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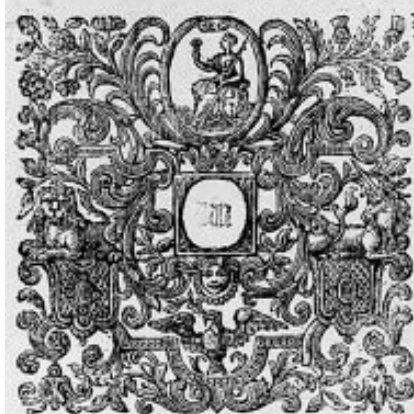
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By the King, A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Commanding Apothecaries to follow the Dispensatory lately compiled by the College of Physicians of *London*.

GEORGE R.



Whereas nothing is more likely to be of Fatal Consequence to the Healths and Lives of Our Subjects, than the ill Compounding or Making up of Medicines, to be Administred to Persons afflicted with Sicknes, contrary to the Prescriptions of their Physicians, besides that a gross Deceit thereby would be put upon the Patients: And whereas there has been compiled, in the Latin Tongue, by the College of Physicians of London, a Book Intituled, *Pharmacopœia Londinensis*, prescribing and directing Apothecaries the General Forms of Dispensing and Compounding all Sorts of Medicines, Distilling Oyls and Waters, and making such like Extracts, together with the true Weights and Measures, by which they ought to be made: Which Book, through the great Care and Industry of the said College, has been lately Revised and Amended, and is now Perfected, and ready to be Published, and is a Work which will greatly tend to the Publick Good of Our Subjects, by preventing all Deceits, Differences, Varieties, and Uncertainties in Making or Compounding of the Medicines, and Distilling of the Oyls or Waters therein mentioned, if, for the future, the Banner and Form prescribed by the said Book should be generally and solely practised by Apothecaries, and others, in their Compositions of the said Medicines, and Distillations of the said Waters or Oyls, &c. We therefore being desirous to provide in all Cases for the Common Good of Our People, and being perswaded the Establishing the General Use of the said Book may tend to the Prevention of such Deceits in the Making and Compounding Medicines, wherein the Lives and Healths of Our Subjects are so highly concerned, have, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, thought fit to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, Notifying to all Apothecaries and others concerned, to the Intent they may not pretend Ignorance thereof, that the said Book, called *Pharmacopœia Londinensis* is perfected, and ready to be Published. And We therefore strictly Require, Charge, and Command all and singular Apothecaries and others, whose Business it is to compound Medicines or distilled Oyls or Waters, or make other Extracts within any part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, that they and every of them, immediately after the said *Pharmacopœia Londinensis* shall be printed and published, do not compound, or make any Medicine or Medicineable Receipt or Prescription, or distil any Oyl or Waters, or make other Extracts, that are or shall be in the said *Pharmacopœia Londinensis* mentioned or named, in any other manner or form than is or shall be directed, prescribed, and set down by the said Book, and according to the Weights and Measures that are or shall be therein limited, except it shall be by the Special Direction or Prescription of some Learned Physician in that behalf. And We do hereby Publish and Declare that the Offenders to the Contrary shall not only incur Our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for such their Contempt and Offences, according to the utmost Severities of Law.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fifth Day of March, 17th. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.