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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For putting in Execution an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the First, continued by an Act of the last Session of Parliament therein mentioned, and for apprehending and bringing to Justice all Offenders destroying or stealing Deer in any of His Majesty's Forests, Chases, or Parks.

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WHEREAS in and by an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our late Royal Father of Glorious Memory, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual punishing wicked and evil disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Persons and Properties of his Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice*, it was amongst other Things enacted, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the first Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, being armed with Swords, Fire-Arms, or other offensive Weapons, and having his or their Faces blacked, or being otherwise disguised, should appear in any Forest, Chase, Park, Paddock, or Grounds inclosed with any Wall, Pale, or other Fence, wherein any Deer had been or should be usually kept, or in any Warren or Place where Hares or Conies had been or should be usually kept, or in any high Road, open Heath, Common, or Down; or should unlawfully and wilfully hunt, wound, kill, destroy, or steel any Red or Fallow Deer, or unlawfully rob any Warren or Place where Conies or Hares are usually kept; or should unlawfully steal, or take away any Fish out of any River or Pond; or if any Person or Persons, from and after the said first Day of June, should unlawfully and wilfully hunt, wound, kill, destroy, or steal any Red or Fallow Deer, fed or kept in any Places, in any of his Majesty's Forests or Chases, which were or should be inclosed

with Pales, Rails, or other Fences, or in any Park, Paddock, or Grounds inclosed, where Deer had been or should be usually kept; or should unlawfully and maliciously break down the Head or Mound of any Fish-pond, whereby the Fish should be lost or destroyed; or should unlawfully and maliciously kill, maim, or wound any Cattle, or cut down, or otherwise destroy any Trees planted in any Avenue, or growing in any Garden, Orchard, or Plantation, for Ornament, Shelter, or Profit; or should set Fire to any House, Barn, or Out-house, or to any Hovel, Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay, or Wood; or should wilfully and maliciously shoot at any Person in any Dwelling-house or other Place; or should knowingly send any Letter without any Name subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Verisod, or other valuable thing; or should forcibly rescue any Person, being lawfully in Custody of any Officer or other Person for any of the Offences before mentioned; or if any Person or Persons should by Gift, or Promise of Money, or other Reward, procure any of our Subjects to join him or them in any such unlawful Act; every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, should be adjudged guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy. And for the more easy and speedy bringing the Offenders against the said Act to Justice, it was thereby enacted, That if any Person or Persons should be charged with being guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid, before any two or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County where such Offence or Offences should be committed, by Information of one or more credible Person or Persons, upon Oath by him or them to be subscribed, such Justices before whom such Information should be made as aforesaid, should forthwith certify under their Hands and Seals, and return such Information to one of the Principal Secretaries of his said late Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, who was thereby required to lay the same (as soon as conveniently might be) before his said late Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, in his or their Privy-Council,

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