



Et. Brit. Soveraigns, etc., 1625-1649 (Charles I.)

By the King.

A Proclamation to declare His Maiesties pleasure, that a former restraint inioyned to the Citizens of London, for repairing to Faires for a time, is now set at libertie.



Whereas the Kings most Excellent Maiestie, out of His Princely and Christian care of his louing Subjects, by His Royall Proclamation, bearing date the fourth day of August last, to prevent the further spreading of the great Infection of the Plague, as much as by all good meanes Hee might, did, by the aduice of His Maiesties Pringe Councell, forbid the holding and resorting vnto the two great Faires of speciall note, then by course of time neere approaching, the one vsually kept in Smithfield, neere the Citie of London, called Bartholomew Faire, and the other neere Cambridge, called Sturbridge Faire; and did thereby also further charge and enioyne, all Citizens and Inhabitants of the said Citie of London, that none of them should repaire to any Faire, held within any part of this Kingdome, vntill it should please God to cease the Infection then reigning amongst them: Now, seeing it hath pleased Almighty God, of his great mercy and goodnesse, to stay his hand from further punishing that Citie, and the places adiacent, and that, that Contagion and dangerous Sicknesse is now ceased there, His Maiestie, taking into His Princely consideration, that in the mutuall Commerce of His Subjects standeth their very subsistence, at least, their Well-being; by the like aduice of His Maiesties Pringe Councell, doth hereby publish and declare his will and pleasure to be, That seeing God, of his mercy, hath graciously remooued the Cause of the former restraint, that now the Citizens, and Inhabitants of the Cities of London and Westminster, and places adioyning, may freely repaire to any Faire, hereafter to be held in this Kingdome, and that any other of His highnesse louing Subjects, may freely buy of them, any wares or Merchandize, coming from those Cities or places, the said Proclamation, bearing date the said fourth day of August, and one other Proclamation, bearing date the eleuenth day of October now last past, or any other Proclamation or Restraint whatsoever to the contrary. And His Maiestie, doth hereby straitly charge and command, that no Maiors, Bailifes, Iustices of Peace, or any other of His Maiesties Officers, Ministers, or louing Subjects whatsoever, doe presume, vnder colour of the said former Proclamations, or of any other Restraint whatsoever, to interrupt or hinder the Citizens or Inhabitants of the said Cities of London or Westminster, or places neere adioyning, to repaire to any Faires, and to vtter, sell, barter, or dispose of their wares or Merchandize there, at their free will and pleasure.

Giuen at Our Honour of Hampton Court, the 30. of December. 1625.

God saue the King.

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