



By the King, A PROCLAMATION, For a Publick THANKSGIVING.

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Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God in His Providence towards Us and Our People, to Manifest His Power and Mercy, in Discovering and Delivering Us from a horrid and Barbarous Conspiracy of Papists, and other Traiterous Persons, to Assassinate and Murder Our Royal Person, and from an Invasion intended by the French upon this Kingdom, whereby not only the Destruction of Our Royal Person was Plotted and Intended, but the Total Subversion of Our Government, and of the Religion, Laws and Liberties of this Realm: And whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, have by their humble Address besought Us to Issue Our Royal Proclamation for Appointing a Day of Solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for Our happy Deliverance from the said Villanous and Barbarous Conspiracy against Our Royal Person, and from the

said intended Invasion: We therefore Adopting the Divine Goodness, and duly Considering that such Great and Publick Blessings do call for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgments, have thought fit (by the Advice of Our Privy Council) to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, That a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His Mercies, be Observed throughout this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Thursday the Sixteenth Day of April next. And for the better, and more orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the most Reverend the Arch-Bishops, and 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 throughout their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Day of Thanksgiving be Religiously Observed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they Tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishment as We can justly Inflict upon all such who shall Contemn or Neglect the same.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington*, the Twelfth Day of *March*, 1695. In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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