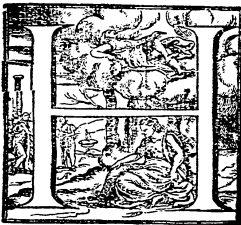




By the King.

A Proclamation for a generall fast thorowout  
this Realm of England.



His Majesty taking into his Princely and Pious consideration the lamentable and distressed estate of his good Subjects in his Majesties Kingdom of Ireland, and conceiving it to be a just and great occasion calling upon him, and his people of this his Kingdom of England for a generall humiliation of all estates of this Kingdom before Almighty God, in Prayer and Fasting, for drawing down his Mercy and Blessing upon that Kingdom: His Majesty doth therefore by this his Proclamation straitly charge and command, that a Generall, Publike, and Solemn Fast be kept, and holden, as well by abstinence from Food, as by publike Prayers, Preaching, and hearing of the word of God, and other Sacred duties, in all Cathedral, Collegiate, and Parish Churches and Chappels within this his Majesties Kingdom of England, and Dominion of Wales (his Majesties Cities of London and Westminster onely excepted, where it hath already been observed) on the twentieth day of this present moneth of Januarie.

And his Majesty doth further by this his Proclamation straitly charge and command, that a Generall, Publike, and Solemn Fast be kept and holden, as well by abstinence from Food, as by publike Prayers, Preaching, 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 (without any exception) on the last wednesday of the moneth of February next following the date hereof, and from thenceforth to continue on the last wednesday of every moneth during the Troubles in the said Kingdom of Ireland. All which his Majesty 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 Majesty can justly inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect so religious a work.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the eighth day of January, in the seventeenth year of His Majesties Reign of great Britain, France, and Ireland.

God save the King.

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