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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION
For a GENERAL FAST.

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FOR the Imploring a Blessing from Almighty God upon His Majesty and all His Dominions, and for Averting of those Judgments which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved; and that God would, in His Great Mercy and Goodness, Relieve and Comfort such as Suffer Abroad for the Protestant Religion; The King's most Excellent Majesty (by the Advice of His Privy-Council) hath thought fit, and doth hereby Appoint and Command, That a General Fast, and Day of Solemn Humiliation, be Religiously Kept and Observed throughout His Majesties Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in most Devout and Solemn manner, on Wednesday the Fifth Day of April next. And for the more Orderly Solemnizing of the said Fast, His Majesty hath given Directions to the Right Reverend the Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and hath given Charge for the Dispersing thereof through their several Dioceses in the whole Kingdom. And His Majesty doth most strictly Charge and Command, That the said Fasting and Prayers be Soberly, Reverently and Decently Performed by all His Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of receiving such Punishment as His Majesty can justly inflict upon all such as shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious and Necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Twelfth Day of March, 1698, In the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

Cadiz, Feb. 16. N. S. The Defiance and Coventry Men of War failed from hence yesterday for Malaga; and the Medway, Capt. Baker Commander, is sent to Tangier. Three Spanish Men of War are now in this Bay, ready to sail for the West-Indies with the first fair Wind; they have on Board Don Pimentá, the new Governor of Carthage, with a Reinforcement of Men, and some Cannon and Ammunition for that Garrison. It's said, that publick Notice will be given here in few days, that the *Flores* for New-Spain will sail about Midsummer; but 'tis yet uncertain, whether any Galeons will be sent out this year.

Madrid, Feb. 26. The Count de Harrach, Ambassador from the Emperor, had Publick Audiences of their Catholick Majesties on the 14th Instant, and notified the Marriage of the King of the Romans with the Princess Emilia of Hanover, upon which here have been, by the King's Order, Illuminations and other Publick Rejoicings for three days together; and on this Occasion the Imperial Ambassador, and Signior Din: Envoy Extraordinary

from the Duke of Modena, have given splendid Entertainments to the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality. The Ambassador of Portugal has acquainted their Catholick Majesties, that the Queen of Portugal was delivered of a Princess on the 30th of the last Month. On the 17th Instant, an Express arrived here from Flanders with the surprizing News of the Death of the Electoral Prince of Bavaria, upon which the Council of State has been several times assembled. On the 24th, the King went to take the Air in the Prado, and the Weather being very cold, he found himself afterwards much out of order, but his Indisposition was soon over, and his Majesty is very well again. The King has given a Pension of 6000 Ducats a year to the Widow of Count Grajales, late Vice-Roy of Navarre. Don Juan of Navarre is made Grandee of Spain. Our last Advices from Ceuta, which are of the 6th Instant, give an Account, that 16 Vessels lately arrived there with a Supply of Provisions and Ammunition for the Service of that Garrison; That the Spaniards were making a new Ditch round that Place to defend it the better against the Attacks of the Moors, who still continue the Siege. The Alcayde, who commands the Moors, had sent a Letter to the Spanish Governor, to acquaint him, That in case the King of Spain will appoint some Persons, the Emperor of Morocco will do the like on his side, to treat of a Peace.

Vienna, March 7. The Body of the late Count Kinsky was Interred yesterday in the Church of the Capucins. The Office of Great Chancellor of Bohemia, vacant by his Death, is not yet disposed of; but 'tis believed 'twill be given to the Count of Starcmberg Vice-Chancellor of Bohemia, or Count Martinitz, who is now Ambassador at the Court of Rome; And that Count Harrach, the Emperor's High Steward, will succeed Count Kinsky in the Ministry. Count Oxensierne, who resides at this Court on the part of the King of Sweden, being made Governor of the Duchy of Deux-Ponts, will shortly take his Audience of Leave, in order to repair to that Government. The Ambassador of Muscovy arrived here this week from Hungary, and will likewise in a few days have his Audience of Leave of the Emperor, intending to return forthwith to Muscovy. Orders have been given to the Commanders of the Imperial Forces, to make exact Lists of the several Regiments under their Care, and the Number of Officers and Effective Men in each, and to lay them before the Emperor's Council. Our Letters from Hungary confirm, that the Venetian Ambassador has signed the Treaty for a Truce with the Turks, and do further advise, that the young Count Straatman, who was sent from hence with the Emperor's Ratification of the Treaty of Truce with the Port, arrived at Kneskemet the 25th of the last Month, and that the Imperial Ambassadors having immediately given Notice thereof by

