



By the King.

A Proclamation for putting off this next Bartholomew Faire in Smithfield, and our Lady Faire in Southwarke.



Hereas His MAIESTIE hath taken speciall care, and given severall directions, that the usuall Assemblies and concourse of people might be omitted and forborne, the better to prevent the Danger and Increase of the Infection: Yet finding that the Plague is dispersed in sundry places in and neere about the Citie of London, His Maiestie in pursuance of those directions, and out of His continuall care of the safety of His Subjects in generall, and of the said City in particular, and to cut off all occasions that may conduce to the further spreading of the sicknesse, Doth hereby declare his Royall Will and pleasure for the putting off this next Bartholomew Faire, usuall kept in Smithfield, and of a Faire kept in Southwarke, called our Lady Faire.

And therefore His Maiesty doth admonish and command all His loving Subjects to forbear to resort this yeare to the said Faires or either of them; And doth also require and enioyne the Lords, and others interessed in the same Faires, that they shall not hold this now next Bartholomew Faire in Smithfield, nor our Lady Faire in Southwarke nor elsewhere; Upon paine of such punishment, as for a Contempt so much concerning the generall safety of His Maiesties Subjects they shall be adiudged to deserue.

Given at Our Court at Oatlands, the three and twentieth day of Iuly in the thirteenth yeare of Our Reigne.

God saue the King.

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