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By the King.

A Proclamation for the better ordering of those who repaire
to the Court, for their cure of the disease called the *Kings Euill*.



Hereas by the grace and blessing of God, the Kings and Queenes of this Realme, by many ages past, haue had the happinesse, by their sacred touch and inuocation of the Name of God, to cure those, who are afflicted with the disease called the *Kings Euill*; And his now most Excellent Maiestie, in no lesse measure then any of his Royall predecessors, hath had good successe herem, and in his most gracious and pious disposition is as ready and willing, as any King or Queene of this Realme euer was, in any thing to relieue the distressed and necessities of his good Subjects; Yet in his Princely Wisedome foreseeing that in this, (as in all other things) order is to be obserued, and fit times are to be appointed for the performing of this great worke of charitie: His most excellent Maiesty doeth hereby publish and declare his Royall Will & pleasure to bee, That whereas heretofore, the vsuall times of presenting such persons to his Maiesty for this purpose, were Easter and Whitson-tide, That from henceforth the times shall bee Easter and Michaelmas, as times more conuenient, both for the temperature of the season, and in respect of any contagion, which may happen in this neere access to his Maiesties sacred Person. And his Maiesty doth accordingly Will and command, That from the time of publishing this Proclamation, none presume to repaire to his Maiesties Royall Court to bee healed of that disease, before the Feast of S. Michael now next comming. And his Maiesty doeth further Will and command, That all such as hereafter shall come or repaire to the Court for this purpose, shall bring with them Certificates vnder the hands of the Parson, Vicar, or Minister and Church-Wardens of those severall parishes where they dwell, and from whence they come, testifying according to the truth, that they haue not any time before bene touched by the King, to the intent to be healed of that disease. And his Maiesty doth straitly charge all Iustices of the Peace, Constables and other officers, That they doe not suffer any to passe, but such as haue such Certificates, vpon paine of his Maiesties displeasure. And to the end that all his louing Subjects may the better take knowledge of this his Maiesties pleasure and command, His Will is, that this Proclamation be published, and affixed in some open place in euery Market Towne of this Realme.

Giuen at His Maiesties Court at White-hall, the eighteenth day of Iune, in the second yeere of His Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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to the Kings most Excellent Maiesty. 1626.