

tain, of the Fifth Day of November last, declared that it was expedient that the Lords and Commons of the then Parliament of Great Britain should be the Members of the respective Houses of the First Parliament of the United Kingdom on the Part of Great Britain, Four Lords Spiritual, and Twenty-eight Lords Temporal, and One Hundred Commoners, have been appointed, chosen, and declared (according to the Circumstances of the several Cases) to be the Members of the respective Houses of the said First Parliament of the said United Kingdom, on the Part of Ireland: We do, by this Our Royal Proclamation, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, declare and publish Our Will and Pleasure to be, and do hereby appoint, that Our First Parliament of the said United Kingdom shall meet and be holden at Our City of Westminster on the said Twenty second Day of January One thousand eight hundred and one; whereof the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of our said First Parliament of the said United Kingdom, and all others whom it may concern, are hereby to take Notice: And We do hereby direct and command, in pursuance of the said Fourth Article of the said Articles of Union, that the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, who are to serve in the said Parliament on the Part of Ireland, be returned in such Manner as by the said Act, passed in the Parliament of Ireland to regulate the Mode by which the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom on the Part of Ireland, shall be summoned and returned to the said Parliament, such Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, are directed to be returned, according to the Circumstances of each particular Case of the several Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, so appointed, chosen, and declared to be the Members of the respective Houses of the said United Kingdom on the Part of Ireland: And We do hereby further (with the Advice aforesaid) declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that Our said Parliament of Our said United Kingdom shall on the said Twenty second Day of January One thousand eight hundred and one, be holden and sit for the Dispatch of divers weighty and important Affairs: And the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the said Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, and the said Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly at Westminster on the said Twenty second Day of January instant.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the First Day of January One thousand eight hundred and one, in the Forty-first Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,  
For a General FAST.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the heavy Judgments with which Almighty God is pleased to visit the Iniquities of this Land, by a grievous Scarcity and Dearth of divers Articles of Sustenance and Necessaries of Life; moreover taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary War in which We are engaged, for the Maintenance of the Independence of Our Crown, for the Defence of the Commerce, and of the Rights and Liberties, Civil and Religious, of Our Subjects; and trusting in the Mercy of Almighty God, that notwithstanding the fore Punishment which He hath laid upon Us and upon Our People, He will, if We turn to Him in due Contrition and Penitence of Heart, not only withdraw His afflicting Hand, but moreover graciously bless Our Arms, both by Sea and Land, have therefore resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Public Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout those Parts of our United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Friday the Thirteenth Day of February next; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for the Removal of those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and under which We at this present Time labour; and for imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity, to Us and Our Dominions: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Public Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the Favor 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 and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. And for the better and more orderly solemnizing of the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England and Ireland, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Public Worship; and to take care the same be timely dispersed through their respective Dioceses.

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