

in the Night, upon Pain to forfeit the Sum of Two Shillings for every Default (excepting such Person or Persons as shall agree to make Use of Lamps of any Sort, to be placed at such Distances in the Street as shall be approved of by two or more Justices of the Peace.) And this Court doth further order, that another Act of Parliament made in the 7th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entitled, 'An Act to amend and make more effectual the Laws relating to Rogues, Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons, and to Houses of Correction,' be also put effectually in Execution, whereby it is (amongst other Things) enacted, That if any Person shall permit or suffer any Rogue, Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue, to lodge or take Shelter in his or her House, Barn, or other Out-house or Buildings, and shall not apprehend and carry such Rogue, Vagabond, or incorrigible Rogue, before some Justice of the Peace, or give Notice to some Constable, or other such Officer so to do, such Person being thereof lawfully convicted, either on Confession or upon Oath of one or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses, before one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, where such Offence shall be committed, shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, nor less than Ten Shillings, one Moiety thereof, to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Use of the Poor of the Parish or Place where such Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, by Warrant from such Justice or Justices, returning the Overplus (if any) upon Demand, after such Forfeiture and Charges of such Distress shall be satisfied; and if any Charge shall be brought from any Parish or Place, by Means of any such Offence, the same, shall be answered to the said Parish or Place by such Offender, and be levied by Distress and Sale of his or their Goods and Chattels, as aforesaid; and if such sufficient Distress cannot be found, such Offender shall be committed to the House of Correction by the Justice or Justices, for any Time not exceeding one Month;

And it fully appearing to this Court, that the not putting the said Laws in Execution is occasioned by want of proper Informations, which might be given to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, by the Constables and other Peace-Officers, who attend the nightly Watches, which hath tended greatly to the Encouragement and Increase of the Dangers and Robberies aforesaid. It is therefore hereby ordered, that it be, and it is hereby recommended to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this City and Liberty, that they, and every of them, in their respective Parishes, do cause the said two last mentioned Acts of Parliament to be effectually put in Execution, and that they will, as far as in them lies, discourage, prevent and suppress all the Dangers and Mischiefs aforesaid; and that they, in their respective Parishes, require the Constables and other Peace-Officers, who shall have the Care of the

nightly Watch, and such Constables and Officers are hereby ordered every Night, within their respective Wards, or Constaberies, diligently to enquire concerning all Persons who shall not contribute to such Lamps, or hang out such Lights as aforesaid, before their Doors, from Time to Time as it shall grow dark, until Twelve of the Clock in every Night; and that the said Constables and other Peace-Officers shall and do in every Night search all Gaming-Houses, lewd and disorderly Houses, Night Houses and Cellars, and all Houses, Barns or Buildings, of Persons who shall permit or suffer any Rogue or Vagabond to lodge or take Shelter therein; and that the said respective Constables and Peace-Officers do every Morning, after such Watch and Search, make a just and true Return of all the Offenders and Defaulters before-mentioned, to one or more of his Majesty's Justice or Justices of the Peace, to the End the said Offenders may be proceeded against, and dealt with according to Law. And it is hereby recommended to his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, that they hold their Petty Sessions twice in every Week, at least, from Time to Time, so long as Occasion shall require, and call before them the High Constable and Petty-Constables, and give the strictest Orders and Warrants to them for making frequent Searches, and using all other legal Methods for discovering and suppressing the said Gaming-Houses, Night-Houses, and all other the Houses and Places aforesaid, and to apprehend, seize and secure the Keepers thereof, and all Persons who shall be found playing, betting, or concern'd in unlawful Gaming; and to apprehend all and every the disorderly Persons harboured or sheltered in the Houses or Places aforesaid; and the said Constables and other Peace-Officers are hereby ordered to put such Warrants into immediate Execution, and make such Searches and Seizures, and carry the said Offenders before one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the next Morning after such Searches, in order to be prosecuted and punished, according to Law. And for the further preventing the Dangers and Mischiefs aforesaid, it is also order'd, that due Care be taken, that a sufficient Number of proper and able Watchmen be provided in every Parish, for the Guard and Security of the Inhabitants thereof; and that their Stands and Walks be duly regulated, and that they do their Duties; and that they seize, apprehend and secure all dangerous and suspicious Persons they shall find in the Streets, or yelsewhere, in any Evening, or Night, who cannot give any good Account of themselves, and carry them before some Justice of the Peace, for the Purposes aforesaid. And it is lastly ordered, that a convenient Number of this Order be printed and placed in all the publick Parts of this City and Liberty, for the better Notification thereof.

By the Court,

P. FORBES.

