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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 12th Day of July 1751,

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in his Privy Council.

Whereas it has appeared to his Majesty, by the Representation of the Master of the Mint, that notwithstanding the Laws in Being for the Punishment of Offenders convicted of counterfeiting Halfpence and Farthings, and uttering and receiving them, knowing the same to be false, such Practices are of late grown to a great Height, and more especially in the principal Manufacturing Counties, where, from the great Number of Workmen employed, Opportunities are given of dispersing this Sort of counterfeit Coin; and many considerable Dealers are induced, by the great Profit they make, to buy up large Quantities at low Prices, and pay them away by Tale at the nominal Value to the Labourers and Manufacturers, to the great Fraud and Injury of the poor People, the Detriment of Trade, and the Danger of Publick Credit: And whereas not only the Counterfeiters, but those who buy, sell, utter, or take, knowingly, such Counterfeit Coin, or are concerned in the dispersing the same, are guilty of a High Misdemeanor, and subject to severe Punishment by the general Law of the Realm: And whereas by an Act made in the Fifteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Preventing the Counterfeiting of the current Coin of this Kingdom, and the Uttering or Paying of False or Counterfeit Coin*—It is, amongst other Things, enacted, That if any Person whatsoever shall make, coin or counterfeit any Brass or Copper Money, called a Halfpenny or a Farthing, such Offender therein, and his, her and their Aiders, Abettors and Procurers, being thereof convicted, shall suffer two Years Imprisonment, and find Sureties for his or her good Behaviour for two Years more, to be computed from the End of the said first two Years: And whereas, for the Encouragement of Persons to discover and bring to Punishment such Offenders, a Reward of Ten Pounds, without paying any Fee, is by the said Act given for every Person convicted of such Counterfeiting, to be paid by the Sheriff within one Month after such Conviction, to the Prosecutors. And whereas his Majesty, duly weighing the great Publick Mischief arising from these Practices, has resolved that the Laws against such Offenders shall be carried, in the strictest and most effectual Manner, into Execution; It is therefore Ordered by his Majesty, by the Advice of his Privy Council, That all Persons, who have been or shall be guilty of Counterfeiting Halfpence or Farthings, or of vending, uttering, disposing, receiving or paying any such

counterfeit Halfpence or Farthings, knowing the same to be so counterfeited, shall be punished to the utmost Severity of the Law. And his Majesty doth, by Advice of his Privy Council, strictly command, that all the Laws for preventing and punishing such Offenders, be carried effectually into Execution; and that the Officers of the Mint, and all the Justices of Peace, Sheriffs, and all Ministers of Justice, do, within their respective Districts and Jurisdictions, use their utmost Endeavours to discover and bring such Offenders to Justice.

William Sharpe.

AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 12th Day of July 1751,

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The King's Most Excellent Majesty, in His Privy Council.

Whereas Thomas Cock, of Milner Row in the County of Essex, Labourer; John Rich, of Milner Row aforesaid, in the said County of Essex, Labourer; Thomas Fidgett, commonly called or known by the Name of White Eyes, of Hadleigh in the County of Suffolk, Butcher; Robert Hoggard, otherwise Hogger, of Hadleigh aforesaid, in the said County of Suffolk, Labourer; Nathaniel Gun, commonly called or known by the Name of Watt Gun, of Hadleigh aforesaid, in the said County of Suffolk, Butcher; Edward Hunt, of Bury Saint Edmund's in the said County of Suffolk, Victualler; John Croford, otherwise Crawford, otherwise Crowfoot, otherwise Crowfoot, late of Seymour in the said County of Suffolk, Labourer; John Porter, otherwise Potter, of Stow Upland, in the Parish of Stow Market in the said County of Suffolk, Labourer; and James Cunningham, commonly called or known by the Name of Curse Mother, of Wingfield in the said County of Suffolk, Labourer; were, upon the Ninth Day of this Instant July, One thousand seven hundred and fifty one, charged by Information of a credible Person upon Oath by him subscribed, before Henry Fielding, Esquire, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Middlesex, with having been guilty, upon the Eighth Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and forty six, of being, together with divers other Persons, armed with Fire Arms and other offensive Weapons, and so armed being all assembled at Horsey in the County of Norfolk, in order to be aiding and assisting in the running, landing, and carrying away uncustomed Goods; which Information was afterwards certified by the said Henry Fielding, under his Hand and Seal, to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, who has laid the same before his Majesty in his Privy Council, pursuant