



26

24. Nov. 1706.

*R. Billington*  
*Printed by*

By the Queen,  
**A PROCLAMATION,**  
For a PUBLICK THANKSGIVING.  
ANNE R.

on 31. Dec. 1706.



WE 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 has blest the Arms of Us and Our Allies with Great and Wonderful Successes this Year: 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 this Kingdom, in such manner as is herein after Directed and Prescribed, that so both We and Our People may Render most

heartly Thanks to Almighty God for these his Mercies, and may in most Devout and Solemn Manner send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for Implozing the Continuance of his Blessings on the Arms of Us and Our Allies, and Our and Their Forces both by Sea and Land, and for Restoring and Perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity to Us and Our Kingdoms, and the Nations and States in Alliance with Us. To the end therefore that so Religious an Exercise may be Observed at one and the same time, We do hereby Publish and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects, and do strictly Charge and Command, That on Tuesday the Thirtieth Day of December next ensuing, this General Thanksgiving 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 Religious and Orderly Solemnizing 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 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 Nineteenth Day of November, 1706. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

God save the Queen.

London, Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb*, deceas'd; Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty. MDCCVI.