



By the King. (51.)

A PROCLAMATION For a General Fast.

CHARLES R.



Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, having been made acquainted by his Majesty, That there is Information given of an horrible Design against his Sacred Life; And being very sensible of the fatal Consequence of such an Attempt, and of the dangers of the Subversion of the Protestant Religion, and Government of this Realm (which God in his infinite Mercy hath hitherto prevented, and it is to be hoped will prevent for the future) have most humbly besought his Majesty, That a Solemn Day of Fasting and Humiliation may be appointed, to Implore the Mercy and Protection of Almighty God to his Majesties Royal Person, and in him to all his Loyal Subjects; and to pray that God will bring to light more and more all secret Machinations against his Majesty and the whole Kingdom: The Kings most Excellent Majesty, out of his own Religious Disposition, hath readily inclined thereunto; And doth therefore by this his Royal Proclamation, Command a General and Publick Fast to be kept throughout this whole Kingdom, in such manner as is hereafter Directed and Prescribed, that so both Prince and People may send up their Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God, to and for the purposes aforesaid. And to the end that so Religious an Exercise may be performed at one and the same time, his Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare to all his Loving Subjects, and doth straitly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday being the Thirtieth day of November next, this Fast shall be Religiously kept and celebrated throughout his Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And that the same may be performed with all Decency and Uniformity, his Majesty, by the Advice of his Reverend Bishops, hath Directed to be Composed, Printed and Published, such a Form of Divine Service as he thinketh fit to be used in all Churches and Places at the time aforesaid, and hath given Charge to his Bishops to Disperse the same accordingly. All which his Majesty doth expressly Charge and Command shall be Reverently and Decently observed by all his Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation against this Land, and upon pain of undergoing such Punishments as his Majesty may justly inflict upon all such as shall contemn or neglect so Religious a Duty.

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God save the King.

L O N D O N.

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