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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For putting the Laws in Execution against Persons feloniously sending Letters demanding Money, or other Effects, and against other Offenders therein mentioned, and for discovering and bringing them to Justice.

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WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our late Royal Father, of Glorious Memory (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 was, amongst other Things, enacted, That if any Person or Persons should set Fire to any House, Barn, or Out-house, or to any Hovel, Cock, Mow or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay or Wood, or should knowingly send any Letter without any Name subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison, 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 before mentioned, or 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 for the more easy and speedy bringing the Offenders against the said Act to Justice, it was thereby enacted, 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 said late

Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, who was thereby required to lay the same, as soon as conveniently might be, before His said late Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, in His or their Privy Council, whereupon it should and might be lawful for His said late 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 the Justices of the Court of King's Bench, or to any one Justice 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 in the next London Gazette, and should be forthwith transmitted to the Sheriff of the County where the Offence should be committed, and should within six Days after the Receipt thereof, be proclaimed by him; or his Officers, 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 same County, near the Place where such Offence should be committed, and a true Copy of such Order should be affixed upon some publick Place in such Market Towns; and in case such Offender or Offenders should not surrender him or themselves pursuant to such Order of his said late Majesty, His Heirs, or Successors, to be made in Council as aforesaid, he or they so neglecting or refusing to surrender him or themselves as aforesaid, should, from the Day appointed for his or their Surrender as aforesaid, be adjudged, deemed, and taken to be convicted and attainted of Felony, and should suffer Pains of Death, as in case of a Person convicted and attainted by Verdict and Judgment of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; and that it should be lawful to and for the Court of King's Bench, or the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, or General Goal Delivery for the County, where the Offence is sworn in such Information to have been committed, upon producing to them such Order in Council, under the Seal of the Council, to award Execution against such Offender and Offenders, in such manner as if he or they had been convicted and attainted in the said Court of King's Bench, or before such Justices of Oyer and

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