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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION,

For putting in-Execution the Laws made against Unlawful Clubs and Combinations, and for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual Punishing Rioters.

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**W**Hereas it has been represented, That great Numbers of Wooll-combers and Weavers in several of the Towns and Parishes in this Kingdom, concerned in the Woollen Manufactures, have lately formed themselves into several Clubs and Societies, without any lawful Authority for that purpose, and have presumed, contrary to Law, to act as one or more Corporation or Corporations, and to chuse thereof Masters, Stewards, Supervisors, Assistants, and other Officers, and have used a Common Seal, and do otherwise presume unlawfully to act as Bodies Corporate, and have presumed to make By-Laws or Orders (all which are illegal and void) by which they pretend to determine who has a Right to the Trade, how many Apprentices and Journeymen each Man shall keep at one Time, and whom he shall take, and at what Prices all sorts of Goods shall be wrought, and in what manner, and of what Materials made, and many other things to the like purpose; and have unlawfully conspired and promised to put the said illegal By-Laws or Orders in Execution: And when many of the said Conspirators, by reason of their Masters not submitting to the said pretended By-Laws or Orders, have been destitute of Work and Employment, in order to lay a Necessity on their Employers to comply with their unreasonable Demands, the said Clubs have supplied them with Money till they could again get Employment: And the said unlawful Clubs, by reason of their holding Correspondence throughout several of the Trading Towns in this Kingdom, and of their great Numbers, are become dangerous to the Publick Peace, and thereby, especially in the Counties of Devon and Somerset, many notorious Riots, Tumults and Disorders have been committed, several private Houses broke open, many of our good Subjects assaulted, wounded, and put in Peril of their Lives, great Quantities of Woollen Goods, in part Wrought, have been cut and spoiled, Prisons broke open, and the Offenders, for the Crimes aforesaid, have by Force been set at Liberty, and some of the said Offenders, to screen them from Justice, have been sent away with Tickets and Money from their respective Clubs, to the great Disturbance of the publick Peace, and to the Prejudice and Hindrance of the Woollen Manufacture of this Kingdom: And where such Tumults and Riots have been, the Offenders have presumed to continue together committing such Riots and Tumults, notwithstanding Proclamation hath been made, requiring them to disperse, pursuant to the Statute in that case made and provided. And whereas by an Act passed in the second Year of the Reign of the late King Edward the Sixth, Intituled, The Bill of Conspiracies of Victuallers and Craftsmen, several severe Penalties and Punishments are enacted and provided for such as shall unlawfully confederate and combine for several of the Purposes herein before mentioned: And by another Statute made in the first Year of our Reign, Intituled, An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters, it is enacted, that if any Persons, to the Number of twelve or more, being unlawfully, riotously, and tumultuously assembled together, to the Disturbance of the publick Peace, at any Time after the last Day of July, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, and being required or commanded by one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, or by the Sheriff of the County, or his Under-Sheriff, or by the Mayor, Bailiff or Bailiffs, or other Head Officer or Justice of the Peace of any City or Town-Corporate, where such Assemblies shall be, by Proclamation to be made in the King's Name, in the Form therein directed, to disperse them-

selves, and peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Business, shall, to the Number of twelve or more (notwithstanding such Proclamation made) unlawfully, riotously, and tumultuously remain or continue together, by the Space of one Hour after such Command or Request made by Proclamation, that then such continuing together, to the Number of twelve or more, after such Command or Request made by Proclamation, shall be adjudged Felony, without Benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Death as in Case of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy. And the demolishing or pulling down, or beginning to demolish or pull down any Building, by Persons unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assembled together, to the Disturbance of the publick Peace, is thereby declared to be Felony, without the Benefit of Clergy, and several other Directions are therein given for preventing Riots, and the more speedy and effectual punishing Rioters. And whereas the Commons in Parliament assembled, have, by their Address, humbly besought us, that we would be graciously pleased to issue our Royal Proclamation for putting in Execution the Laws made against unlawful Clubs and Combinations, and for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing Rioters, to which we have graciously condescended; We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and we do hereby strictly prohibit all our loving Subjects from holding Clubs or Assemblies for any of the Purposes beforementioned, or for any other unlawful Purpose whatsoever, and from acting under the same in any Manner, under Pain of our highest Displeasure, and being prosecuted for the same with the utmost Rigour of Law: And we do hereby strictly charge and command all our Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to prevent and suppress all such unlawful Clubs, Conspiracies and Combinations, and to put in Execution the said Laws, and all other Laws against such unlawful Clubs and Combinations, and for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing Rioters, and that all our loving Subjects be aiding and assisting therein.

