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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 16th Day of *October*, 1751.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Information hath been given to his Majesty at this Board, That the Journeymen Taylors in and about London, having refused to work for the Master Taylors on the Terms required by Act of Parliament, the said Master Taylors had made Application to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, at their General Quarter Sessions held at Hicks's Hall on the 11th of July last, to alter the Wages of the said Journeymen, in such Manner as the said Court should think just and reasonable, (they having Power by Law so to do;) And that thereupon the Wages of the said Journeymen were ordered to be increased, and both Sides acquiesced therein, and seemed to be well satisfied therewith; yet that many of the said Journeymen do now again refuse to work for the Wages thereby settled and allowed; and great Numbers of them have entered into a Combination, not only not to work for the said increased Wages, but also by Force and Violence deter others who are willing to comply therewith, from working; That they are a numerous Body, and have committed many Riots, Tumults, and Outrages; and some of them have sent Letters to the Master Taylors, threatening to murder them and fire their Houses in case they would not comply with their illegal Demands, and have actually assaulted, beaten, and abused some of them, to the great Terror of his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects.—His Majesty taking the same into his Royal Consideration, and thinking it proper for the Preservation of the Peace, that an immediate Stop should be put to such unlawful Proceedings and Combinations, doth therefore, with the Advice of his Privy Council, hereby order,

require and command all his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and all other Civil Magistrates whatsoever, to use their utmost Endeavours to carry into Execution the Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of his late Majesty King George the First, For the Regulation of the Journeymen Taylors within the Weekly Bills of Mortality; as likewise all the several other Laws that have been heretofore made, and are now in Force against unlawful Combinations of Workmen, Riots, and Tumults; and also against sending threatening Letters; his Majesty being resolved to suppress all such Practices by a most strict and exemplary Punishment of the Offenders.—And whereas the sending threatening Letters without any Name, or with fictitious Names subscribed thereto, demanding Money, or any other valuable Thing, is by an Act of Parliament of the Ninth Year of his late Majesty King George the First, declared to be Felony without Benefit of Clergy; his Majesty is therefore pleased for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent and industrious in their Endeavours to make Discovery of any Person or Persons who knowingly sent any of the threatening Letters to the Master Taylors as aforementioned, hereby to promise and declare, That there shall be paid to any Person or Persons, who shall within Twelve Months from this Time, discover and apprehend any Person or Persons who knowingly sent any of the threatening Letters as aforesaid, so as he or they shall be convicted thereof, the Sum of Fifty Pounds a Piece for each Person so convicted: And his Majesty hath given the necessary Orders to the Lords Commissioners of his Treasury, for the Payment of the said Rewards accordingly; And his Majesty does hereby command the respective Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, that they do from Time to Time transmit an exact Account of what they shall do, pursuant to this his Majesty's Order, to one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State,

William Sharpe

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