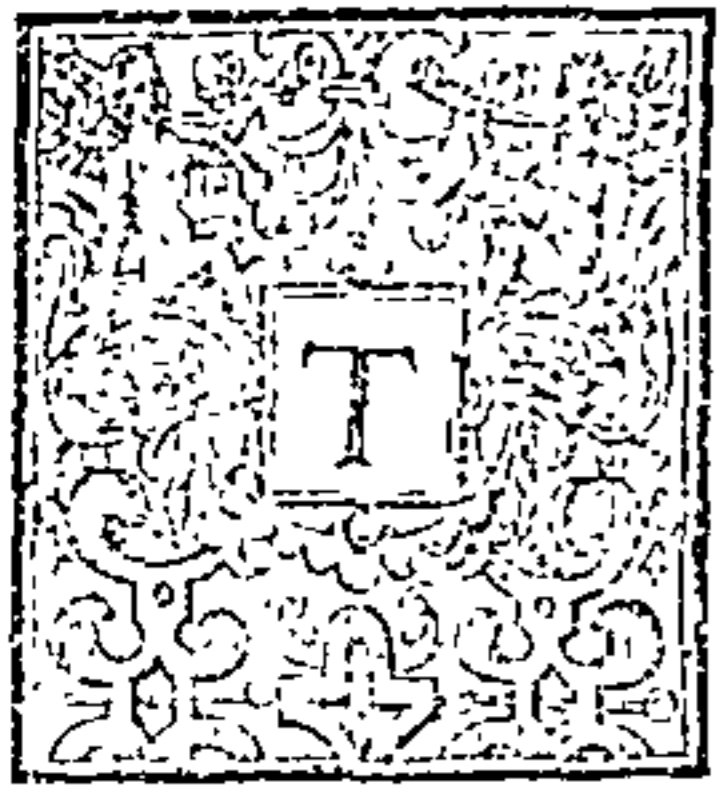


BY THE KING.

A Proclamation prohibiting the keeping of Bartholomew
Faire, and Sturbridge Faire.



THE Kings most Excellent Maiestie out of his Princely and Christian care of his louing Subjects, that no good meanes of providence may bee neglected to stay the further spreading of the great infection of the Plague, doth finde it necessary to prevent all occasions of publique concourse of His people for the present, till it shall please Almighty God of his goodnesse, to cease the violence of the contagion, which is very farre dispersed into many parts of the Kingdome already. And therefore remembering that there are at hand two Faies of speciall note, vnto which there is vsually extraordinary resort out of all parts of the Kingdome. The one kept in *Smithfield* neare the Citty of *London*, called *Bartholomew Faire*: and the other neare *Cambridge*, called *Sturbridge Faire*. The holding whereof at the vsual times would in all likelyhood be the occasion of further danger and infection to other parts of the Land, which yet by Gods mercy stand cleere, and free. Much with the advice of his Maiesties Privie Councell, thought good by this open declaration of His pleasure, and necessary commandment, not only to admonish and require all his louing Subjects to forbear to resort for this time to either of the said two Faies, or to any other Faies within fifty miles of the said Citty of *London*, but also to inioyne the Lords of the said Faies, and others interested in them, or any of them, that they all forbear to hold the said Faies, or any thing appertaining to them at the times accustomed, or at any other time, till by Gods goodnesse and mercy the infection of the plague shall cease, or be so much diminished, that his Maiestie shall giue order for holding them, vpon paine of such punishment, as for a contempt, so much concerning the vniuersall safety of his people, they shall be adjudged to deserue, which they must expect to be inflicted with all severity, his Maiesties desire being so intentiue for preventing the generall infection threatned, as he is resolued to spare no man that shall be the cause of dispersing the same. And to that purpose doth hereby further charge and enioyne vnder like penalty, all Cittizens, and Inhabitants of the said Citty of *London*, that none of them shall repaire to any Faire held within any part of this Kingdome, vntill it shall please God to cease the infection now reigning amongst them, his Maiesties intention being, and so hereby declaring himselfe, that no Lord of any Faies, or others interested in the profits thereof, shall by this necessary and temporary restraint receiue any preiudice in the right of his, or their Faies, or liberties therevnto belonging, any thing before mentioned notwithstanding. *Given at the Court at Woodstocke the fourth day of August in the first yeare of his Maiesties Raigne of great Brittain, France, and Ireland.*

God save the King.