

By the King and Queen, A PROCLAMATION

For a GENERAL FAST.

William R.



Whereas Their Majesties have found Themselves obliged, for the necessary Defence and Safeguard of this Realm, and other Their Dominions, and the vindicating and preserving Their own and Their Subjects Rights, to Declare War against the French King, and vigorously to prosecute the same both by Sea and Land, and to set out and employ Ships of War, and Land-Forces, for Reducing to Their Obedience the Kingdom of Ireland, at this time supported in Rebellion against Their Majesties by the said French King; Their Majesties putting Their Trust in Almighty God (who hath mercifully and wonderfully preserved and blessed Their Majesties hitherto, and this Kingdom by Their means) That he will vouchsafe a special Blessing to this Their Righteous Undertaking, Do, by and with the Advice of Their Privy Council, hereby Appoint and Command a General and Publick Fast and Humiliation to be observed throughout this Kingdom, That so both Their Majesties and Their Subjects may humble Themselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for Their Sins, and may in most devout and solemn manner send up Their Prayers and Supplications to him, for Imploving his Blessing and Assistance on Their Majesties Arms, and for Restoring and Perpetuating Peace, Safety, Honour, and Prosperity to all Their Majesties Kingdoms and Dominions. And for the more decent and uniform performance thereof, Their Majesties do hereby Publish and Declare to all Their Loving Subjects, and do straitly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday being the Fifth day of June next ensuing, this Fast be Religiously and Solemnly kept and observed within the Cities of London and Westminster, and within Ten miles distance of the same: And that on Wednesday the Nineteenth of the same June the like Fast be kept and duly observed through the rest of the Whole Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And for the more orderly Solemnizing thereof, Their Majesties have given Directions to the Arch-Bishops and Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayers suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chappels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and have given Charge for the Dispersing thereof through Their several Diocesses in the Whole Kingdom. And Their Majesties do expressly Charge and Command, That the said Fasting and Prayers be soberly, reverently, and decently performed by all Their Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishments as Their Majesties can justly inflict upon all such as contemn or neglect so Religious a Work.

Given at Our Court at *Hampton-Court*, this 23th Day of *May*, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

God save the King and Queen.

L O N D O N,
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