

RDOY Perkin Warbeck Proclamation from Scotland, Sept 1496 - copy dated 1616 - BL Harley MS 283, ff.123v-124v

The introductory lines of the document are in the same hand as the body of the proclamation

The originall of this in old written hand is in the hands of Sir Robart Cottones hand the 18 . of August .1616. } Perkyne Werbeckes his proclamatyon published in the tyme of his Rebellyon in the beginning of the Raigne of

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The Proclamation

Richard by the grace of gode king of England & of France Lord of Ierland Prince of Walles to all thos that thes our present letteres shall see hear or Read & to every of them greeting and whereas we in our tender age escaped by Godes mighte out of the tower of London, and wer secretly convayed over the sea in to other diverse countreys, thear Remaying certene years as unknowne – the which season it happened on ~~Henry~~ Henry sonne of Edmond Tydder Earle of Richmond created sonne to Edward ^{Owene} Tydder of low birthe in the contrey of Wales to come from Frannc & entered into this our Realme, and by subtylle false meanes to obtayne the Crowne of the same unto us of Right appertaynyng, which Henry is our extream and mortal enemy, assone as he had knolledge of our being an lyve imagined compassed and wrought all the subtylle ways and meanes he could devise to our fynall distructyon in forming as he hathe not only falsely surmised to be a feyned person giving us nicknames so abusing youre myndes, but also to deferr & put us from our entere in to this our Realm hathe offered large somes of money to corrupte the princes in every Land & Contrey and that we have been Retayned within and made importune labore to certene ofoure servants about our persone some of them to murder our persone, us [sic] & other to forsack & leaveoure righteous quarrel and to departe from our service, as by Sir Robert Clyfford & other was verefyed & openly proved to bring his cursed and mallytyous intente aforesaid to his purpose, he hath subtylly by craftey meanes levied outrageous and importable somes of money as upon the whole body of our Realme to the great hurte & impoverashinge of the same all with subtyll & corrupte labores by him made to our great jepdy & perrill we have by gods might gratyously escaped & overe passed aswell by land as by sea & be nowe with the right highe and mighty prince our dearest cossen the king of Skotts : whoe without any gyfte or other things by him desired or demanded to the preiudich or hurte of us oroure Crowne or Realm hath full lovingly and kindly retained us by whos Ayde and supportacon will in proper person be nowe by gods grace entered into this our Realme of England wher we shall show ourselves openlye unto you, also confounding our foresaid enemye and all his false sayings and also every ~ [sic] one of Reasone & discessionemaye well

understand that him [sic] needed not to have made the foresaid costages & importune labore yf we had by no suche a feyned persone as he untruly surmise the affecteyninge yourselves how the mynd & entent of the foresaid noble prince our deereste Cossene is that if he maye fynd or see our subiects & natural leege people according to Righte & the duty of their Allegiance resorte lovingly unto us with suche power as by their puissance shall mene, be able by lyckelyhood to distress & subdue our enemyes he is fully sette & determind to Reterne home agayne quietly with his people to his owne land, without doing or suffering to be done any hurt or preiudisse unto our Realme or the inhabytance of the same, Also our greate enemy to fortify his false quarrel hath caused diverse nobles of this our Realm whom he had suspecte & stood in dread [^] of to be cruelly murdered as our Cossane the Lord Fitzwalter Sir William Standley Sir Robert Chamberlene Sir Symond Mounteford Sir Robart Radclyfe, William Daubeney, Homfrey Stafford and many other besides such as dearly bought their lyves, some of which nobles, are now in the Sanctuary, also he hath long kepte & yet keepeth in prisone our Right entirely wellbeloved Cossen Edward sone and heir to our unkill duke of Clarence & other, withholding from them their Rightfull inheritance to the intent they no [sic] should be of might & powere to Ayd & assist us at our need aftere the duty of their leigance he hath also marryed by compulshone certayne of our sisters and also the systere of our aforesaid cossene therle of Warwicke, And diverse other Ladyes of the blood Royall unto certene [sic] his kindred & frendes of simple and lowe degree and pullynge apart all well disposed nobles, he hath none in favore & trust about his persone, but bushope Foxe, Smyth, Braye, Lovell, Oliver Kynge, Sir Charles Somersete, David Owen, Rysley, Sir John Trabulvill, Tylere, Robart Lytton, Gylforde, Chainley, Emson, James Hobert, John Cutt, Garthe, Hansen, Wyote, and such others catyffes & villaines of symple birthe which by subtyll inventyones & pyllynge of the people have byne the princepall fynderes, occassyoneres and consealeres of the myserulle and mischef now reigning in England.

