



By the King,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a General F A S T.

W I L L I A M R.



WH^{er}eby the Implo^{ring} a Blessing from Almighty God, upon His Majesty, and all His Dominions, and for the Avert^{ing} of those Judgments which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly Deserved, The Kings most Excellent Majesty has thought fit, and doth (by the Advice of His Privy Council) hereby Appoint and Command, That a General Fast, and Day of Solemn Humiliation be Kept and Observed throughout His Majesty's Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in most Devout and Solemn Manner, on Wednesday the Twenty eighth Day of April next. And for the more orderly Solemnizing of the same, His Majesty has given Directions to the Right Reverend the Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer Suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chappels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the timely Dispersing of the same through their severall Dioceses in the whole Kingdom. And His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command, That the said Fastings and Prayers be Soberly, Reverently and Decently performed by all His Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of such Punishments as can justly be inflicted upon all such as shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious a Work.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Eighteenth Day of *March*, 169⁷. In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.