



By the King and Queen,
A PROCLAMATION
For a GENERAL FAST.

WILLIAM R.



Whereas for above a Year last past a Wicked Rebellion hath been Carried on and Maintained against Their Majesties in Their Kingdom of Ireland, which hath been Contributed, Encouraged, and chiefly Supported by the French King, designing by that means to make an absolute Conquest of the said Kingdom, and hold it as a Province, or else to bring a total Ruine and Destruction upon the same; for which (amongst other Causes) Their Majesties have been Obliged to enter into a Just and Necessary War against the said French King. And whereas His Majesty is Resolved, by the Assistance of God, Vigorously to prosecute the said War by Sea and Land; And so effectually to Reduce that Kingdom to its due Obedience, that Their Majesties good Subjects there may not only be Rescued from the present Force and Violence; but be Secured against all such Aggressions for the Future, and be Settled in a firm and Lasting State of Peace, Safety, and Prosperity: For which purpose his Majesty hath determined to make a Royal Voyage and go thither in Person, putting his Trust in Almighty God (who hath by his marvellous Providence hitherto Preserved and Conducted his Majesty) That he will vouchsafe a special Blessing on his Righteous Undertaking, and thereby Consummate the Deliverance of these Kingdoms. Their Majesties taking the Premises into Their most Serious Consideration, have thought fit to Appoint, and 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 the said Kingdom of Ireland, in most Devout and Solemn manner, for Supplicating Almighty God for Pardon of Our Sins, and Imploying his Blessing and Protection in the Preservation of his Majesties Sacred Person, and Prosperity of his Arms, to be Religiously Kept and Observed on Wednesday the five and twentieth day of June next, throughout the said Kingdom of Ireland, and thenceforward to be Observed on the Third Wednesday in every Month successively, during the present War. And for the more Orderly Solemnizing of the said several Fast Days, Their Majesties have taken Care to Transmit herewith a Form of Prayers suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chappels, and other Places of Publick Worship within the said Kingdom; And have given Charge for the Dispersing thereof through the said Kingdom. And Their Majesties do most Expressly Charge and Command that the said Fastings and Prayers be 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 shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious a Work.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Thirtieth Day of May, 1690. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

God save King William and Queen Mary.