Given at Our Court at James's, the Ninth Day of February 1717, in the Fourth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

Copenhagen, Feb. 1. We have Advice; that the General Officers whom the King had ordered to repair to Norway, are arrived at Flastrand and are imbarcking there for that Kingdom. The last Letters from Schwinfund relate, that the Weather was still open there, and that there had not yet been any Action between the Danish and Swedish Armies. We have no Account yet that the Transports which sailed from hence with Meal for Norway, are arrived there: But 'tis known that one of those Transports was driven by Strefs of Weather on the Coast of the Island of Letsoe in the Cattegat, and lost with all her Lading. The young Princess Charlotte who lately fell ill of the Small Pox, is in a fair Way of Recovery. On Sunday last M. Lodberg, Dean of the Cathedral of this City, was consecrated Bishop of the Isle of Fuhnen, the Ceremony being performed in the said Cathedral. Some Swedish Privateers having been cruising of late in the Passage between this Place and Lubeck, about 50 Merchant Ships coming from that Port and from the little Danish Islands, were obli-

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ged for avoiding them to enter the Green-Sund, where being frozen up they still continue. It was intended to send out some Frigates from hence in Chace of those Swedish Privateers; and the Delmenhorst a Man of War, was appointed for that Service; but those Privateers having disappeared, that Design is changed, and the said Man of War which had lain in the Road four or five Weeks, is ordered into Port again.

*Berne, Feb. 9.* On the 3d Instant arrived here two Deputies from Zurich, and the Day following had their Audience of the Sovereign Council of Two Hundred, to whom they delivered what they had in Commission from their Superiors, which consisted in a Representation of the Justice of several Demands their Canton insisted upon in the new Treaty of Baden, desiring this State to go hand in hand with them, and to give their Deputies at that Congress the same Instructions their own had, and exhorting them to make a good Use of the present favourable Opportunity of coming to an advantageous Agreement with the Abbot and Chapter of St. Gall. Whereupon the Sovereign Council appointed a Committee to examine into this Affair, and to confer with those Deputies of Zurich, who accordingly have since been several Times in Conference with the Committee, and 'tis said are come very nigh an Agreement, which 'tis hoped will bring Matters to an Accommodation. They write from Milan the 1st Instant, that Count Staremberg was arrived there with his Family; but that it was not known yet what Character he would take upon him.

*St. James's, February 13.*

This Day the Right Honourable Robert Earl of Holderness was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn one of the Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

*Whitehall, February 14.*

On the 12th Instant at Night the Corpse of the late Prince George William, Son of their Royal Highnesses, was carried from Kensington in His Majesty's Coaches, His Majesty's Servants with Yeomen of the Guard and Horse Guards attending, to the Abbey Church of Westminster, and was privately interred in the Royal Vault in King Henry the 7th's Chapel, the Lord Bishop of Rochester reading the Funeral Service.

#### *Advertisements.*

**W**HEREAS it was advertised in the Courant of April 2, and since in other Papers, that 110 l. was deposited with Mr. Warner, Goldsmith, to be distributed in Prizes of Silence and Poetry on the 1st of March next, her Royal Highness's Birth-Day, and that before that Time Judges should be appointed to open, examine, and compare the several Performances on the subject thereof, and determine to whom the Prizes should justly belong; and to prevent any Mistake, it was desired that every Gentleman would by some Motto, Number, or other Mark to his Oration or Poem take Care, that it might be distinguished from those of others. Now this is to give Notice, That the Performances have been examined in the manner proposed, and that the Prizes are adjudged as follows, viz. That of 14 l. to the Latin Oration on Gloria Deo in excelsis, with the Motto, Jovis omnia plena. That of 12 l. to that with the Motto, Quod prout, prout. That of 10 l. to, Caelum ejus solium. To the Poems on Pax in Terris, the Prize of 14 l. to the Pastoral with the Motto, Quam Pulchri super Montes. That of 12 l. to, Pacem te possumus omnes. That of 10 l. to, Quid tentare nocet. To the English Oration on, Benevolentia erga homines, the Prize of 14 l. to that with the Motto, Bonum qd communis, id melius. That of 12 l. to, Quas dederis fides semper habebis opes. That of 10 l. to that with the Motto, Immortal Love to Mortal Men, Milton. And whereas it was intended that the Gentlemen should be invited to Dine on next St. David's Day at Draper's-Hall, with the Lords and Gentlemen who were to meet there to celebrate her Royal Highness's Birth-Day, and to receive their Prizes in the most Publick Manner before that Honourable Assembly: That Solemnity being

put off for the present, the Gentlemen are now directed to meet at Ten that Morning, in Bowwell-Court, at the House of Sir Thomas Jones, Secretary to that Society, where Mr. Warner will distribute the several Prizes, as above adjudged.

