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By the King,
A PROCLAMATION,

For a Publick THANKSGIVING.

GEORGE R.

10. May. 1716.



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We do most Devoutly and Thankfully Acknowledge the great Goodness and Mercy of Almighty God, who hath afforded Us his Protection and Assistance, and given Success to Our Councils and Arms, in Suppressing the late Unnatural Rebellion, raised within this Kingdom by Wicked and Desperate Men, with Design to Depose and Murder Us, and to Subvert the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of Our Kingdoms, and to Set on the Throne thereof a Popish Pretender, Bred up and Instructed in Romish Superstition and Arbitrary Principles; whereby We and Our Kingdoms are Delivered from the Miseries and Calamities that constantly ensue an Intestine War, and the Publick Peace and Tranquillity is Restored: And therefore only Considering; That such Great and Publick Blessings do Call for Solemn and Publick 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 England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Thursday the Seventh Day of June next ensuing. And for the better and more Orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Arch-Bishops, and Right Reverend the 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 for the timely Dispersing thereof, throughout their respective Dioceses. And We do 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 Punishment, as We may justly Judge upon all such who shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Eighth Day of May, 1716. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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