... reports to the Mediators and Turkish Ministers who are at Belgrade, the Heer Till, Secretary of the Imperial Embassy, was sent on the 27th with the said Ratifications to Carlowitz, to exchange them with those of the Grand Signior, the Turkish Secretary being to meet him there for that purpose; And the Heer Till was expected back at Carlowitz on the 13th Instant, after whose return the Imperial Ambassadors intended to set out from Carlowitz on their Journey hither.

Brussels, March 15. The Court of Brinsburgh, Envoy to the Emperor, gave the last week a very great Entertainment to the Nobles of this City on account of the King of the Romans Marriage, and kept open House during these days. Two Companies of Foot of the Garrison are marched to Palisburgh, where they are to remain. The Landgrave of Hesse-Darmstadt has refused to receive to his Domain 500 Families of the Protestants, who on account of their Religion are banished out of the Valley of Piemont; The Landgraves of Hesse-Cassel and Hesse-Rhinberg will do the like; And the rest of these Refugees will settle in the Territories of the Elector of Brandenburg and of the Prince of the Hesse of Lunenburg. We have Advice from Strasburgh, that he reported that the French will evacuate Brisac on the 17th Instant. The Letters from Nancy say, the Duke of Lorraine was gone from thence with the Bishop of Ouzouer, his B. C. ter, to visit the Country of Vaux.

Brussels, March 19. The Deputies of the several Cities of Brabant, who came hither to settle Matters of Trade, are returned home, having agreed upon several Articles by way of a Regulation for the Commerce, which will be laid before the Council of State, to be there put into Form, and sent to Spain for his Catholick Majesty's Approbation. There is a Project on foot, for making the Canal deeper between Bruges and Ghent, for the more easy conveyance of Merchandizes.

Hague, March 20. The States of Holland and West-Friseland intend to adjourn to-morrow for a fortnight. Monsieur d'Orsay will go in a day or two to Zealand, to be present at the Assembly of the States of that Province. The last Letters from Paris say, the French and Dutch Commissioners continued their Conferences, in order to adjust the Business of the Truffle.

Paris, March 18. N. S. The King went last Monday to Marly, where the Court will continue the remaining part of the week; The Dauphin went the same day to Meudon, and the Duke and Dutchess of Orleans are come to Paris. The Duke of Villars is gone to Neuf-Châtel, to lay before the States of that Principality, his Pretensions to the same after the decease of the Dutchess of Nemours. The last Letters from thence say, the Prince of Conti continued still at Neuf-Châtel, but the Dutchess of Nemours was not yet arriv'd; It is said, that of the Four Swiss Cantons Allies of Neuf-Châtel, who are like to have a great Influence in the settling of the Succession to that Principality, the Cantons of Fryburgh and Soleure seem to be in the Prince's Interests, and those of Bern and Lucerne appear for the Dutchess of Nemours.

Plymouth, March 12. On the 9th Instant came in here the ss. *Joseph of London*, bound home with Oil from Gallicy; The same day the *Terra-Nova* Merchant of this place, Richard Ford Master, sailed for Newfound-land, and the *Masfildes* Merchant, John Campin Master, for Lisbon. On the 10th came in the *Colchester* Merchant of London, bound home from the *Cannaries*, and the *Flowerpot* Pink of London bound home from *Amazoa*, which sailed again the next day, as did also the *Harrison* of London, bound home from Lisbon.

