the great Station he was placed in; and their representation had such effect, that the Sultan sent immediately for the Vifier, and ordered the black Eunuchs to strangle him in his presence: but, at the intercession of the Sealea Aga, he was banished to Rhodes, and his Estate seized. His Son and all his Creatures, whom he had put into publick Employments, fell under the same fate; so that there was hardly a man left in any part of the Government, who was suspected to favour the French Interests. The place of Vifier was first offered to the Caimacan of Adrianople, but he refused it; and then it was given to Hali Bassa, who was expected in few days at Adrianople, and is looked upon as a man of great Capacity and Zeal for the Good of the Ottoman Empire. The Imperial Regiments that were quartered in Upper Hungary are all arrived before Great Waradin, and General Heuster, with the Major-Generals Berner and Aversberg, are gone thither from Debreczin; so that it's believed the place is by this time formally besieged. Prince Louis of Baden will

part from hence very speedily, to command the Main Army, which is to rendezvous near *Esbeck*. In the mean time, a great many Boats pass down the *Danube*, with Ammunition and Provisions for the Service of our Forces and Garrisons on that side; and our Fleet of Barks & Gallies which is to serve on the *Danube* will be ready by the end of this month. As for the Enemies Preparations, we are assured that they are much retarded by the great Disorders and Comotions that are among them: but that they are hastily getting their Saicks and other small Vessels together, in order to make an Attempt upon the Imperialists, who are posted in the hollow of the Rock at *Bescabara*, and do mightily inconvenience them, by hindring their Boats with Provisions to go up to *Belgrade*; and, on the other side, all possible care is taken to provide for the Defence of that Pass, which is of great use to us.

Francfort, May 18. We are assured, That the Troops of *Saxony* have Orders to be in a readiness to march, and that they are to join with the other Confederates on the *Upper Rhine*. Four Regiments of *Saxe-Gotha* are now marching thither.

Cologne, May 20. The Elector of *Cologne* being perfectly recovered of his late Illness, intends to go towards the end of this week for *Brussels*. His Troops, to the number of 3 or 4000 Men, are ordered to take the Field, to join with those of the Elector *Palatine*, and the other Confederate Forces that are to act between the *Meuse* and the *Moselle*. Two *Bavarian* Regiments of Horse and Dragoons are expected here in few days, in their march towards *Flanders*. The French have drawn their Troops out of the City of *Trier*, and sent them towards the *Muse*.

Hamburg, May 20. All our Advices from the Country of *Lunenbourg* tell us, That the 6000 Men which those Princes send to the Emperor's Assistance in *Hungary* had not only Orders to begin their march, but that the Duke of *Hanover* had likewise resolved to furnish a considerable Body of Men, to act against *France* this Campaign. We are told likewise, That his Highness has required the French Envoy to depart from his Court, and has recalled his from *France*.

Paris, May 19. An English Protestant Gentleman, belonging to the late King *James's* Family, falling lately very ill at *St. Germain's*, ordered his Servant not to suffer any Priest to come to him, fearing to be disturbed upon the account of his Religion; he having been born and bred a Protestant, and desiring to die in that Perswasion, as he did accordingly. The Servant took care to have his Master bury'd privately in a Field not far from the place; but the Magistrates having notice thereof, they caused the dead Body to be digg'd up, which was afterwards dragg'd upon a Sledge, and in a most barbarous and inhuman manner torn in pieces by the Rabble. The Letters from *Bress* give an Account, That the *Sieur de Vilette* with the Squadron from *Rochefort* had joined the Count de *Tourville*; but that two or three Days before he met with a violent Storm, in which his Ship, of 100 Guns, received so much damage, that he was obliged to send her into Port, and to go himself on board another. We have yet no News of the arrival of the *Toulon* Squadron. They write from *Piedmont*, That the Troops of the Duke of *Savoy* were in motion, and that 'twas believed he design'd to Bombard or Besiege *Pignerol*.

From His Majesty's Quarters near *Brussels*, May 22. The King arrived the 19th at *Brussels*, and came the next day to his Quarters at *Cackleburg*, about half a mile from the Camp, which lies between *Brussels* and *Anderlecht*. The Troops that are commanded hither arrive every day; and besides these, 23 Battalions are encamped at *Dendermonde*, and 2000 *Brandenburg* Horse at *Mercksen*, about 3 Leagues from hence, who may all join together in a very short time. Yesterday *Baron Frederick de Goertz*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of *Hanover*, had his first Audience of His Majesty. Prince *Waldeck* came hither last night. The Enemy continue encamped between *Mons* and *Maubeuge*, the French King's Quarters being at *Givray*; and the Duke of *Luxemburg* is forming another Camp at *Epiennes*.

