



A DECLARATION OF THE

Lords and Commons in Parliament,
to dispence with divers persons that shall not observe the Fast the 26 of *Octob.* 1642. Within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the liberties and parts adjacent.

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Notwithstanding the present Calamities doe asmuch (if not more) call for the duty of humiliation by Fasting and Prayer, then at the time when the said duty was first appointed, yet considering the imminent danger now threatning the Parliament, City and parts adjacent by the present War which requires a speedy and

more then ordinary vigilancy and paines in providing for a timely defence, and knowing that God requires mercy rather then Sacrifice. The Lords and Commons have thought fit to declare and doe declare, That they doe not expect that such persons within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and parts adjacent who are able in body, and now are or shall be thought fit to be employed in the service aforesaid should applie themselves to that duty of Fasting and prayer for that day; Howbeit the said Lords and Commons doe not intend that under pretence of this their Declaration; That any person should neglect the duties of that day, but such as are or shall be employed in the publique service of defence.

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