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At the Court at Kensington, the 15th Day of July 1736.

P R E S E N T,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Guardian of the Kingdom of Great Britain, and his Majesty's Lieutenant within the same, in Council.

Her Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to order, that the Parliament which stands prorogued to Thursday the 29th of this Instant, should be further prorogued to Thursday the 14th of October next.

By the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Guardian of the Realm of Great Britain, &c.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For discovering the Persons concerned in a wicked and audacious Outrage committed in Westminster-Hall during the Sitting of His Majesty's Courts, upon the 14th of this Instant July; and the Author, Printer, and Publishers of a false, malicious, and treasonable Libel then and there dispersed.

CAROLINE R. C. R.

WHEREAS upon Wednesday the Fourteenth Day of this Instant July, being the last Day of Trinity Term, about the Hour of Two in the Afternoon, a Parcel or Packet containing several Papers and some Sheets of several Acts of Parliament, and likewise a large Quantity of Gunpowder, was laid in Westminster Hall, near his Majesty's High Court of Chancery, and his Majesty's Court of King's Bench (which were both then sitting) and was soon afterwards fired and blown up, in Contempt and Defiance of the Authority of his Majesty's said Courts, and to the great Disturbance of his Majesty's Subjects then attending upon the same: And whereas at the same Time, by the Explosion of the said Gunpowder, or otherwise, great Numbers of a false, infamous, and malicious Libel, bearing Date Wednesday July the Fourteenth, One thousand seven hundred and thirty six, were dispersed about Westminster Hall, in which are contained several seditious and treasonable Matters, and several false and scandalous Reflections upon his Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, calling Five of the Acts of Parliament which passed in the last Session by the infamous Name of Libels, declaring that they were then publicly burnt in Westminster Hall, and other Places therein mentioned, setting forth the Purport and Design of them in false and seditious Colours, and representing them as destructive of the Product, Trade and Manufacture of this Kingdom, and tending to the utter Subversion of the Liberties and Properties thereof, though the same are plainly calculated for the Preservation of the Lives, Liberties and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, for promoting and encouraging the Trade of this Kingdom, and for securing the Peace and Welfare thereof: And whereas the Grand Jury of the County of Middlesex, being then sitting, were immediately directed by his Majesty's Court of King's Bench to examine into this Matter, and thereupon the said Grand Jury, being moved with a just Resentment of so daring and insolent an Attempt, did present the said printed Paper as a wicked, false, infamous, and scandalous Libel, highly reflecting on his Majesty and the Legislative Power of this Kingdom, and tending very much to alienate, poison, and disturb the Minds of his Majesty's Subjects, and did also present the Author, Printer, and Publisher of the said wicked, false, infamous, and scandalous Libel, as guilty of a very high Crime and Misdemeanor, and did request and desire his Majesty's said Court of King's Bench, to give Directions to the proper Officer to make strict Search and Enquiry after the Author, Printer, and Publisher of the said wicked, false, infamous, and scandalous Libel, and

to give Directions to such Officer effectually to prosecute the Author, Printer and Publisher thereof, in order that they might be brought to condign Punishment for so great an Offence: And whereas it is highly necessary that so audacious and unparalleled an Insult upon his Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament, committed in the Face of his Majesty's two highest Courts of Justice then sitting and acting by Virtue of his Majesty's Royal Authority, should not escape unpunished; We therefore, to shew our just Indignation against the Persons concerned in so wicked and abominable an Attempt, and in order to bring them to condign Punishment, and to deter all others from committing the like Offences for the future, have thought fit, by the Advice of his Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, and We do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's Justices, and other Civil Magistrates whatsoever, that they do make diligent Search and Inquiry after the Persons concerned in the said wicked Attempt, and the Author, Printer, and Publishers of the said wicked and seditious Libel, and that they do apprehend and seize the said Persons, and all others whom they shall find dispersing the said Libel, and give proper Information thereof, that the said Offenders may be punished according to the utmost Rigour of the Law; and We do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's loving Subjects, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover and apprehend the said Offender or Offenders; and for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent and industrious in their Endeavours to make such Discovery, We do hereby promise and declare, that any Person or Persons, who shall discover any of the Persons concerned in the said wicked Attempt, or the Author, Printer, or Publishers of the said wicked and treasonable Libel, so as such Offender or Offenders be convicted of the said Offences, or any of them, shall have and receive for every such Offender so discovered and convicted, as aforesaid, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, which said Sum of Two Hundred Pounds for every such Offender so discovered and convicted, the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or his High Treasurer for the Time being, are hereby directed to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf. And whereas there is nothing which We more earnestly desire than to secure the Peace and Prosperity of his Majesty's Kingdoms, and to encourage the Trade thereof, and to preserve to all his Majesty's loving Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Rights and Liberties; We do therefore further charge and command all his Majesty's Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other Civil Magistrates, that they do take the most effectual Care all those good and wholesome Laws which have been made for the Preservation and Security of the Lives, Liberties, and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, and for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Kingdom, and particularly those good Laws which were made for this Purpose in the last Session of Parliament, and which have been so scandalously misrepresented, and so insolently reflected upon in the said false and infamous Libel.

Given at the Court at Kensington the Sixteenth Day of July, in the Tenth Year of His Majesty's Reign,

GOD Save the KING.

Hanover, July 15, N. S. Count Isenburg, who came hither some Time since, to compliment his Majesty on the Part of the King of Denmark, upon his safe Arrival in his German Dominions has obtained from the King his Master, the Order of Dannebrog, and the Golden Key, as a Chambellan to his Danish Majesty. And M. Bulow, one of the Gentlemen of his Britannick Majesty's Bed Chamber, has been created a Count of the Empire, and was accordingly, a few Days since declared as such at this Court.

Whitehall,

