By the King,

A PROCLAMATION.

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Whereas in and by One Act Made and Passed in the last Session of Parliament (Intituled, An Act for Granting an Aid to His Majesty, as well by a Land Tax, as by several Subsidies and other Duties payable for One Year) It was (amongst other things) Enacted, That it should and might be Lawful to and for the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or any Three of them, to cause Bills to be made forth at the Receipt of Exchequer, in such Manner and Form as they should appoint, for any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding One Million five hundred thousand Pounds, by Virtue of that Act, and to Issue the same to the uses of the War, in such Proportions as they should think fit, and that the said Bills should be Current to the Receivers or Collectors of any Aids, Taxes or Supplies thereby Granted, or that should be Granted for the Service of the War, for the Year, One thousand six hundred ninety seven (Except for the Aid of Three Shillings in the Pound) And whereas by One other Act also Made and Passed in the said last Session of Parliament (Intituled, An Act for making good the Deficiency of the several Funds therein mentioned, and for Enlarging the Capital Stock of the Bank of *England*, and for Raising the Publick Credit, to the end the said Bills so Authorized to be Issued might be of more general Use, as well for the Occasions of the War, as for the Publick Commerce and Trade, It is (amongst other things) Enacted, That the said Bills so Authorized to be Issued, shall be Received and Taken, not only by Receivers or Collectors of the Taxes or Supplies Granted, or to be Granted for the War, for the Year, One thousand six hundred ninety seven, but shall also Pass and be Current to all and every the Commissioners, Receivers or Collectors of any Revenue, Aid, Tax or Supply whatsoever Granted, or that should or might be Granted, during the said last Session of Parliament, either for the War, or any other use, and also at the Receipt of the Exchequer, from the said Commissioners, Receivers or Collectors, or from any other Person or Persons whatsoever making any Payments there to Us upon any Account whatsoever. And to the end that all Persons might be the more willing to Accept and Receive the said Bills in all manner of Payments, It is thereby also Enacted, That there shall be annexed unto, attend and go along with the said Bills, an Interest after the Rate of Five Pence a Day for every One hundred Pounds contained therein, and so Proportionably for a greater or lesser Sum, which said Interest shall be Paid or Allowed to the Person who is last Possessed thereof, to the Day he Pays the same into the Exchequer, or to any Receivers or Collectors, for any Aids, Taxes, Revenues or Supplies whatsoever. And that no Interest might be Allowed on the said Bills for any longer time than the same should be Unanswered unto Us, It is Enacted, That the Person who Pays the same into the Exchequer, or to any Receivers or Collectors, for any Aids, Taxes or Revenues, shall, at the time of making such Payment, put his Name to the said Bill, and Write the Day of the Month; to which Day the Collector, or other Person who Receives the same to Our Use, shall be Allowed again the Interest that he shall have Allowed thereupon. And when any of the said Bills, which in pursuance of the Act last mentioned shall be Received at the Exchequer, Custom-House, Excise-Office, or General Letter-Office, or by any of Our Receivers or Collectors, or for any Revenues, Taxes or Supplies, shall be Applicable to the Satisfaction of Tallys and Orders of Loan, or to any other Uses or Payments whatsoever, and by reason thereof are not to be immediately Cancelled at the said Exchequer, or in any other Publick Office, then the respective Tellers in the Receipt of Our Exchequer, and the Receivers General or Cashiers of the Customs, Excise and Post-Office, or any other Receivers, upon their Issuing or Paying out the said Bills, shall Sign the same, and add the Day of the Month, and so forth quotes until the said Bills shall or may come or be Paid into the Exchequer, on Account of the Proper Funds or Supplies (upon which they are or shall be first Issued out) to be Cancelled. And to the Intent that such Person or Persons who have or may have or be Intituled to any Tallys or Orders, on any Aid, Tax or Supply that is or shall be Appropriated for Repayment and Satisfaction thereof, and shall Refuse or be Unwilling to Accept the said Bills in Payment, might not be Obliged to Receive the same, It is further Enacted, That for the Sale, Accommodation and Satisfaction of all and every Person and Persons so Refusing, or being Unwilling to Receive the said Bills in Repayment of such Tallys and Orders, It should and might be Lawful, to and for the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or any Three of them, to Covenant and Agree, in such manner as they should think fit, with any Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate (with whose Abilities they should be well Satisfied) for the immediate Advancing or Lending of Money from time to time as there should be Occasion, for Changing such Bills as should be so Refused, or not Accepted or Taken in Repayment of Tallys and Orders, as aforesaid; and that such Person and Persons as should so Contract and Agree, should immediately upon their Paying or Advancing any Moneys pursuant to their Contracts or Agreements, have for their Security and Satisfaction the said Bills, or such Security as should be Agreed upon between the said Commissioners of the Treasury and the said Contracters or Encouragement, such Interest or Reward as is therein mentioned. And it is by the said Act Pro-