

1715, and being required or commanded by any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, or by the Sheriff of the County or his Under-Sheriff, or by the Mayor, Bailiff or Bailiffs, or other Head Officer or Justice of the Peace of any City or Town Corporate, where such Assembly shall be, by Proclamation to be made in the King's Name, in the Form herein after directed, to disperse themselves and peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Business, shall to the Number of Twelve or more (notwithstanding such Proclamation made) Unlawfully, Riotously and Tumultuously remain or continue together by the Space of one Hour after such Command or Request made by Proclamation, that then such Continuing together, to the Number of Twelve or more, after such Command or Request made by Proclamation, shall be adjudged Felony without Benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Death, as in Case of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Order and Form of the Proclamations that shall be made by the Authority of this Act, shall be as hereafter followeth, that is to say, the Justice of the Peace or other Person authorized by this Act to make the said Proclamation, shall, among the said Rioters, or as near to them as he can safely come, with a loud Voice command, or cause to be commanded, Silence to be while Proclamation is making, and after that shall openly and with loud Voice make, or cause to be made, Proclamation in these Words, or like in Effect, *Our Sovereign Lord the King chargeth and commandeth all Persons being assembled, immediately to Disperse themselves, and peaceably to depart to their Habitations or to their lawful Business, upon the Pains contained in the Act made in the first Year of King George, for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies.* GOD save the KING. And every such Justice and Justices of the Peace, Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, and other Head Officer aforesaid, within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions, are hereby authorized, empowered and required, on Notice or Knowledge of any such Unlawful, Riotous and Tumultuous Assembly, to resort to the Place where such Unlawful, Riotous and Tumultuous Assembly shall be of Persons to the Number of Twelve or more, and there to make or cause to be made Proclamation in Manner aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if such Persons so Unlawfully, Riotously and Tumultuously Assembled, or Twelve or more of them, after Proclamation made, in Manner aforesaid, shall continue together and not disperse themselves, (within one Hour) that then it shall and may be lawful to and for every Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, or Under-Sheriff of the County, where such Assembly shall be, and also to and for every High or Petty Constable, and other Peace-Officer within such County, and also to and for every Mayor, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Bailiff, and other Head Officer, High or Petty Constable, and other Peace Officer of any City or Town Corporate where such Assembly shall be, and

to and for such other Person and Persons as shall be commanded to be assisting unto any such Justice of the Peace, Sheriff or Under-Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiffs, or other Head Officer aforesaid (who are hereby Authorized and Impowered to Command all his Majesty's Subjects of Age and Ability to be assisting to them therein) to seize and apprehend, and they are hereby required to seize and apprehend such Persons so unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously continuing together after Proclamation made as aforesaid, and forthwith to carry the Persons so apprehended before one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County or Place where such Persons shall be so apprehended, in order to their being proceeded against for such their Offences according to Law; and that if the Persons so unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assembled, or any of them, shall happen to be killed, maimed or hurt in the dispersing, seizing or apprehending, or endeavouring to disperse, seize or apprehend them, by reason of their resisting the Persons so dispersing, seizing or apprehending, or endeavouring to disperse, seize or apprehend them, that then every such Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Mayor, Bailiff, Head Officer, High or Petty Constable, or other Peace Officer, and all and singular Persons being aiding and assisting to them, or any of them, shall be free, discharged and indemnified, as well against the King's Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, as against all and every other Person and Persons of, for or concerning the killing, maiming, or hurting of any such Person or Persons so unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assembled, that shall happen to be so killed, maimed or hurt as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid; That if any Persons unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assembled together to the Disturbance of the Publick Peace, shall unlawfully and with Force demolish or pull down, or begin to demolish or pull down, any Church or Chappel, or any Building for Religious Worship certified and registred according to the Statute made in the first Year of the Reign of the late King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, *An Act for exempting their Majesties Protestants Subjects dissenting from the Church of England from the Penalties of certain Laws*; or any Dwelling-house, Barn, Stable, or other Out house; that then every such demolishing or pulling down, or beginning to demolish or pull down, shall be adjudged Felony without benefit of Clergy, and the Offenders therein shall be adjudged Felons, and shall suffer Death, as in Case of Felony, without benefit of Clergy.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons do or shall with Force and Arms wilfully and knowingly oppose, obstruct, or in any manner wilfully and knowingly lett, hinder or hurt any Person or Persons that shall begin to proclaim, or go to proclaim according to the Proclamation hereby directed to be made, whereby such Proclamation shall not be made, That then every such opposing, obstructing, letting, hindring or hurting such Person or Persons, so beginning or going to make