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By the QUEEN.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

H A N N E R.

Whereas We have received certain Information, That the Person who, during the Life of the late King James the Second, Pretended to be Prince of Wales, and since his Decease has taken upon himself the Stile and Title of James the Third, King of England, and James the Eighth, King of Scotland, being bred up in the Popish Superstition, and instructed to introduce the French Government into all Our Realms and Dominions, Openly and Traiterously has undertaken an Invasion of this Our Kingdom of Great Britain, with an Armed Force of the French Kings Troops, Our declar'd Enemies, and of divers of our Rebellious Subjects, who have Traiterously adhered to Our said Enemies, in manifest Violation of Our Lawful and Rightful Title to the Crown of these Kingdoms, and of the several Acts of Parliament made, as well for Recognizing the same, as for Settling the Succession to the said Crown in the Protestant Line: And whereas the said Pretended Prince stands now Attainted of High-Treason by an Act of Parliament made in England in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of Our late Brother King William the Third of Glorious Memory, and all manner of Correspondence with the said Pretended Prince, or any of his Adherents, is thereby forbid to all Our Subjects, upon Pain of High Treason: And although all Persons, as well Criminal as other Cases, are bound to take Notice of the Law at their Peril; yet to the Intent that none may think to escape due Punishment, by pretending Ignorance of the Nature of their Crimes, and that nothing may be wanting to Our Part, for the Defence and Preservation of Our Faithful and Loving Subjects; We have therefore thought fit by the Advice of Our Privy-Council, and in pursuance of the Humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, to Publish and Declare the said Pretended Prince, and all his Accomplices, Adherents, Abettors and Advisers, to be Traitors and Rebels. And We do hereby strictly Command and Require all Our good Subjects to use their utmost Endeavours to Seize and Apprehend the said Pretended Prince, who shall at any time be found within any Part of Our Kingdoms or Dominions, and all his Traiterous Confederates and Adherents, and all and every Person and Persons who shall be Aiding and Abetting to the aforesaid Traitors and Rebels, and to Secure their Persons till our further Pleasure shall be known. And we do hereby further strictly Charge and Command all Popish Recusants, Natives and Denizens, who shall be above the Age of Sixteen Years, that they do, according to the Statutes in that behalf made, Repair to their respective Places of Abode, and do not thence Remove or Pass above the Distance of Five Miles until Our Will and Pleasure be further Declared. And We do likewise Charge and Command all Papists, and Persons reputed so to be, except Merchant Strangers, Settled Householders, and other Persons excepted in the Statutes made in that behalf, on or before the Eleventh Day of this Instant March, to Depart out of Our Cities of London and Westminster, and from all Places within Ten Miles Distance of the same. And We do hereby Command the Lord Mayor of London, and all other Justices of the Peace, and other Officers within the said Cities, and Ten Miles of the same, that they make Search for, and Proceed against all such of them as shall presume to Remain, Repair, or Return within the Limits aforesaid, by Tending to them the Declaration mentioned in the Statute made in the First Year of the Reign of Their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, of Blessed Memory, Intituled, An Act for the removing Papists and Reputed Papists, from the Cities of London and Westminster, and Ten Miles Distance

from the same. And We do likewise Charge and Command all Justices of the Peace, who shall know or be informed, That any Person is Suspected to be a Papist, or Disaffected to Our Government, to Tender to such Person the Declaration aforesaid, and Proceed thereupon by Seizing the Horses and Arms of such Person, and otherwise, according to One other Act made in the said First Year of the Reign of their said late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for the better Securing the Government by Disabling Papists and Reputed Papists. And for the better Discovery of Persons who are Disaffected to Our Government, We do likewise Command all Justices of the Peace, and other Officers in that behalf Authorized, to Tender unto such Person or Persons, as they shall find or be informed are Suspected not to be Well-affected to Our Person or Government, the Oaths that are Appointed by an Act made in the said First Year of the Reign of Their said late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and Appointing other Oaths: And in case any such Person or Persons shall Refuse to take the same, We do hereby Require due Prosecution to be made thereupon: And in Order thereunto, the said Justices of the Peace are to make and keep Entries and Records of such their Proceedings, that the said Oaths may again be Tended to the Person or Persons who shall so Refuse the same. And we do hereby particularly Charge and Require all Deputy-Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace, That they do frequently meet to Enquire into, and Inform themselves of the Affairs of their respective Counties in relation to the Premises, and take special Care to Preserve the Peace, and Prevent all Unlawful Meetings and Assemblies; and that from time to time they do give Information of their Proceedings and Discoveries to the Lords of our Privy-Council. And We do likewise hereby Charge and Command all Our Lord-Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Sheriffs, Bailiffs of Regalities, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Provoests, Bailiffs, and all other Our Officers Civil and Military, strictly to put in Execution all Laws and Statutes whatsoever now in Force within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, against such Persons as have Refused, or shall Refuse to take the Oaths Required by Law.

Given at our Court at Kensington the Sixth Day of March, in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

Berne, March 3. N. S. Answers are return'd from all the Cantons, to the Circular Letters they receiv'd from hence, concerning the Alterations that Berne desires may be made in the Project of Neutrality for Neuchatel; most of them advise this Canton to agree to the Project as it was deliver'd to the French Ambassador, without insisting any longer upon Amendments. They make it an Argument for acquiescing in the Affair, That the French King has agreed to the Project as now stated; which has been signify'd by his Minister. This Canton hereupon call'd a great Council, and consider'd what Infructions they should give their Deputies against the next Diet. In order to which two Points were propos'd; one was, That they should send to Count Metternich to know his Sentiments about the Project, and what Terms he was willing to agree to. The second, That they should know of him in what manner the King of Prussia and his Allies would reimburse their Charges in maintaining 4000 Men for the Safety of Neuchatel, with relation to past and future Occasions. The first of these Points was carry'd, and Orders sent to the Deputies at Neuchatel to confer with Count Metternich on that Subject; but it was thought fit to defer the Consideration of the second Point till a more seasonable Opportunity.

Offend, March 16. N. S. Advices from Dunkirk of the 14th say, that the pretended Prince of Wales arriv'd there