



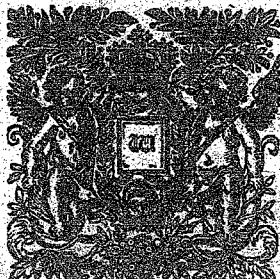
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A P R O C L A M A T I O N,  
For a General F A S T.

Upon the 19. Dec. 1701.

WILLIAM R.

25. Nov. 1701.



Taking into Our pious and princely Consideration, the Great and Eminent Dangers, which Our Kingdoms, and the True Protestant Religion Established among Us, are in the present Juncture Threatned with; And being Sensible that the same cannot otherwise in humane Reason be prevented, but by the particular Blessing of God upon the Consultations and Endeavours of Our Great Council in Parliament, which We have Called to Meet on the Thirtieth Day of December next; Have, out of Our own Religious Disposition, Resolved, and do hereby Command, that a General and Publick Fast be kept throughout this whole Kingdom, in such manner as is hereafter Directed and Prescribed; that so both We and Our People may send up Our Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God, to avert those Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and Implore His Blessing on Us and Our Dominions, and to Unite the Hearts of Our Loyal Protestant Subjects, and to continue His Mercy, and the Protestant Religion to Us and Our Posterities, and more especially to Bestow His abundant Blessings on the Consultations and Endeavours of Our ensuing Parliament, that the same may produce Honour, Safety and Prosperity to Our Self and Our People. And to the end that so Religious an Exercise may be observed at one and the same time, We do hereby, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, Publish and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects, and do strictly Charge and Command, That on Friday, being the Nineteenth Day of December next, this Fast shall be Religiously kept and Observed throughout Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And for the better and more orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Direction to the Arch-Bishops and Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches, Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the timely Dispersing the same throughout their respective Dioceses. And We do Strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Fast be Reverently and Decently Observed by all Our 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 Punishment as We may Justly Justice upon all such as shall Contemn or Neglect so Religious a Duty.

Given at Our Court at Hampton-Court the Twenty third Day of November, 1701. In the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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