

give strict charges at their respective assizes and sessions for the due prosecution and punishment of all persons that shall presume to offend in any of the kinds aforesaid, and also of all persons that, contrary to their duty, shall be remiss or negligent in putting the said laws in execution, and that they do, at their respective assizes and quarter sessions of the peace, cause this Our Royal Proclamation to be publicly read in open Court, immediately before the charge is given: and We do hereby further charge and command every Minister, in his respective parish church or chapel, to read, or cause to be read, this Our Proclamation, at least four times in every year, immediately after Divine Service, and to incite and stir up their respective auditories to the practice of piety and virtue, and the avoiding of all immorality and profaneness: And, to the end that all vice and debauchery may be prevented, and religion and virtue practised by all officers, private soldiers, mariners, and others who are employed in Our service by sea and land, We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Commanders and Officers whatsoever, that they do take care to avoid all profaneness, debauchery, and other immoralities, and that, by their own good and virtuous lives and conversations, they do set good examples to all such as are under their care and authority, and likewise take care of and inspect the behaviour of all such as are under them, and punish all those who shall be guilty of any the offences aforesaid, as they will be answerable for the ill consequences of their neglect herein.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and in the first year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

*Requiring all Persons, being in Office of Authority or Government at the Decease of the late King, to proceed in the Execution of their respective Offices.*

VICTORIA, R.

**W**HEREAS by an Act, made in the sixth year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled "An Act for the security of Her

"Majesty's Person and Government, and of the "succession to the Crown of Great Britain in the "Protestant Line," it was enacted, that no office, place, or employment, civil or military, within the kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, dominion of Wales, town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark, or any of His Majesty's plantations, should become void by reason of the demise of Her said late Majesty, Her heirs or successors, Kings or Queens of this realm, but that every person and persons in any of the offices, places, and employments aforesaid, should continue in their respective offices, places, and employments for the space of six months next after such death or demise, unless sooner removed and discharged by the next successor to whom the Imperial Crown of this realm was limited and appointed to go, remain, and descend; and whereas by an Act, made in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for the continuation of all and "every person or persons in any and every office, "place, or employment, civil or military, within "the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ire- "land, dominion of Wales, town of Berwick- "upon-Tweed, isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alder- "ney, Sark, and Man, and also in all and every "of His Majesty's foreign possessions, colonies, "or plantations, which he or she shall hold, "possess, or exercise, during the pleasure of the "Crown, at the time of the death, or demise of "His present Majesty, until removed or dis- "charged therefrom by the succeeding King or "Queen of this realm," it was enacted, that all and every person and persons who, upon the day of the demise of His said late Majesty, should hold any office, civil or military, under the Crown during pleasure, should, under and by virtue of the said Act, and without any new or other patent, commission, warrant, or authority, continue and be entitled, in all respects, notwithstanding the demise of His said late Majesty, to hold and enjoy the same; but, nevertheless, the same should be held or enjoyed only during the pleasure of the King or Queen who should succeed to the Crown upon the demise of His said late Majesty, and the right and title to hold and enjoy the same, under the authority of the said Act, should be determinable in such and the like manner by the King or Queen who, upon the demise of His said late Majesty, should succeed to the Crown, as the right or title