

Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and of the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent and Essex, within their respective Counties, Boroughs and Limits, should from Time to Time, come to be arrested and brought before him, every Person or Persons (not being a Merchant Foreigner, or such other Person or Persons as the said Act excepts) within the said Cities, or within Ten Miles of the same, being Papists or reputed to be Papists, and tender unto him the Declaration mentioned in the Statute made in the Thirtieth Year of King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the more effectual Preserving the King's Person and Government, by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament: And in Case such Person, upon such Tender, should refuse to repeat, make and subscribe the said Declaration, and should after such Refusal, remain, continue, or be within the said City or Cities, or Ten Miles Distance from the same; that in every such Case, he or she should forfeit and suffer as a Popish Recusant Convict by the Laws heretofore established, should or might suffer or forfeit; and that every Justice of the Peace should certify all such Subscriptions, and the Names of all Persons refusing to subscribe, upon Tender as aforesaid, under his Hand and Seal, into the Court of King's Bench the next Term, or at the next Quarter Sessions, where such Taking, Subscribing, or Refusal should happen. Now for the Preservation of the Publick Peace, and for the better Defeating the malicious and wicked Designs of our Enemies, we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby commanding and requiring all our Justices of the Peace, and all others whom it may concern, that they do, with the utmost Diligence and Application, put the said Laws strictly in Execution against Papists and Non-Jurors; and that they tender to them the said Oaths and Declaration, and take from the Refusers thereof their Horses and Arms; and that they do also put strictly in Execution all other Laws made against Papists, reputed Papists and Non-Jurors: And the respective Justices of the Peace, and others concerned to execute our Commands herein, are hereby required to certify an Account of what they shall do, pursuant to the same, to us in our Privy Council. And we do hereby further strictly charge and command all Papists and reputed Papists (except Merchant Foreigners and such other Persons as in the said before-mentioned Act are excepted) on or before Friday the Second Day of March next, to depart out of the said Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and from all Places within Ten Miles Distance from the same. And we do hereby strictly charge and command the Lord Mayor of London, and all Justices of the Peace of our Cities of London and Westminster, and of our said Counties of Mid-

dlesex, Surrey, Kent and Essex, that they do make diligent Search and Enquiry for, and with all Vigour proceed according to the said recited Act of Parliament, against all and every Papist and reputed Papist, who shall be found within the said Cities of London and Westminster and Borough of Southwark, and within Ten Miles Distance of the same, after the said Second Day of March next, contrary to the Tenor of the said Act, and the Purport of this our Royal Proclamation. And we do further strictly charge and command, that immediately after the said Second Day of March next, the Constables, Church-wardens, and other Officers within the said Cities and Places, do go from House to House in their several Parishes, Hamlets, Constabularies and Divisions respectively, and there take an Account of the Names and Surnames of all such Persons as are Papists or Popish Recusants, or reputed so to be, as well Householders as Lodgers or Servants, and to carry a List of their Names to the two next Justices of the Peace, who are hereby required to send for and proceed as aforesaid against all such of them as are not Merchant Foreigners, or other the Persons in the said Act excepted. And we do further strictly charge and command all Popish Recusants, Natives and Denizens, who shall be above the Age of Sixteen Years, that they do, according to the Statutes in that Behalf made, repair to their respective Places of Abode, and do not thence remove or pass above the Distance of Five Miles, unless thereto licensed according to Law: And we do hereby farther strictly charge and command all our Judges and Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to prevent and suppress all Riots, Tumults and unlawful Assemblies, and to put in due and strict Execution all Laws made for preventing, or for the more speedy and effectual suppressing and punishing the same, and that all our loving Subjects be aiding and assisting therein.

*Given at our Court at St. James's, the
Twenty Fourth Day of February, One
thousand seven hundred and forty three,
in the Seventeenth Year of our Reign,
God save the King.*

The following Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Exeter, has been presented to his Majesty. Which Address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Exeter.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,
WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common