

And Return, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and is in the Words and Figures following. Southon ff. The Information of Henry Holt of the Parish of Binsted, in the said County of Southampton, one of the Keepers of His Majesty's Forrest of Holt in the said County, Jeremiah Fenton of the said Parish and County Labourer, and William Croucher of the same Parish and County, Yeoman, being credible Persons, taken on their respective Oaths the Fourth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three, at Hartford-Bridge in the said County, before Monox Cope and Ellis St. John, Esqrs, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and then and there subscribed by the said Henry Holt, Jeremiah Fenton and William Croucher, in the Presence of the said Justices. The said Henry Holt and Jeremiah Fenton on their respective Oaths severally inform and say, that William Billinghurst of Bramshot in the said County of Southampton Labourer, John Hetherington of the same Parish and County Labourer, John Rivers of the same Parish and County Labourer, and John Barber of Ludgeshall in the County of Suffex Linen-burner, with divers others, did, after the First Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three, viz. On the First Day of Sept^r in the same Year, at the Parish of Binsted in the said County of Southampton, being then and there Armed wth certain offensive Weapons, and disguised, enter and appear in His Majesty's said Forrest of Holt in the same County, wherein Deer then were, and for a long time then past had been usually kept, and being so Armed and Disguised, did then and there unlawfully and willfully hunt certain Fallow Deer belonging to His Majesty, and did also then and there willfully and maliciously shoot at and kill John Earwaker one of His Majesty's Keepers of the said Forrest. And the said William Croucher on his Oath informeth and saith, that he being one of the Tythingmen in the said Parish of Binsted, the said John Barber, was, by Virtue of a Warrant dated the First Day of September last, under the Hands and Seals of S^r Simeon Stuart, Barr^t. and the said Ellis St. John then and now two of His Majesty's of the Peace for the said County of Southampton, committed to his Custody, to be conveyed to the Common Goal at Winchester for the said County of Southon being charged on Oath with unlawfully hunting in the said Forrest of Holt with a disguised Face and Armed, and also with the Murder of the s^d John Earwaker; but the said John Barber being shot through the Thigh, the said S^r Simeon Stuart and Ellis St. John, did direct the s^d William Croucher to keep the said John Barber in his Custody, until he should be in a Condition to be carried to the said Goal. And the said John Barber being at the time of the said William Croucher's receiving the said Warr^t in the Dwelling-House of one Thomas Turner of Binsted aforesaid, the said William Croucher did immediately go to the said Thomas Turner's House, and take the said John Barber into his Custody; but Mr. Lec, a Surgeon, under whose Cure the said John Barber then was, declaring to the said William Croucher, that the said John Barber was not in a Condition to be moved, the said William Croucher did forthwith Place a Guard upon him as his Prisoner, with a Design to have carried him, pursuant to the said Warrant, to the said Goal, as soon as the said Surgeon should think he might be safely moved: But the said William Croucher saith, that on Thursday the Twelfth Day of Sept^r aforesaid, in the Night-time, several Persons, unknown to the said William Croucher, did break open the said Thomas Turner's said Dwelling-house, where the said John Barber was confined, as aforesaid, and actually in Custody of the said William Croucher, (who was then and there present, and had himself barred and bolted the Door of the said House to secure the said John Barber) and did then and there take and rescue the said John Barber out of the Custody of the said William Croucher.

Capt^r & Jurat^r Quarto die Octobris, Anno Dni 1723. Coram Nobis. Mon^x Cope, Ellis St John.

Henry Houlst,
Jeremiah Fenton,
The + Mark of
Wm. Croucher.

Upon reading which Information and Certificate, their Excellencies in His Majesty's Privy-Council are pleased to Order, Require and Command, as it is hereby Ordered, Required and Commanded, according to the Act of Parliament in that Case made and provided, that the said William Billinghurst, John Hetherington, John Rivers and John Barber, and every of them, do and shall respectively surrender themselves, on or before the Twenty Ninth Day of November next coming after the Date hereof, to one of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's-Bench, or one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to the end that they, and every of them, may be forthcoming to answer the Offences, wherewith they severally stand charged by the said Information, according to due Course of Law; And their Excellencies the Lords Justices are pleased further to Order, as it is hereby Ordered, that this Order shall be Printed and Pub lished in the next London Gazette, and shall be forthwith transmitted to the Sheriff of the said County of Southampton; And that the said Sheriff shall, within six Days after the Receipt thereof, by himself, or his Officers, proclaim the same Order, between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon, in the Market-Places, upon the respective Market-Days of two Market-Towns in the said County of Southampton, near the said Parish of Binsted, and shall cause a true Copy of this Order to be affixed upon some Publick Place in each of such Market-Towns, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Case made and provided.

Temple Styanan.

AT the Council-Chamber Whitehall, the 10th Day of October 1723.

P R E S E N T,

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in His Majesty's Privy-Council.

Whereas by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, Entitled, An Act for the more effectual Punishing wicked and evil disposed Persons going Armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Persons and Properties of His Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice; It is (amongst other things) Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the First Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three, being Armed with Swords, Fire-Arms or other Offensive Weapons, and having his or their Faces blacked, or being otherwise disguised, should appear in any Forrest, Chase, Park, Paddock, or Grounds inclosed with any Wall, Pale, or other Fence, wherein any Deer had been or should be usually kept, or in any Warren or Place, where Hares or Conies had been or should be usually kept, or in any High Road, Open Heath, Common or Down, or should unlawfully and willfully hunt, wound, kill, destroy or steal any Red or Fallow Deer, or unlawfully rob any Warren or Place where Conies or Hares were usually kept, or should unlawfully steal or take away any fish, out of any River or Pond; or if any Person or Persons, from and after the said First Day of June, should unlawfully and willfully hunt, wound, kill, destroy or steal any Red or Fallow Deer, fed or kept in any Places in any of His Majesty's Forrests or Chases which were or should be inclosed with Pales, Rails or other Fences, or in any Park, Paddock or Grounds inclosed, where Deer had been or should be usually kept, or should unlawfully and maliciously break down the Head or Mound of any Fish-Pond, whereby the Fish should be lost or destroyed, or should unlawfully and maliciously kill, maim or wound any Cattle, or cut down or otherwise destroy any Trees planted in any Avenue, or growing in any Garden, Orchard or Plantation, for Ornament, Shelter or Profit, or should set Fire to any House, Barn or Outhouse, or to any Hovel, Cock, Mow or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay or Wood, or should willfully and maliciously shoot at any Person in any Dwelling-House or other Place, or should knowingly send any Letter, without any

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