The Trustees for Exchanging Exchequer-Bills, do hereby give Notice to the respective Subscribers to a Fourth Contract or Agreement for Circulating Exchequer-Bills, That on Wednesday next, the 22d Instant, they will pay unto the said Subscribers, or such as shall be lawfully directed by them, the Premium or Allowance of 2 Points per Cent. due to them respectively on the said Contract, provided such subscribers have duly complied with their respective Payments in pursuance of the said Contract.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, That a General Court of the Members of the said Company will be held at the Bank on Wednesday the 22d of this Instant March, at 10

... in the Bank on Tuesday the 20th Instant, at 8 in the Forenoon, for the Election of a Governor and Deputy-Governor; and on Friday the 31st Instant for the Election of 24 Directors; And that the Votes of the Members qualified will be received for the Election of Governor and Deputy-Governor on Tuesday the said 20th Instant, from 9 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 2 to 6 in the Afternoon, which Election will be declared either the same Night or the Day following; And that the Votes for the Election of 24 Directors will be received on Friday the said 31st Instant, from 9 to 12 in the Forenoon, and from 2 to 6 in the Afternoon, which said Election will be closed the same Night, and declared so soon as the scrutiny can be taken. **Noted Lists of the Members, with their respective Qualifications both to chuse and to be chosen, and an Abstract of the By-Laws made concerning Elections, will be delivered at the Bank on Monday next, the 20th Instant, to such Members as shall require the same, for their better Direction in the giving in their Vote.**

Advertisements.

✧ **A Supplement to Dr. Hammond's Paraphrase and Annotations on the New Testament;** In which, his Interpretation of many important Passages is freely and impartially examined, and the sacred Text further explained by new Remarks upon every Chapter. By Monsieur Le Clerc. Also a Letter from the Author to a Friend in England, occasion'd by this Translation: With his Paraphrase, and Notes on the Beginning of St. John's Gospel, which is not in the Latin Hammond. Printed for S. Buckley at the Dolphin against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street. In 4^{to}.

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✧ **A Vindication of the New Theory of the Earth,** from the Exceptions of Mr. Hill, and others; with an Historical Preface of the Discoveries therein contained, and some Corrections and Additions: By William Whiston, M. A. Chaplain to the Rt. Rev. the Ld. Bp. of Norwich, and Fellow of Christ-Church in Cambridge. Printed for B. Tooke at the Middle-Temple-Gate in Fleet-street.

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A Plate of 20 l. Value to be Run for on Lilly-Hop in Hart-fordshire on Wednesday the 20th Instant, any Horse to Run that never won above 50 l. in Plate or Money, and to carry 12 Stone weight: None but Gentleman to Ride. The Horses to be shown and enter'd the Saturday before at the Running-House in Lilly, where will be a good Ordinary on the Race-day. Likewise a Plate of 5 l. and a Pair of Silver Spurs will be Run for.

A LL Persons that have any Goods in the Possession or Jointure of an Exton, Pawn-broker, at the Gilded-Heart without Bishopsgate, are desired to fetch them away before the 25th of May next, otherwise they will be disposed of, he intending at that time to leave off his Trade.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt against Benjamin Antibus, Linnardoper, intend to meet at the Irish-Chamber in Guildhall, London, on Wednesday the 5th of April next, at 9 in the Forenoon, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate, and all Creditors who have not already prov'd their Debts, are then to come prepared to prove the same, and pay their Contribution-money, otherwise they will be excluded the said Dividend.

STolen the 11th Instant from A. B. in Middlesex, an Iron-gray Mare, 15 hands, a years old, two Spurs on her fore-legs, much white in her Face, a Change on her near-Esclap, Tars and Gallies; And a Roan Mare above 13 hand-high, good, all her Paces, and took away from her Collar. Whoever finds them, and gives notice to Mr. T. Jones, Broker, in Ainslie-Corner, or to Mr. Zee, Merchant, Weyers-draw in New-street near Fenchurch-Lane, London, shall have 10 s. Reward and Charges.

STolen the 20th Inst, out of a Stable in Tottenham, North of London, a dark-brown Horse above 12 hand's high, with a small Seal and Saddle, all his Paces, and generally a good Steady Gall; Above 14 hand, coat of Iron, had a little of Silver-hair, all his Galls, a White on his, and Hair on his of the Burdock. Whoever finds them, and gives notice to Mr. Dan. Clay at the White-Stair in Swan-Lane, London, or to Mr. M. A. Taylor in Newcastle, shall have a Crown Reward for each Horse.