Hague, May 23. The Treaty between the Emperour and the Duke of *Hanover* is concluded; in pursuance of which, the House of *Lunenbourg* is to send 6000 Men to *Hungary*, and 8000 against *France*. We are likewise assured, That the Elector of *Saxony* will send all his Forces to act in conjunction with the other Confederates on the *Upper Rhine*; and that the *Brandenburg* Forces in *Hungary* are to return, and serve this Summer on the *Rhine*. The

Squadrons of *Zealand* and *North-Holland* are sailed for the Coast of *England*.

Dartmouth, May 15. The French Fleet was seen again yesterday off of the *Start* Point, standing to the Southward: But we have not since heard farther of them.

Portsmouth, May 17. This morning Admiral *Ruffel* sailed from *St. Helens*, with the English and Dutch Fleet, directing his Course to the Westward.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of Their Majesties Navy, observing in the Payment of Their Majesties Fleet, that Their Majesties, as well as their good Subjects, are exposed to great Abuses from false Letters of Attorneys, divers of them being daily detected: Have thought fit, for preventing thereof for the future, to give Notice, That from and after the 24th of June next no Wages for any man's Service in Their Majesties Ships will be paid, where the person does not appear himself, (or the Witnesses to his Letter of Attorney) by any Power but such as shall be witnessed by Two or more Commission or Warrant-Officers of Their Majesties Ships, or by Two or more of the Officers of Their Majesties Yards, or by the Mayor or Two of the Magistrates of some Corporation, or by the Minister and Church-wardens of the Parish, (where the other cannot be had); or here in London by a Publick Notary, or some of the Officers, or Clerks of the Navy.

These are to give Notice, That during Their Majesties Fleet being at Sea this Summer, a Post will go constantly every Day from the Week from the General Letter-Office in London to *Portsmouth*, except Sundays; from whence Care is taken to return Answers accordingly: The Conveyance of Letters to and from that place began upon Wednesday the 18th instant.

Advertisements.

Deferred lately from Coll. *Brewers* Regiment of Foot, *Will Freeman*, a likely fellow, with dark brown hair; *George Tayler*, a black man, and swarthy complexion, aged about 30 years each; *John Fenner*, a tall down-look'd fellow, all 3 in red Coats lind with white; *John Stubbs*, a Shoemaker, a well-set comely man, with light brown hair, aged about 25; and *John Hawkins* in Capt. *Foxley's* Company. Whoever apprehends any of them, and gives notice to Mr. *James Moyer* at the Golden Lion near the Royal Exchange in *Cornhill*, shall have 10 s. Reward for each.

John Collet, aged 21. a tall well-grown Man, pale, and round visag'd, with some few pock-holes in his Face, lank brown hair, in a buff-colour Cloath Coat with Jockey-sleeves, was away the 11th instant from his Master, Mr. *Henry Cornish*. If he will return to his Friends, he shall be kindly received; or whoever brings him to his said Master near *Blackwell-hall*, London, shall have 20 Guineas Reward, and Charges.

Joseph Graing, a fresh-colour'd middle-siz'd Man, aged about 47, formerly a Farmer in *Amertham* Parish in *Buckinghamshire*, and after lived some years at *Kingston* upon *Thames* in *Surrey*, from whence he went in April 91. He is desired to return into *Buckinghamshire*, where he will be informed of an Estate fallen to him; Or whoever gives notice of him, either alive or dead, to Mr. *Isaac Worley* a Painter near *London-stone*, London, shall have 20 s. Reward.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against *Will Stratton*, late of *London*, Silk-man, do intend to meet at the King's Head in *Kingstreet*, *London*, on Thursday the 26th instant at 3 Afternoon, where the Creditors are desired to come, and prove their Debts, and pay their Contributions, otherwise they will be excluded their Dividend.

Lost between *Firle* and *Shoreham-Ferry* in *Suffex*, April 25. last, a Gold Watch, made by *D. Quare*, in a black *Shagrine* Case, with *J. C.* in a *Cypher*. Whoever brings it to *Mr. Chas. Shelley* Goldsmith in *Panton-street* near the *Haymarket*, shall have 2 Guineas Reward.

S Tolen or *Straid* the 11th instant out of *Plastow-Marther*, 2 bay Geldings, about 14 hands; one with a Snip down his Nose, and near Foot behind white; the other a Star in his Forehead; both full aged. Whoever gives Notice of them at the Duke of *Northumberland's* Stables in *Spring-Garden* near *Charing-Cross*, shall have a Guinea Reward for each, and Charges.

S Tolen the 7th instant from Mr. *Robert Handman* of *Yearly* near *London-Blackwater* in *Hampshire*, a bright bay Mare, with a Star and Snip, three of the Legs somewhat white above her Feet, hath all her paces, goeth low, easie, and wide behind; comes seven. above 13 hands; stout, and well set; her Mare storn half off, and a short Tail. Whoever gives notice of her to *John Atbury* of *Hartfordbridge* in *Hampshire*, shall have 20 s. Reward.