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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, apprehending, and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the barbarous Murder of Captain John Porteous, and the wicked, violent, and audacious Outrages committed at Edinburgh on the Seventh Day of this Instant September.

CAROLINE R. C. R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto us, that on the Seventh Day of this Instant September, a great Number of wicked, dissolute, and disorderly Persons, did, in a most tumultuous, riotous, and outrageous Manner, and in open Breach and Violation of the Peace, and in Contempt and Defiance of the Laws of this Realm, assemble and convene themselves together in the City of Edinburgh, and seize the Arms of the Guard of the said City, and drive them from the Guard Room, where they had been posted for the Safety and Security of the said City, and did by Force possess themselves of the Gates thereof, and did likewise break open the Talbooth, or Prison of the said City, by setting Fire to the Gates thereof, and thereby set at large the several Prisoners therein confined for divers Crimes, and did thereout, in a most cruel Manner, drag John Porteous, commonly called Captain John Porteous, there also confined under a Judgment and Sentence of Death, the Execution whereof had been by a Reprieve granted by us respited, and did most barbarously and inhumanly Murder the said John Porteous, by hanging him up by the Neck until he was dead, without any legal Warrant or Authority for so doing: And whereas it is highly necessary that the Persons concerned in such unparalleled Cruelties and Violences should not escape without speedy and exemplary Punishment; We therefore, being moved with a just Indignation and Abhorrence of such outrageous and detestable Practices, and to deter all others from committing the like for the future, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, and We do hereby strictly charge and command all Magistrates and other civil Officers whatsoever, and all other his Majesty's Subjects, that they do make strict and diligent Search and Inquiry after the Persons concerned in the said barbarous Murder, Tumult, and Riot, and the Authors, Actors, and Abettors thereof, and that they do apprehend and seize, or cause to be apprehended or seized, the said Offenders, that they may be punished with 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 Offenders. And for the En-

couragement of all Persons to be diligent and industrious in their Endeavours to make such Discovery, and for the better and more effectual bringing the Offenders to Justice, and to prevent such wicked, detestable, and abominable Practices for the future, We do hereby promise and declare, That if any Person or Persons, concerned in any of the Offences before-mentioned, shall, before the Twentieth Day of November next, discover any other Person or Persons, who hath, or have been guilty of any of the said Offences, so as the Person or Persons so discovered may be apprehended and convicted of the said Offences, such Discoverer or Discoverers shall have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon; and as a further Encouragement to the Discovery of the said Offenders, We do hereby promise and declare, that any Person or Persons, who shall, before the said Twentieth Day of November, discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any of the Persons concerned in the said heinous Offences, so as he, she, or they may be convicted thereof, shall have and receive for every Person so discovered, apprehended, and convicted, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling; which said Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, for every such Offender so discovered and convicted, the Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf: And Lastly, We do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's loving Subjects, that they do use their utmost Diligence and Endeavours, in their several Places and Stations, to find out, discover, and apprehend all such Offenders, as aforesaid, upon Pain of his Majesty's highest Displeasure.

Given at the Court at Kensington the Twenty third Day of September, 1736. in the Tenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

GOD Save the King.

Gohrde, Oct. 1, N. S. His Majesty set out from Herrenhausen about Eight o'Clock on Monday the 24th past, and proceeded on his Journey to Giffhorn, where he arrived a little before Twelve at Noon. The next Morning his Majesty went to take the Division of Hunting about two German Miles from Giffhorn; and about 70 wild Boars were killed that Day. The 26th in the Morning early, his Majesty proceeded from Giffhorn to the Gohrde, which is a Journey of about Eleven German Miles, and arrived there between Eleven and Twelve of the Clock the same Day. On the 28th the King hunted the Stag, and was pleased to appoint Tuesdays and Fridays for Hunting Days during his Residence here. The King has been pleased to promote M. Zwickel, Count Platen, and M. Wedel, to be Chambellans to his Majesty; and Colonel de Launay to be a Brigadier