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A PROCLAMATION,
For a Publick THANKSGIVING.

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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 duly 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 that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Thursday the Seventh Day of June next ensuing. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Thanksgiving be Reverently and Decently Observed by all Our Loving Subjects in Scotland, on the said Seventh Day of June next, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly Inflict on all such as Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty. Our Will and Pleasure is therefore, and We Charge, that incontinent, this Our Proclamation seen, ye Pass to the Market-Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication thereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause Printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewarties, and Bailies of Regalties, and their Clerks, whom We Ordain to see the same Published; and We Appoint them to send Doubles thereof to the several Paroch-Churches within their Bound, That upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be Published and Read from the Pulpit immediately after Divine Service.

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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