

forthwith to Tender to such Person, so known or suspected to be a Papist, the Declaration set down and expressed in an Act of Parliament made in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of the late King Charles the Second, Intituled, An Act for the more Effectual Preserving the Kings Person and Government, by Disabling Papists from Sitting in either House of Parliament, to be by him Made, Repeated, and Subscribed; And if such Person so Required should Refuse to Make, Repeat, and Subscribe the said Declaration, or Refuse, or Forbear to appear before the said Justices, for the Making, Repeating, and Subscribing thereof, on Notice to him Given or Left at his usual Place of Abode by any Person Authorized in that behalf, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said Two Justices, he was in and by that Act Prohibited to have or keep in his House, or elsewhere, or in the Possession of any other Person, to his Use, or at his Disposition, any Arms, Weapons, Gunpowder or Ammunition, other than such Necessary Weapons as should be Allowed to him by Order of the Justices of the Peace at their General Quarter-Sessions, for the Defence of his House or Person; And that any Two or more Justices of the Peace, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, by Virtue of that Act, might Authorize and Impower any Person or Persons, in the Daytime, with the Assistance of the Constable, or his Deputy, or the Tythingman or Headborough, where the Search should be, to Search for all Arms, Weapons, Gunpowder or Ammunition, which should be in the House, Custody, or Possession of any such Papist, or reputed Papist, and Seize the same for Our Use; And further, That no Papist or reputed Papist, so refusing or making Default, should or might have, or keep in his own Possession, or in the Possession of any other Person, to his Use, or at his Disposition, any Horse or Horses, which should be above the Value of Five Pounds to be Sold; And that any Two or more Justices of the Peace, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, might and should Authorize any Person or Persons, with such Assistance, as aforesaid, where the Search should be, to Search for, and Seize for Our Use, all such Horse and Horses which should be above the Value of Five Pounds to be Sold: And whereas, by another Act made in the said First Year of the Reign of their said late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, An Act for the Abrogating of the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and Appointing other Oaths, all Persons who should refuse to Take the Oaths therein directed to be Taken, after the Tenders thereby directed to be made, and should refuse to Make and Subscribe the said Declaration in the said Act of the Thirtieth Year of the said late King Charles the Second, should suffer all Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures and Disabilities, as a Popish Recusant Convict, and be taken and deemed Popish Recusants Convict to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: And whereas in and by one other Act made in the Parliament of Great Britain, in the Sixth Year of the late Queen Anne, Our dear Sister, Intituled, An Act for the better Security of Her Majesties Person and Government, It was Enacted, That it should and might be Lawful for any Two

Justices of the Peace, whereof One of them to be of the Quorum, within any of the Counties, Ridings, Divisions, Stewalties, Cities or Boroughs, within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, or any other Person or Persons, who should be by Us for that purpose specially appointed by Order in Our Privy-Council, or by Commission under Our Great Seal, at any time or times to Summon and Convene before them all such Persons within the Limits of their respective Jurisdictions, Powers and Authorities, as they should or might suspect to be Dangerous or Disaffected to Us or Our Government, and should or might Tender to every such Person and Persons the Oath in that Act mentioned, commonly called The Abjuration Oath, and should at the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be held for the County or Place in which the said Oath should be Tended, certify the Christian Names and Surnames, and Places of Abode, of all Persons refusing to take the said Oath, to be there Recorded, and shall be from thence certified by the Clerk of the Peace of such County, Riding, Liberty, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place within England, into the Court of Chancery, or King's-Bench at Westminster, and by the Clerk of the Peace of every Shire, Stewarty, Borough, or Place in Scotland, into the Court of Session there, to be Recorded in the Register or Rolls of the said respective Courts; And if the Person so refusing and certified shall not, within the next Term or Session after such Refusal, appear in the Court of Chancery, Kings-Bench, or Session, where such Certificate shall be Returned, and in Open Court audibly and solemnly Take and Subscribe the Oath aforesaid, and Endorse or Enter his so doing upon the Certificate so Returned, shall be, from the time of such his Neglect or Refusal, Taken, Esteemed, and Adjudged a Popish Recusant Convict, and as such shall Forfeit and Undergo such Penalties as a Popish Recusant Convict ought to do by the Laws then in Force within England: Now for the Preservation of the Publick Peace, and for the Defeating the Traiterous Attempts of Our Enemies, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Commanding and Requiring all Our Justices of the Peace, and all others whom it may concern, That they do, with the utmost Diligence and Application, put the said Laws strictly in Execution against Papists and Non-Jurors and that they Tender to them the said Oaths and Declaration and take from the Refusers thereof their Horses and Arms, and that they do also put strictly in Execution all other Laws made against Papists, reputed Papists, and Non-Jurors. And the respective Justices of the Peace and others concerned to execute Our Commands herein, are hereby Required to Certifie an Account of what they shall do, pursuant to the same, to Us in Our Privy Council.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Twenty fifth Day of July, 1715. In the First Year of Our Reign.

God save the KING.

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