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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION,

*For putting the Laws in Execution against  
Forestalling, Reqrating, and Engrossing of  
Corn.*

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**W**HEREAS several good Statutes have been made against Forestallers, Reqraters, and Engrossers, who are thereby declared open Oppressors of the Poor, and Enemies of their Country: And by an Act made in the Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King Edward the Sixth, the Buying, Bargaining, or Contracting for any Corn coming by Land, or by Water to any Market, or Fair, or to any City, Port, Haven, Creek, or Road, of this Realm, or Wales, from any Parts beyond the Sea, to be sold, before the same shall be brought into the Markets, Fairs, Cities, Ports, Havens, Creeks, or Roads, to be sold; and the making any Motion by Word, Letter, Message, or otherwise, to any Person, for the Inhaucing of the Price, or dear Selling of the same; and the dissuading any Person from bringing his or her Corn to any of the said Markets, Fairs, Cities, Ports, Havens, Creeks, or Roads, to be sold, are prohibited, and adjudged Forestalling. And whereas by the same Act it is declared, That the obtaining, or getting into any Man's Possession, any Corn in any Fair or Market, and selling the same in any Fair or Market held in the same Place, or within four Miles thereof, shall be adjudged Reqrating. And whereas by the same Act it is likewise declared, That it shall be adjudged an unlawful Engrossing to Buy or Contract for any Corn, to sell the same again, otherwise than is therein particularly allowed of (that is to say) Buying of Barley, Bigg, or Oats (not by Forestalling) to be converted into Malt or Oatmeal in the Houfe of the Buyer, which shall be so converted indeed; or the taking of any Corn reserved without Fraud, upon any Lease for Term of any Life

or Years; or the Buying of any Corn (not by Forestalling) by any Badger, Lader, Kidder, or Carrier, who is to be licensed so to do; and shall sell the same in open Fair or Market, or to some Victualler, or other Person, for the Provision of his or their Houses, within one Month after the same shall be so first bought; or providing, without Forestalling, the usual Quantity of Corn, for any City, Borough, or Town Corporate; or for Provision, or Victualling any Ship, Castle, or Fort, within the Dominions of the Crown: All which Sorts of Dealing in Corn are not Offences against the said Statute. Nor the Buying of Corn (except by Forestalling) by any Person licensed so to do, to be transported by Water from any Port or Place in England or Wales, unto any other Port or Place within our Dominions, so that the same be, without Fraud, shipped within Forty Days after the same shall be bought, and carried with such Expedition, as the Wind and Weather will permit, to the Port the Cocquet of the same shall declare, and there to disbarque and sell the same, and bring a Certificate thereof from a Justice of the Peace of the County, or Mayor or Bailiff of the Town, and of the Customer of the Port, of the Place and Day where the Corn was unladed and sold, to the Customer and Comptroller of the Port where the same was shipped; the Punishments of which said Offences are enacted to be Imprisonment for two Months, without Bail or Mainprize, for the First Offence, besides Forfeiture of the Corn so bought or had: For the Second Offence, Imprisonment for the Space of Half a Year, without Bail or Mainprize, and Loss of Double the Value of the Corn so bought or had, as aforesaid: And for the Third Offence, setting on the Pillory in the Place where the Offender shall dwell, and Forfeiture of all his Goods and Chattels, and Imprisonment during our Pleasure; the one Moiety of all which Forfeitures is given to the Prosecutor, in case he will sue for the same; but the whole Forfeiture will belong to us, where the Conviction shall be at our Suit only. And it was thereby likewise enacted, That if any Person having sufficient Corn for Provision of his

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