



By the King.

A Proclamation for a generall Fast to be solemnized thorowout this Realm of England.



He Kings most Excellent MAJESTIE acknowledging the great goodnesse and mercy of the Almighty in preserving of His Kingdoms and dominions in plenty and tranquillity during all the time of His Majesties most blessed Reigne (to the admiration and astonishment of all neighbouring Nations) and in delibering this His Majesties Kingdom of England in particular from severall heawy visitations of the Plague and Pestilence: And His Majestie taking into His Princely consideration the many important causes, and extraordinary occasions calling upon Him, and His people for a joynt and generall humiliation of all estates of this Kingdom, before Almighty God in prayer and fasting, aswell for averting the heawy calamities of Sicknesse and war, justly deserved by unthankfullnesse to Him for His blessings upon this Nation above all others, and the other crying sins of the people, as also for drawing down His blessing upon His Majestie and His people: His Majestie therefore doth by His Royall Proclamation straightly charge and command, that a generall, publicke, and solemn Fast be kept and holden, aswell by abstinence from food, as by publicke prayers and hearing of the Word of God, and other Sacred duties, in all Cathedral, Collegiate, and parish churches, and chappels within this Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales, upon wednesday the eighth day of July, next ensuing the date hereof: And for the more orderly solemnizing thereof without confusion, His Majestie by the advice of the reverend Arch-bishops, and Bishops, hath directed to be composed, printed, and published, the form of such prayers, and publicke exhortations, as are fit to be used in all churches and chappells, on that day and occasion. And he hath given in charge to His said Arch-bishops, and Bishops, to disperse the same thorowout His whole Kingdom. All which His Majestie doth expressly charge and command, shall be reverently, and devoutly performed by all His loving Subjects, as they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His just indignation against this land. And upon pain of such punishments, as His Majestie can justly inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect to religiously a work.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the seventh day of June, in the sixteenth yeer of His Majesties Reigne of great Brittain, France, and Ireland.

God save the King.

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