



1 April 1707

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.

*Upm. 4<sup>o</sup> Scotch Union on 1. May 1707.*

A N N E R.



Taking into Our most Serious Consideration the Wonderful and happy Conclusion of the Treaty for the Union of Our Two Kingdoms of England and Scotland, (a Work of so much Difficulty and Nicety in its own Nature, That till now all Attempts which have been made towards it, in the Course of above an hundred Years, have proved Ineffectual) which is of the greatest Importance to the Wealth, Strength, and Safety of the Whole Island, and whereby a full Provision is made for the Peace and Quiet of Our People at Home, and for the Security of Our Religion, by a firm Establishment of the Protestant Succession throughout Great Britain, Do most Devoutly and Thankfully Acknowledge the great Goodness of Almighty God (who alone maketh Men to be of one Mind) in Rendering Our Endeavours to Obtain this Union Successful: 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 this His Mercy, be Observed in such manner as is herein after Directed and Prescribed, That so both We and Our People may Render most hearty Thanks for this His Mercy, and may in most Devout and Solemn Manner send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for Imploving His Blessings on Our said United Kingdom, and on the Arms of Us and Our Allies, and Our and Their Forces both by Sea and Land, 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 that he would be pleased to give all Our Subjects hearts disposed to become Our People. 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 Thursday the first Day of May next ensuing, this General Thanksgiving shall be Religiously Kept and Observed throughout England, Our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And for the better and more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing of the same, We have given Directions to the Archbishops and Bishops of England, 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 of 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 seventh Day of March, 1707. In the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

## God save the Queen.

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