†† The Present State of Europe, containing an Historical and Political Account of the Interests, Pretensions, and Transactions of the several Courts: For the Month of January, 1718. Vol. 29. To be continued Monthly from the Original Published at the Hague. Printed for H. Rhodes, at the Corner of Bride-lane in Fleet-Street, and the Assigns of Eliz. Harris.

**T**O be sold before John Hiccocks, Esq; one of the Masters of the High Court of Chancery, on Monday the 3d of March next, at Six in the Evening, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn, a Copyhold Estate, whereon is a very good House, five Rooms on a Floor, all Sailed, with Coach-house, Out-houses and Stables, in very good Repair; and a Garden very well walled and planted with all Sorts of Fruit-Trees and Greens, the Garden Ground containing about two Acres, situate on Brooke-Green, Hammer-smith: Together with a Leasehold Estate held from Corpus Christi College, Oxon. and now on Leases at 140 l. per Annum, on which is a very good House with Out-Houses, situate in the Parish of Selling, near Evertham, in the County of Kent: And also three Leasehold Houses situate in St. Martin's Lane, Westminster, Lett on several Leases at 115 l. per Annum, late the Estates of Mr. Garrett Jenfon, deceased: Particulars may be had at the said Master's Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn.

**T**HE Estate of Mr. John Walton, Jun. situate in Dock-lane, Prittleton, alias Portelton, Humber, Stoke, Pryor and Eaton, in the County of Hereford, being of the yearly Value of 45 l. in Possession, and 23 l. in Reversion, is to be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, to the best Bidder, before John Meller, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn, Chancery-Lane, London; where Particulars may be had.

**W**HEREAS Daniel Richards, late of London, Scrivener, who lived in Hatton-Garden in the Year 1698, did, in or about that Year become Insolvent, at which Time he was indebted to a Person (now unknown) who was by Trade a Coach-maker; And whereas the Widow of the said Daniel Richards, who dyed about four Years since, did, by a Codicil to her last Will, leave a Legacy of 100 l. to the said Person in the following Words [All to a Person who was a Coach-maker by Trade One Hundred Pounds] which Person, although strictly enquired after, cannot be heard of; Notice is therefore hereby given, That in case the said Person, if living, or his Executors or Administrators, in case of his Death, will apply to Mr. Reynolds, Executor to Mrs. Richards, at the Victualling-Office on Little Tower-Hill, or to Mr. Robert Walton at his House in Norfolk Street in the Strand, they may receive the said Legacy, so as such Application be made within Three Months now next ensuing; after which Time the said 100 l. will be paid over to the Residuary Legatee.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Sir Joseph Hodges, Bar net, of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; this is to give Notice, that the Commissioners will meet on the 19th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay their Contribution-Money: All Persons that are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but such only as the Commissioners shall appoint, but are desired forthwith to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Whitaker, Attorney at Law, in Aulins-Fryars, London.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Sibley, late of London, Woolen-Draper, and he being declared a Bankrupt; this is to give Notice, that the Commissioners intend to meet on the 24th Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay Contribution-Money: All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods, or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but such only as the Commissioners shall appoint, and are desired to give Notice thereof to Mr. Thomas Clendon, Attorney at Law in Sheer-Lane, London.

**W**HEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against William Saunders, late of London, Grocer, and he being declared a Bankrupt; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners intend to meet on the 21st Instant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay Contribution-Money: All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Goods or other Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to any Person but such only as the Commissioners shall appoint, but are forthwith to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Dandy, Attorney at Law, the Corner of Aldermanbury, London.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against William Bennett, of Guilford, alias Goldesford, in the County of Surry, Vintner, intend to meet on the 3d of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

**T**HE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Jane Stevens, of the City of Norwich, Salt-woman, intend to meet on Monday the 3d of March next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Ralph Say, called the Lower Half Moon in the City of Norwich, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid their Contribution-Money, are then to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.