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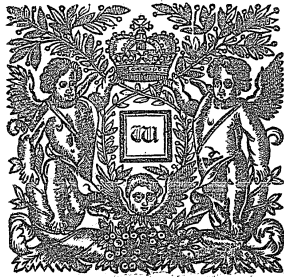
By the Queen, A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For a P U B L I C K T H A N K S G I V I N G.

For our Successes in the War against France & Spain.

4. Novemb. 1702.

A N N E R.



WE do most Devoutly and Thankfully Acknowledge the great Goodness and Mercy of Almighty God, who hath afforded Us his Protection and Assistance in the Just War, in which, for the Common Safety of Our Realms, and for Disappointing the Boundless Ambition of France, We are now Engaged, and hath given to Our Arms, in Conjunction with Our Allies, under the Command of John Earl of Marlborough, Captain General of Our Land Forces, a Wonderful and Glorious Current of Success, whereby there hath been gain'd from Our Enemies many fortified Towns and large Territories in the Low Countreys; and hath blessed the Fleet and Troops of Us and Our Allies, under the Command of James Duke of Ormond, General of Our Forces on Board Our said Fleet, and Sir George Rooke, Admiral of Our said Fleet, with the Taking and Destroying many Ships of War, and great Riches of Our Enemies, at the

Port of Vigo in the Kingdom of Spain; and has also given Us many considerable Successes in the West Indies; and hath rendred Our Trade at Sea Secure, beyond what could be expected in the time of War; and thereby made the beginning of Our Reign happy and Prosperous to Our Self and Our People; and has likewise given great Success to the Arms of Our Allies in Germany and Italy: And therefore duly Considering that such great and publick Blessings do call for publick and solemn Acknowledgments, We 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 Our Cities of London and Westminster, and elsewhere within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, upon Thursday the Twelfth Day of this Instant November, and in all other Places throughout Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Thursday the Third Day of December next. And for the better and more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing of the same, We have given Directions to the Archbishops and Bishops of this Our Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer, suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the timely Dispersing thereof through their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly Charge and Command, that the said Publick Days of Thanksgiving be Religiously Observed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishments, as We may justly Inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Third Day of November, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.

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