Also wee be credibly informed that our sayd enemy not regarding the ~~waight~~ wellthe and prosperit of this land but onely the safegarde and surety of his persone, hathe sent in to diverse places out of our Realme, the foresaid nobles and caused to be conveyed from thense to other places the tresoure of this oure Realme purposing to depart after in proper person with many other estate of the land being nowe at his Rule & dispossytione, and yf he should be so suffered to depart as god defend it should be to the greatest hurt jeopde & perill of the holle Realm that could be thought or imagined wherefor wee desire & praye you and nevertheles charge you & every of you as ye intend the suerty of yourself & the common wealle of our land your native ground to put you in your most effectual devoirs withal diligence to the uttermost of your poures to sy stope and lette his passage out of this our Realme, assertening you that what persone or persones shall fortune to take or distresse him shall have for his or their true acquitall in that behalf after their estate & degrees, so as the most lowe and simplest of degree that shall happen to take or distresse him shall have for his labour one thousand pounds in money, and houses and lands to the yearly value of four houndred markes

to him & his heires for ever wee remembering thes premyses with the great and excreable offences daily comytted & done by our foresaid greate enemy, and his adhereants in breaking the lybertyes and franchises of our moder holly chorche to the highe displeasure of almighty gode beside the manyfold treasons, abhominable murtheres, manslaughteres, robberyes, extorsyones the daily pyllynge of the people by dismes, taskes, tallages, benevolences, and other unlawfull imposstyones and grevous exactenes with many other heinous offences to the lykely distructyon & disolatyon of the whole Realme as god defend shall put oure selfe effectually in our devoire not as a stepdame but as the very true mother of the child, languishing or standing in perill to redrese, and subdue the forsaid mischeefe and mysrulle and to punishe the occasioniers & haunteres thereof after their defects in example of other, wee shall also by gods grace & the helpe & assistance of the great lords of our bloode with the counselle of other sade persones of approved pollesye & prudence & experience, dreading god & having tender zealle & affectyone to indifferent minestracon of justys and the publyque weall of the lande peruse & call to remembrance the good lawes and costomes heartofore made by our noble progenetores Kings of Englande and see them put in due and lawfull executyone according to the effect and true meaning they weare fyrste made and ordained for, so that by virtue thereof aswell the disinheriting of Rightfulle heires as the iniuryes and wronges in any wise comytted & done with the subiects of our Realme bothe spirituall and Temperall shalbe duely redressed according to Righte lawe and good consyence, and we shall see that the comodityes of our Realme be employed to most advantage of the same thentercourse of marchandyses betwixte Realme and Realme to be mynestred & handled as shallbe more be to the Comone Wealle and prosperetye of our subiects and als all such dismes, taskes, tallages, benevolences, unlawful imposstyones and grievous exactyones as be above rehearsed utterly to be fordune and layd apparent and never from hence for the to be called upon but in such causes as our noble progenitores kynoges of England have of old tyme byne accustomed to have the Ayde succore & helpe of their subiects & true leegemen

Also we will that all such persons as have imagined, compassed or wrought prively or appartyly sence the Raigne of our foresaid enemy or before anything agenst us, except suche as sence the Reigne have imagined our deathe shall have their free pardone for the same, of their lyves, lands, and goods so that they at this tyme according to Right and the duty of their allegances take oure rightious quarrelle and parte, And ayde comforte and supporte us with their bodyes & goods . . /

And over this wee lette you witte that upon our foresaid greate enemies adherents & paretakers with all other such as will take their false quarrel and stand in their defence against us with their bodyes or goods, we shall come and enter upon them and their hev[y] lorde and ~~take~~ take and repute them & every of them as oure Traytores & Rebelles and see them punished accordingly, and upon all other our subiects that according to righte & the dutye of their leagance will ayd succore & comforte us to their powers with their [sic] or goods, or vittall our host for Redy money, wee shall

come and enter upon them lovingly as their natural leege lorde & see they have justice to them equally mynestred upon their cases, wherefore we will and desire you and every of you that inconvynent that [sic] upon the hearing of this our proclamacon ye according to the duty of your allegances Arredy yourselves in your beste deffensyble Arraye and give your personal attendance upon us where we shall then fortune to be, And in your so doinge ye shall fynd us your Right espetyall & singular good lord And so to see you Recompensed and Rewarded as by your service shalbe unto us deserved . / .

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