

his House, and sowing of his Ground for one Year, shall buy any Corn in any Fair or Market, for the Change of his Seed, and shall not bring to the same Fair or Market, the same Day, so much Corn as shall be bought for his Seed, and sell the same, if he can, at the Price the same shall then go at, in the said Fair or Market, every such Person shall forfeit the Double Value of the Corn so bought. And whereas by an Act made in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, it was enacted, That no Badger, Lader, Kidder, Carrier, Buyer or Transporter of Corn, shall be licensed but in the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County where such Person shall so dwell, and hath dwelt for the Space of three Years before the Date of his Licence, and who is then an Householder, not a Servant or Retainer to any Person, and who, at the Time of granting such Licence, is, or hath been, a married Man, not under the Age of Thirty Years; which Licences are to continue but for a Year, and must be signed and sealed by three of the Justices then present, whereof one to be of the Quorum, on Pain of forfeiting Five Pounds by every Person taking any Licence not pursuant to the said Act; and all such Licences are, by the said Act, declared to be null and void: And the said Justices are, by the said Act, impowered to take Bond and Surety by Recognizance of the Person licensed, that he shall not Forestall or Engross, or otherwise practice or do any Act or Thing contrary to the said Statute of Edward the Sixth. And it is likewise further provided by the said Act, That no Person shall buy any Corn or Grain out of open Fair or Market, to sell again, unless such Person shall be thereunto licensed by special Order and express Words, upon Pain of forfeiting the like Sum of Five Pounds: All which several Offences, the Justices of the Peace, at the Quarter Sessions for the County where such Offences shall be committed, have Power to hear and determine. And whereas the Prices of Corn are already very much encreased, and the same is likely to grow much dearer, to the great Oppression of the Poor, partly because the said Acts are not duly put in Execution, We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue forth this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all and every Our Judges, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and all other Magistrates, Officers, and Ministers, whatsoever and wheresoever, within England, Wales, and Our Town of Berwick upon Tweed, that they, and every of them, within their respective Places and Jurisdictions, do cause the said Acts, and all other Acts relating to the same Matters, to be, in all and every the Parts and Branches thereof, put in speedy and effectual Execution; and that they do take Care, that no Licence be granted to any Badger, Lader, Kidder, Carrier, Buyer or Transporter of Corn or Grain, but to such Person

as are or shall be qualified for the same, according to the Directions of the Acts of Parliament relating thereunto; and under such Sureties as those Acts do require; and that they do take Care, that all Offenders against the said Acts be effectually prosecuted according to the Purport of the said Acts. And We do hereby Require and Charge all Our Officers, Ministers, and loving Subjects whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting in the due Execution of this Our Royal Proclamation, on Pain of our high Displeasure, and of such Pains and Punishments as may by Law be inflicted upon the Contemners of Our Royal Authority.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the
Twenty Sixth Day of November 1756,
in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the K I N G.

A T the Court at St. James's, the 19th Day
of November, 1756.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in
Council.

W H E R E A S by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Recruiting of His Majesty's Land Forces and Marines, it is provided, amongst other Things, That at such Time as His Majesty shall be satisfied by the Returns of the Commissioners appointed to carry the said Act into Execution, or otherwise, that a sufficient Number of Recruits in the Whole, shall have been raised for His present Service, He might be graciously pleased to suspend or stop the further Execution of the said Act, by Proclamation, or Order in Council, or other Publick Notice in the London Gazette. — And whereas in Pursuance of the Power so reserved to His Majesty, Publick Notice was given in the London Gazette of the 17th Day of April last, as likewise in the three following Gazettes, by His Majesty's Secretary at War, That His Majesty was graciously pleased to suspend and stop the further Execution of the said Act, from and after the first Day of May then next, till further Notice—And whereas His Majesty hath judged it necessary for His Service, to cause several new Levies to be made, as well for the Land Forces as the Marines, and that it is therefore become necessary to cause the said Suspension to be taken off; — His Majesty is hereby pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to Declare His Royal Will and Pleasure, that the aforementioned Suspension and Stoppage of the Execution of the said Act, be and shall be taken off, and that the said Act be and shall be put in full Execution, from and after the first Day of May then next, till further Notice.