Prognostication of the Emperor's Principal Astrologers (c.1629)

Transcript

British Library, Hargrave MS 311, f. 192r

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A Prognostication for this yeare for [th]e yeare 1629

Ordered and taken out according to [th]e calculation of [th]e principall Astrologers vpon [th]e present yeare 1629 sent from Rome to ~~the~~ his Imperiall Ma[jes]tie & [th]e Prince Elector of ~~Spaine~~ Saxonie.

[*Left margin:*1.] In [th]e 1629 [th]e sunn beinge in [th]e celestiall signe Libra all [th]e plan[n]ets will assemble about [th]e sunn att [th]e taile of [th]e Dragon whereby it may bee pr[e]sumed [tha]t manie horrable things will ensue and w[i]th such a tempest [tha]t all [th]e winds of [th]e ~~{*gap: illegible*}~~ 4 quarters of [th]e world will meete togeth[e]r where upon will follow: soe horrable an Earthquake [tha]t men for feare and sorrow shall dye w[i]thout any violence offered to them./

[*Left margin:*2] Here after trees Mountaynes & Valles, shall chaing their places, townes and Villages shallbe removed: by Earthquakes & some but cheiftly these [tha]t stand neare any waters & are built vpon sand shall fall to [th]e ground./

[*Left margin:*3.] Horrible Eclipses shall appeare & afterwards a bloody Rainebowe shalbee seene w[hi]ch will cause great trouble & bloody warr amoungst many people of [th]e world./

[*Left margin:*4.] All this shalbe seene in [th]e mounth of 7br aboute [th]e exaltation of [th]e Cross.

[*Left margin:* 5.] But for soe much as god best knowes [th]e successe of things [th]e most humble & obedient seruants of his imperiall Ma[jes]tie & their consorts haue shewen vnto him there=bye to gouerne himselfe & to [th]e Com[m]on people to pr[e]pare them to repentance advising likewise his said ~~said~~ Ma[jes]tie to w[i]thdraw himselfe to some place of good temperature and to Furnish himselfe w[i]th vicutall for xxtie dayes.

The most learned & most vnd[e]rstanding both Alpians, Spanish & Grecian ~~{*gap: illegible*}~~ Astrologers haue approved this Prognostica[ti]on.

May [th]e 18th their shalbe a great assemble of men of Warr.

Iune [th]e 11th 3 Princes shall dye.

Iune [th]e 12th a Lord shall attaine to great dignity and honor

Iune [th]e 18th a greate wind shall arise/

Iune [th]e 19th a banisht Prince shall returne into his owne Country & recouer great dignity & honor

Iune [th]e 28th there wilbee intollerable heate.

Au[gu]st [th]e 11th their wilbe great pr[e]parac[i]on for warr, both by sea & land/

Au[gu]st [th]e 17th greate effusion of blood./

Au[gu]st [th]e 18th [th]e halfe of [th]e world shalbe drownd/

Au[gu]st [th]e 20th busines of great importance shalbe sent from seuerall places./

Other manuscript witnesses

- British Library, Additional MS 22959, f. 32v
- British Library, Additional MS 70001, f. 353v
- British Library, Additional MS 78201, ff. 106r–106v
- Bodleian Library, MS Eng. hist. c. 272, ff. 132–33
- Northamptonshire Record Office, IL 3530, ff. 1r–v

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