

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHEREAS of late several Persons endeavouring to Foment Animosities, and to Cover Designs, which they dare not publicly own, have Easly, Seditiously, and Maliciously Suggested the Choum of England, as by Law Established, to be in Danger at this time, whereof We thought fit to take Notice in Our speech made at the Opening of this Parliament: And whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled, have by their Humble Address Represented to Us, That having taken into Consideration Our said most Gracious Speech, they had, upon Mature Deliberation, come to a Resolution, which they laid before Us, Assuring Us, That as We had been Pleas'd to Express a just Inauguration against all such Wicked Persons, they will be also always Ready, to the utmost of their Powers, to Assist Us in Discourtenning and Defeating their Practices, Humbly beseeching Us to take Effectual Measures for the making the said Resolution Publick, and also for Punishing the Authors and spreaders of these Scandalous and Seditious Reports, to the end that all others may for the future be deterred from Endeavouring to Disturb the Kingdom with such Unreasonable and Groundless Disturbances: We therefore in the said Humble Request of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled, do by this Our Royal Proclamation make Publick the said Resolution, which follows in these Words:

Resolved, By the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled, That the Church of England, as by Law Established, which was Rescued from the Extremest Danger by King William the Third, of Glorious Memory, Is now by God's Blessing under the Happy Reign of Her Majesty, in a most Safe and Flourishing Condition; And that whosoever goes about to Suggest and Insinuate, That the Church is in Danger under Her Majesties Administration, Is an Enemy to the Queen, the Church, and Kingdom.

And We do hereby, by the Advice of Our Privy-Council, Declare, That We will proceed with the utmost Severity, the Law will allow of, against the Authors or Spreaders of the said Scandalous and Scandalous Reports. And We do hereby Strictly Charge and Command all and singular Our Judges, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, and all other Our Ministers whatsoever, to take Effectual Care for the speedy apprehension, Prosecution and Punishment of all such Persons who have or shall at any time hereafter Offend herein. And We do hereby further Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend all and every Person and Persons whatsoever Offending, as aforesaid, to the end they may be dealt with and proceeded against according to Law. And whereas the said Scandalous and Scandalous Reports have been greatly promoted and spread by the Printing and Publishing of a Malicious and Seditious Libel, Intituled, The Memorial of the Church of England, humbly offered to the Consideration of all true Lovers of Our Church and Constitution. And whereas David Edwards, of the Parish of St. Dunstons in the West, London, Printer, is Charged on Oath to be the Printer and Publisher of the said Libel, and is now under Prosecution for the same, and on that account absconds from Justice, and the Author or Authors of the said Libel is, or are not yet Discover'd, We do hereby further Require and Command all Our Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend the said David Edwards, and the Author or Authors of the said Libel, to the end they may be dealt with and proceeded against according to Law. And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That whosoever shall Discover the Author or Authors of the said Libel, so as he or they may be brought to Justice, shall have and receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of Two hundred Pounds: And that whosoever shall Apprehend the said David Edwards, so as he may be brought to Justice for his Offence, as aforesaid, shall have and receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, which said respective Sums of Two hundred, and Fifty Pounds, Our High Treasurer is hereby Directed and Required to Pay accordingly. And We do hereby further Promise and Declare, That if the said Printer, or any other Person, (other than the Author or Authors of the said Libel) who was

when, and Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which shall be allowed them respectively for Rebuilding themselves on Board, and of the Time of their respective Repairing on Board any of Our said Ships. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen to Repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, or so much they shall being, within the time limited by said Certificates or Tickets, on Pain of Our highest Displeasur. And We are so Graciously Pleas'd to Declare, That Conduct-Money, accruing by the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen so Voluntarily Entering themselves on Board, according to the true meaning of Our Royal Proclamation. And for Preventing of any Deceits or Abuses which may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entering into or themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, as aforesaid, in order to Obtain the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall absent themselves from any of the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in Order to Obtain the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships they shall so leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further Declare, That if such Men in Our Service, who are or shall be Permitted to be absent by such Tickets, as aforesaid, do not Repair on Board their respective Ships by the time allowed by such Tickets, they shall not only be liable to be Impris'd, but to suffer such further Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And We do hereby Require all Our Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, and also all Our Captains of Our Ships, and others, who shall be Employed in Impressing Men for Our Fleet, That they take particular Care not to Take up, Impress or Entertain any very Old Men, Boys, or others, who, by reason of Infirmity or otherwise, are not fully Qualified for Our Service in Our Royal Navy, for that none such shall be received by the Officers of Our Fleet into Our Service. And whereas it has been often found, that in time of War, great Numbers of Seamen, and also of Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for Our Sea Service, have left the usual Places of their Abode, and have removed themselves into Private and Obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid the Publick Service, when there is the greatest Occasion for them, We do hereby Require and Command all Our Justices of the Peace, Constables and other Officers, That they not only give all necessary Assistance to Our Officers Employed in Impressing, as aforesaid, but that they do Use their utmost Endeavours to Discover, Secure, Send and Deliver to the Commissioners of Our Navy, at some near Sea-Port Town, or to such other Person as shall be appointed to receive them, all such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen, fit for Our Service, as shall so Abscond, after the said Tenth Day of February next, in order to their being put on Board Our Fleet, in Our Service; and that of what they shall do therein, they from time to time send an account to the Commissioners of Our Navy. And We do hereby direct the respective Officers of Our Fleet, who shall receive such Seamen, to give Receipts for them, therein expressing the Names of such Seamen, and on Board what Ship or Vessel, and the time when, and the Place where they are Received. And the Commissioners of Our Navy are hereby Directed, upon Producing (at any Port where there are Officers immediately under their Directions) the said Receipts, to Pay to the Person producing the same, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six pence per Man for each Mile he shall be brought, if under Twenty Miles, and Ten Shillings for each Seaman that shall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and besides the said Twenty Shillings. And We do hereby declare, That no Protection of any Man in any Ships or Vessels Employed in the River or on the Coast, by the Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs or Transportation, shall be in force for more than Six Months from the Date thereof, except such as shall be Signed by Our Lord High Admirall, or, in His Absence, by His Council. And We do further Direct, That in all Protections the Persons be not only Named, but Described by their Place of Residence and Employment, and Service for which they are protected. And We do hereby Require and Command Our Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs and Transportation, That they do not Protect more Men than their Service absolutely Requires, and to Renew all their Protections within their Reach by the End of the said Time limited for Bounty Money, and to Revoke all Protections by them or any of them Granted respectively, so soon as the Service is over, for which the same respectively were or shall be Granted.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the 13th Day of December, 1705. In the 23rd Year of Our Reign.

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