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AT the Court at St. James's, the 29th Day of
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P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in His Privy-Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Entituled, 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 wilfully 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

Hovell, 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 Name subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Vention, or other valuable Thing, or should forcibly rescue any Person, being lawfully in Custody of any Officer or other Person for any of the Offences beforementioned; or if any Person or Persons should, by Gift or Promise of Money or other Reward, procure any of His Majesty's Subjects to joyn him or them in any such unlawful Act, every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, should be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy. And whereas it is by the said Act further Enacted, That for the more easy and speedy bringing the Offenders against the said Act to Justice, That if any Person or Persons should be charged with being Guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid, before any two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County where such Offence or Offences were or should be committed, by Information of one or more Credible Person or Persons upon Oath by him or them to be subscribed, such Justices before whom such Information should be made as aforesaid, should forthwith certify under their Hands and Seals, and return such Information to one of the principal Secretaries of State of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, who is by the said Act required to lay the same as soon as conveniently might be before His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in His or their Privy Council; whereupon it should and might be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to make His or their Order in His or their said Privy Council, thereby requiring and commanding such Offender or Offenders to surrender him or themselves, within the Space of Forty Days, to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's-Bench, or to any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to the End that he or they might be forthcoming to answer the Offence or Offences wherewith he or they should so stand charged, according to due Course of Law; which Order should be printed and published

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