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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

JAMES R.

WHEREAS Our dearest Brother of Blessed Memory, by His Royal Proclamation bearing date the Fifteenth day of September, in the Twelfth year of His Reign, for preventing the Exportation of Wooll, Wooll-Fells, &c. out of this Kingdom, did strictly Charge, Prohibit and Command, That no manner of Wooll, Wooll-Fells, &c. should be at any time by any Person or Persons, whether Denizens or Strangers, Exported, Transported, or sent out of this Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed, or any the Isles, Ports, Creeks, or Places thereof, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or any other Foreign parts beyond the Seas, upon pain of His highest Indignation, and the severest Penalties that by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm might be inflicted, as well upon the Offenders themselves, as their Aiders, Procurers, Abettors, and Favourers. And to the end that the Custom-house Officers, and other Ministers in and about the Ports of England might more strictly look to the Observance of His Pleasure therein; He did further Charge and Command, That if any Officers should consent, or connive at the unlawful Exportation of the said Commodities, he should not only forfeit his Place, but incur other pains. And for the encouragement of all such who should take care and pains to disclose or make discoveries of the Frauds or other Practices to evade or defeat the true intention of the said Proclamation, did Declare His Royal Will and Pleasure, That every such Person that should be the first Discoverer of such Offenders, should be rewarded with the Moiety, or one half of such Sum of Money and other Forfeiture as should come unto him by any the Offences aforesaid. Now We being Graciously inclined, as well out of Our own Princely Care of the welfare of this Our Kingdom, as induced by Our said Dear Brothers Royal Example, to prevent as much as in Us lies, so great an Evil as the Transportation of the Commodities aforesaid, by continuing the said Bounty; Do hereby Declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, for the encouragement of all such, whether Officers of the Customs or others, Bodies Politick, or private Persons, who being legally Authorized thereunto, shall take care and pains to Seize any Wooll, Wooll-Fells, &c. or any Boats or Vessels Transporting the same contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, or shall prosecute any Persons offending against the said Laws, or Disclose, or make Discovery of the Frauds, and other Practices to evade and defeat the true intention thereof, and shall pursue the same to effect, and obtain a Certificate or Testimonial from the Lord Chief Baron of

the Exchequer, and the Commissioners of the Customs for the time being, that he hath so done, that every such Officer, or other Body Politick, or private Person, shall be rewarded with the Moiety, or one half of such Sums of Money, or other Forfeitures as shall come unto Us, by reason of any the Offences aforesaid. And Our Lord High Treasurer of England, or Lords Commissioners for the time being, are hereby Enjoined in full Certificate or Testimonial, by his or their Warrant, to cause such Officer or other Person to be Discharged of one Moiety of such Sum of Money, or other Forfeiture, as should have come unto Us by reason of any the Offences aforesaid. And it is not hereby intended, that any Seizer of such Goods shall be intitled to Our Royal Bounty as above, unless he shall effectually prosecute in the Court of Exchequer in all cases where it shall appear such Prosecution is practicable. And further, no Composition shall be privately made upon any Seizure between the Seizer and Owner of the Goods, nor without the Direction and Allowance of the Court of Exchequer, or one of the Barons of the said Court; and that all Wooll, Wooll-Fells, &c. Boats and Vessels being after seized by force of any of the said Laws, shall be brought to London, Hull, or Exeter, and there disposed, to prevent Selling them again to the Owners, as hath hitherto too frequently been practised. Giving also Charge and Command, That all Persons of what Degree, Quality or Place soever, especially Our Officers Military and Civil, do diligently observe, and readily assist the due performance of this Our Proclamation in all things, and requiring the diligence and faithfulness of all Our Custom-house Officers on the Penalties aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at Windsor the Eleventh day of July 1687. in the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Windsor, July 17.

THE following Addresses having been Presented to the King, His Majesty received them very Graciously; That from Sir John Southcoe.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The Humble Address of the Grand Jury of the County of Berks, at the Assizes held for the said County at Wallingford, the Fourth day of July, An. Dom. 1687.

WE Your Majesties most Humble, Dutiful, and Obedient Subjects, being highly sensible of Your Majesties Princely care in preserving our Religion and Liberties, as by Law established, and missing our Differences, both in Church and State, manifestly made appear by Your Majesties late Gracious Declaration, do think it our Humble Duties, so soon