



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.

A N N E R.

23. May. 1706.



E do most Devoutly and Thankfully Acknowledge the great Goodness and Mercy of Almighty God, who has Continued to Us His Protection and Assistance in the Just War, in which We are now Engaged for the Common Safety of Our Realms, and for Disappointing the Boundless Ambition of France, and hath given to Our Arms, in Conjunction with those of Our Allies, under the Command of John Duke of Marlborough, Captain-General of Our Land-Forces, a Signal and Glorious Victory in Brabant over the French Army, and hath Restored the greatest Part of the Spanish Netherlands to the Possession of the House of Austria, in the Person of King Charles the Third, by the happy and Wonderful Progress of the Confederate Forces; And has also blest the Arms of Us and those of Our Allies with great Successes in Catalonia, and other Parts of Spain; 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 out this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, That a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these His Mercies, be Observed throughout Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Thursday the Twenty seventh Day of June next. And for the better and more Religious and Obediently Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Archbishop 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 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 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 *Kensington* the Twenty first Day of *May*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.