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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 Pimental, 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