

committed, shall be deemed and adjudged to be Felons, and shall suffer Pains of Death, without Benefit of Clergy, any former Law to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And whereas divers loose and profligate Persons, of little or no Fortunes, in order to advance themselves by such Marriages, have, notwithstanding the Penalties in the said Act mentioned, in several Parts of this Kingdom of late forcibly taken away several Maidens and Women, and obliged them to marry.

And whereas We have received Information on Oath, That Mary Dowdall, Daughter and Heir of Stephen Dowdall, late of Gallstown, in the County of Meath, Gent. deceased, a Person entitled to a considerable Fortune, on the Fifth of this Instant January, being prevailed on by Sir Andrew Aylmer of Ballrath, in the said County, Baronet, her near Relation and Neighbour, under Pretence of an Invitation to her and some of her Friends to Dine at his House at Ballrath aforesaid, was about Nine that Night, by the Procurement and Contrivance of the said Sir Andrew Aylmer, forcibly and against her Consent carried away from thence by Garret Darcy of the Rath of Greenoge, Gent. John Ambrose and Garret Ambrose, Sons of William Ambrose of the County of Dublin, Gent. Thomas Ledwitch of Ballrath aforesaid Miller, William Mullan, Nicholas Maccan, and Rose Wade alias Farrell, Servants of the said Sir Andrew Aylmer, who being joined on the Road at Mountown in the County of Meath aforesaid, by Nicholas Bath Uncle to the said Garret Darcy, and one

Nugent alias Sheridan, a Popish Priest, brought the said Mary Dowdall by Force to Dunmucky in the County of Kildare, and there compelled her to marry the said Garret Darcy, out of whose Hands she hath been since rescued, and that the said Marriage was Solemnized by the said Nugent alias Sheridan.

And whereas the said several Persons have since absconded and concealed themselves so as they cannot be apprehended or taken.

We the Lords Justices and Council having a just Abhorrence of such barbarous and illegal Practices, and being desirous, that the said Statute be strictly put in Execution, and that due Encouragement may be given for the apprehending of the said Persons, in order that they may be brought to condign Punishment for such their Offences, do by this our Proclamation Publish and Declare, that we will give the necessary Orders for the Payment to such Person or Persons as shall on or before the First

Day of December next ensuing the date of this our Proclamation take and apprehend the said Sir Andrew Aylmer, and the said Garret Darcy, or either of them, so as they or either of them may be legally convicted of such Offence, for each of the said Persons so taken and convicted the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds; and also to such Person or Persons as shall within the time aforesaid take and apprehend the said John Ambrose and Nugent, alias Sheridan, or either of them, so as they or either of them may be legally convicted, for each of the said Persons so taken and convicted the Sum of Fifty Pound; And also to such Person or Persons as shall within the Time aforesaid take and apprehend them the said Garret Ambrose, Thomas Ledwitch, William Mullan, Nicholas Maccan, Rose Wade alias Farrell, and the said Nicholas Bath, or any of them, so as they or any of them may be legally convicted, for each of the said Persons so taken and convicted, the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

And in Case the said Persons charged with the said Fact, or any of them, other than and except the said Sir Andrew Aylmer, Garret Darcy and John Ambrose, shall take and apprehend them the said Sir Andrew Aylmer, Garret Darcy and John Ambrose, or any of them, so as they or any of them be legally convicted of the said Offence, such Person and Persons, over and above the Reward hereby promised, shall have and receive His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon for the said Offence.

And we do hereby strictly charge and command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates and Officers Civil and Military in this Kingdom, and all other His Majesty's loving Subjects, to use their utmost Diligence in taking and securing the Persons herein before mentioned, as they shall answer the contrary at their Peril.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the Twenty First Day of January, 1722.

Edw. Tuam, } C. S. Abercorn, FitzWilliam, New-
Jo. Meath, } rown, Ralph Gore, B. Hyde,
Edw. Crofton, Oliver St. George, Frederick Ham-
milton, Ben. Parry, Marm. Coghill.

God save the KING.

Whitehall, February 5th 1722

Whereas it is suspected that some of the Offenders named in the foregoing Proclamation of the Lords Justices and Council of Ireland, have fled from thence into Great Britain or other Parts of his Majesty's Dominions; His Majesty is graciously pleased