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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

Whereas Robert Balfour, Master of Burleigh, hath been indicted for the Cruel and Barbarous Murder of Mr. Henry Steinhof, School-Master of Inverkeithing, which Barbarous Fact, we are informed, was committed in the Month of April, One thousand seven hundred and seven; and he the said Robert Balfour hath, by due Course of Law, been Convicted thereof, and Sentence of Death hath been passed upon him, as the Law does require in such Cases: But to avoid the just Punishment he ought to undergo for the said Crime, we are informed, that the said Robert Balfour did, on the first Day of this Instant January, make his Escape out of the Tolbooth of our City of Edinburgh, and notwithstanding diligent Search hath been made after him, yet he remains still concealed: Wherefore we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue forth this our Royal Proclamation, hereby requiring all Magistrates and Officers, both Civil and Military, and other our loving Subjects, to use their utmost Endeavours to Apprehend and Seize the said Robert Balfour, that he may be brought to suffer Condemn Punishment, pursuant to the said Sentence. And for the Encouragement of this Service, we do hereby promise the Sum of two hundred Pounds Sterling to any Person or Persons who shall Apprehend, and be assisting in the retaking the said Robert Balfour, Master of Burleigh, and deliver him to any of our Magistrates. And we hereby strictly Charge and Require our Lyon King at Arms and his Brethren, Heralds, Pursuivants, Messengers at Arms, and our Sheriffs in that part, That incontinent these our Letters seen, ye pass to the Market-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Market-Crosses of the Head Burghs of the several Shires and Stuarries in Scotland, and in our Name and Authority make Publication of the Premises, that none may pretend Ignorance, and Ordain these Presents to be Printed, and our Solicitors to dispatch Copies in the usual manner.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this Twenty sixth Day of January, 1709-10. In the Eighth Year of Our Reiga.

God save the QUEEN.

Vienna, January 25. N. S. Couriers arrive here daily from the Upper Rhine with fresh Accounts of the Enemies Preparations in Alsatia, and the Dispositions they are making to penetrate into the Empire before the Imperial Army shall be formed to oppose their Designs. The Enemies Forces which are to serve on that Frontier will be more numerous than the preceding Campaigns, and the Duke of Bavaria is said to be appointed the General of that Army. The Baron of Falkenstein arrived here on the 21st Instant from Frankfort, and hath informed this Court of the present Posture of Affairs in those Parts. Advices from Hungary say, that the Malecontents seem generally disposed to comply with the Terms of

Accommodation which have formerly been offered them by his Imperial Majesty; but are now apprehensive that a Peace cannot be procured so much to their Advantage, as when the last Conferences were held on that Subject; and the Imperialists flatter themselves by reason of their late Successes, that they shall soon be able to reduce that Kingdom to the Obedience of the Emperor by force of Arms, if the Hungarians do not voluntarily submit themselves to their lawful Sovereign: However the Enemy, under the Command of Monsieur Anthony Esterhasi, have thrown in a Reinforcement of one hundred and fifty Men into Neuheusel, who were received into the Town with great Demonstrations of Joy. These Advices add, that the Protestants of that Kingdom complain of the Oppressions of the Imperialists; and entertain but little hopes that their Grievances will be redressed at the ensuing Diet. It is confirmed that General Heister will be continued in the Command of the Army in Hungary; and this Court entertains some hopes that the several Princes of the Empire will effectually concur in preventing the Dangers that threaten the Empire from France, by timely furnishing their respective Quotas, as may induce the Elector of Hanover to set himself again at the Head of the Imperial Army.

Berno, January 29. N. S. The Deputies of the Protestant Cantons are gone to Arau, and this is appointed to be the first Day of their Session. The County of Tockenburgh hath sent thither four Deputies, two of whom are of the Protestant, and two of the Roman Catholick Religion. It is said, that the chief Design of assembling this Diet is to find out some Expedient that may finally determine the Differences which have been so long kept up between the Inhabitants of Tockenburgh and the Abbot of St. Gall; and also to consult whether it may not be requisite to convene a general Diet of the Helvetic Body, to accommodate all Misunderstandings as well relating to the Affairs of Tockenburgh and Stein, as all other parts of the Territories of Switzerland. The Deputies of the Roman Catholick Cantons assembled at Lucerne have concluded their Session; but the result of their Conferences is not publicly known. General Erlach is gone to the Court of Vienna, to solicit the Payment of his Swiss Regiment which is in the Service of the Emperor. They write from Schafhoufe, that a Waggon laden with Money was arrived there, in order to discharge the Arrears due to the Imperial Troops at Friburg. Advices from Zurich say, that the Price of Corn was considerably abated in that and the neighbouring Provinces.

Brussels, February 8. N. S. General Dompre, the Governor of this City, is somewhat recovered of his late Sickness, which was so dangerous that the Physicians despaired of his Life. The Dutch Regiments, and the rest of the Confederatè Troops which are here in Garrison, being almost compleated, the Regiments of d'Hona and Eukelom were reviewed on the 5th Instant; and the rest of the Infantry, as also the Cavalry and Dragoons, will speedily be drawn out in the like manner; in the mean time the new Levies are daily exercising their Arms. Last Thursday a general Assembly of the States of Brabant was held in this Place; and the Deputation which is returned from the Hague, gave in an Account of the Success