



By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

Appointing the General Fast, which according to former Order falleth out to be on Wednesday the First of *November*, being *All Saints* day, to be kept on the Wednesday following, being the Eighth of that Moneth.

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Whereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty did by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the Sixth day of July last, appoint that from the time therein mentioned, the First Wednesday of every Moneth successively should be observed and kept in all parts of this Realm, as a day of Fasting and Humiliation, until it shall please God to withhold this Plague and grievous Sicknes. And to the end that Prayers and Supplication may every where be offered up unto Almighty God for the Removal of this heavy Judgment: And whereas the First Wednesday in November (which according to that Order ought to be kept) falls out to be All-Saints day, which is a great Festival in the Church, and so not fit to be kept as a day of Fasting and Humiliation, His Majesties pleasure is, and he doth hereby Declare, That the Next Wednesday following in the said Moneth, that is to say, Wednesday the eighth of November, shall be kept in all parts of this Realm as a day of Fasting and Humiliation, instead of the First Wednesday of that Moneth. And for the time to come, the First Wednesday in every Moneth shall be so kept as was appointed by the said former Proclamation; Except the same falls out to be on some day appointed to be kept Holy, and in that case it shall be kept the Wednesday following, as is hereby directed. And His Majesty doth hereby again call upon the Respective Preachers on the said Fast-days, that they do Earnestly Exhort the people, in the severall Churches, to a Free and Cheerful Contribution, towards the Relief of their Christian Brethren, whom it hath pleased God to visit with Sicknes; And that the Monies so gathered be disposed according as His Majesty hath directed by His said former Proclamation.

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God save the King.

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