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By the King and Queen,

## A PROCLAMATION,

For the better Discovery of Seditious Libellers

MARIE R.

**W**E being sensible that divers Evil-disposed Persons, being not Reformed or Wrought upon by Our Grace and Favour, notwithstanding We have extended Our Royal Mercy and Clemency to Our Subjects, as well by Our General as Particular Pardons, since Our Accession to the Crown, do make it their business, as well to Write as Print sundry False, Infamous, and Scandalous Libels, endeavouring thereby not only to Traduce and Reproach the Ecclesiastical and Temporal Government of this Kingdom, and the publick Ministers of the same, but also to stir up and dispose the minds of Our Subjects to Sedition and Rebellion: For the Discovery of which wicked Offenders, and to the intent they may receive such Punishments as the Laws of this Our Realm in such Cases direct, We (with the advice of Our Privy Council) do by this Our Royal Proclamation Publish and Declare, That if any Person or Persons shall discover or make known to either of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or to any Justice of the Peace, the Person or Persons to whom any such Libel, at any time since Our last General Pardon hath been or shall hereafter be brought, and by him or them received, in order to Print or Transcribe the same, or the place where such Libel shall be Printing or Transcribing, whereby the same shall happen to be seized, or the Person or Persons by whom any such Libel at any time since Our said General Pardon hath been or shall hereafter be Printed, Transcribed, or otherwise Published, or shall discover and make known to either of Our said Principal Secretaries of State, or to any Justice of Peace, any Press kept contrary to Law by any Person or Persons whatsoever, he or they making every such Discovery shall have and receive as a Reward from Us the Sum of Twenty Pounds. And We do further hereby Publish and Declare, That if any Person or Persons shall Discover and make known to either of Our said Principal Secretaries of State, or to a Justice of the Peace, the Author of any such Libel, which at any time since Our said General Pardon has been or shall hereafter be devised and made, or the Person or Persons who at any time since Our said General Pardon have, or hath handed, or brought, or shall hereafter hand or bring any such Libel to the Press, or to any Person or Persons in order to Print the same, so that they may be brought to Punishment, he or they making such Discovery shall receive and have from Us the Sum of Fifty Pounds. And to the end that the Person or Persons making such Discovery may without any Charge or Attendance, immediately after the same made, receive the respective Rewards hereby proposed, We do by this Our Royal Proclamation Require the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or Our High Treasurer of England for the time being, That upon a Certificate from either of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or any Justice of the Peace, of any such Discovery made, he or they do satisfy and pay the said respective Sums to the Person or Persons making such Discovery, without any Delay or Abatement whatsoever. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every Our Justices of the Peace, to whom such Discovery shall be made, That he or they with all possible speed do give Notice thereof to Us, or to one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, to the end that the said Libels may be suppressed, and the Parties offending effectually prosecuted.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Thirteenth day of September, 1692. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

By the King and Queen,

## A PROCLAMATION,

For the Discovery and Apprehending of Highway-men and Robbers, and for a Reward to the Discoverers.

Marie R.

**W**HEREAS in Contempt of the Laws and well Established Government of this Kingdom, many Robberies upon the Highways have been of late frequently committed, to the great Terror and Damage of Our Loving Subjects; and We being desirous to secure all Our People in Travelling and Going about their Lawful Occasions, by Suppressing and Preventing the said Mischiefs, and Bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment, do therefore (by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council) hereby straightly Charge and Command all Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and other Our Officers, Ministers and Subjects, to whom it doth or may appertain, That they and every of them in their respective places and Stations do use their utmost Endeavours for the Discovery and Apprehending all Highway-Men and Robbers. And in order thereunto, We do hereby Declare Our Will and Pleasure to be, and do hereby Require and Command all and every Our Justices of the Peace throughout this Our Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, That upon Notice of this Our Royal Proclamation, they do Take Order, and See that due Watch and Ward be constantly kept by Horse and Foot, and that after Notice to them given of any Robbery on the Highway, or other Theft committed, they take Care that Hue and Cry be made after Robbers, and other Pursuit be made and raised, and Felons pursued with the utmost Diligence that the Law requireth for the Apprehending of the Offenders. And for the Encouragement of all Persons to put in Execution this Our Proclamation, We are Graciously pleased, and do hereby Declare, That all and every Person and Persons who shall at any time within One Year now next Enjuing, discover to any Justice of Peace, or any other Officer of Justice, any Person that hath committed or shall commit any Robbery on the Highway, and shall Apprehend or cause to be Apprehended such Offender, shall within Fifteen Days after Conviction of such Offender so Apprehended upon such Discovery, have a Reward of Forty Pounds for every such Offender so Apprehended and Convicted, and all and every Sheriff and Sheriffs of the respective Counties where such Conviction shall be had, are hereby required upon the Certificate of the Judge, or under the Hand of Two or more Justices before whom such Conviction shall be had, to pay unto such Person or Persons who shall Discover and Apprehend such Offender, or upon whose Discovery such Offender shall be Apprehended, the said Reward of Forty Pounds within the time aforesaid, for every Offender so Apprehended and Convicted, out of the Publick Money received by him in that County, which shall be allowed to him upon his Account in Our Exchequer. And to that purpose We do hereby Direct and Command Our Under-Treasurer, and Chancellor of Our Exchequer, Barons, and all other Our Officers of Our said Court and every of them, to allow unto every Sheriff and Sheriffs, so from time to time paying the said Rewards, such Moneys as he or they shall actually pay upon such Certificate for the Reward as aforesaid, without any Charge unto, or Fees or Money to be demanded of such Sheriff for passing such part of his said Account, in Discharge from Us of so much Money by him so paid or to be paid, or for allowance to be made unto such Sheriff for Reimbursing him or them any Money so from