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Transcript of the declaration

His Majesties

DECLARATION

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His Majesty in his Princely compassion and very tender care, taking into consideration the distressed condition of many his good Subjects, whom the late dreadful and dismal fire hath made destitute of habitations, and exposed to many exigencies and necessities; for present remedy and redress whereof, his Majesty, intending to give further testimony and evidences of his Grace and Favour towards them, as occasion shall arise, hath though fit to declare and publish his Royal Pleasure, That as great proportions bread and all other provisions as can possibly be furnished, shall be daily and constantly brought, not onely to the Markets formerly in use, but also to such Markets and his Majesties late Order and Declaration to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, have been appointed and ordained, viz. Clerkenwell, Islington, Finsbury-fields, Mile-end-Green, and Ratcliff: his Majesty being sensible than this will be for the benefit also of the Towns and Places adjoining; as being the best expedient to prevent the resort of such persons thereunto, as may pilfer and disturb them. And whereas also divers of the said distressed persons have saved and preserved their Goods, which nevertheless they know not how to dispose of : It is his Majesties pleasure, That all Churches, Chappels, Schools, and other like Publick places, shall be free and open to receive the said Goods, when they shall be brought to be there said. And all Justices of the Peace within the several Counties of Middlesex, Essex, and Surry; are to see the same to be done accordingly. And likewise that all Cities and Towns whatsoever shall without any contradiction receive the said distressed persons, and permit them the free exercise of their Manual trades; his Majesty resolving and promising that when the present exigent shall be passed over, he will take such care and order, that the said persons shall be no burthen to their Towns or Parishes. And it is his Majesties pleasure, that this his Declaration be forthwith

published, not only by the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, but also by all other Sheriffs, Mayors, and other Chief officers in their respective Precincts and Limits, and by the Constables in every Parish. And of this his Majesties pleasure all persons concerned are to take notice, and thereunto to give due obedience to the utmost of their power, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall this Fifth day of September, In the Eighteenth year of Our Reign, 1666.

God Save the King

In the SAVOY

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