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A Proclamation for the better Discovery of Seditious Libellers.

CHARLES R.

**W**Heras divers malicious and disaffected persons do daily devise and publish, as well by Writing, as Printing, sundry false, infamous, and scandalous Libells, endeavouring thereby, not only to traduce and reproach the Ecclesiastical and Temporal Government of the Kingdom, and the pullick Ministers of the same, but also to stir up and dispose the minds of His Majesties Subjects to sedition and Rebellion; or the discovery of such wicked Offenders, and to the intent that they may receive the severest Punishments which by the Laws of this Kingdom may be inflicted upon them, His Majesty (with the advice of His Privy Council) doth by this His Royal Proclamation Publish and Declare, That if any person or persons shall discover and make known to either of His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, or to any Justice of Peace, the person or persons to whom any such Libell, at any time since the last Act of General Pardon, hath been, or shall hereafter be brought, and by him or them received, in order to Print or Transcribe the same, or the Place where such Libell shall be Printing or Transcribing, whereby the same shall happen to be seized; Or the person or persons by whom any such Libell at any time since the said Act hath been, or shall hereafter be Printed or Transcribed; Or shall discover and make known to either of the said Principal Secretaries, or to any Justice of Peace, any private Printing Press kept and used for Imprinting unlicensed Pamphlets or Books by an person or persons whatsoever; He or they making every such Discovery shall have and receive as a Reward from His Majesty, the Sum of Twenty pounds. And His Majesty doth further hereby Publish and Declare, That if any person or persons shall discover and make known to either of the said Principal Secretaries, or to a Justice of the Peace, the Author of any such Libell, which at any time since the said Act of General Pardon hath been, or shall hereafter be devised and made; Or the persons or person who at any time since the said Act have, or hath handed or brought, or shall hereafter hand or bring any such Libell to the Press, or to any person or persons in order to Print the same; He or they making such Discovery, shall receive and have from His Majesty, the Sum of Fifty pounds: And to the end that the person or persons making such Discovery, may without any charge or attendance, immediately after the same made, receive the respective Rewards hereby proposed, His Majesty doth by this His Royal Proclamation, require the Lord High Treasurer of England, or the Commissioners of the Treasury, for the time being, that he or they do satisfy and pay the said respective Sums to the person or persons making such Discovery, without any delay or abatement whatsoever! And His Majesty doth hereby strictly charge and command all and every His Justices of the Peace, to whom such Discovery shall be made, that he or they with all possible speed do give notice thereof to His Majesty, or to one of His said Principal Secretaries, to the end that the said Libells may be suppressed, and the parties offending may be effectually prosecuted.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall this Seventh day of January 1675. In the Seven and twentieth Year of Our Reign.

An Additional Proclamation concerning Coffee-houses.

CHARLES R.

**W**Heras His Majesty by His Royal Proclamation bearing date the 29th day of December last, upon the Reasons therein contained, did Command and Require all manner of persons, from and after the Tenth day of this instant January, to forbear to Sell or Utter by Retail (to be spent within their respective Houses) any Coffe Chocolat, Tea or Sherbet, and did give directions to His Justices of the Peace, and the Chief Magistrates (within their respective Counties, Cities and Towns Corporate)

not to grant any new Licences to that purpose, and to revoke Licences formerly granted. And whereas since the issuing forth of the said Proclamation, several Retailers of the said Liquors, by their humble Petition on the behalf of themselves and other Retailers, did humbly Represent to His Majesty, That there are great quantities of Coffe and Tea at present in their hands, for which the Duties are already paid; besides what are already Shipped in parts beyond the Seas for England, and cannot be Remanded without great Loss to the Owners thereof. And further, thereby, (confessing the former Miscarriages and Abuses committed in such Coffee-Houses, and expressing their true sorrow for the same, and promising their utmost Care and Endeavour to prevent the like, for such time as they shall be permitted to Retail the said Liquors in their respective Houses) did humbly beseech His Majesty, That he would be Graciously pleased to give them some further time for the Venting of the said Commodities, which would otherwise lie upon their hands. And did further Offer, That if they might be permitted to continue to Retail the said Liquors (within their Kesp & Give Houses) they would not only take the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, but also enter into Recognizances to His Majesty respectively, at the Sessions of the Peace to be helden in the respective Counties, Cities and Liberties where their Houses are, to be Conditioned in the Form hereunder expressed: His Majesty taking the Premises into His Princeal Consideration, out of His Royal Compassion, and to prevent the Loss and Prejudice which might accrue to the said Retailers, to far forth as may consist with the Peace and Security of the Government, Doth by this His Royal Proclamation (with the advice of His Privy Council) Declare his Royal Pleasure to be, That all and every the Retailers of the Liquors aforesaid, which at the time of the Date of His said former Proclamation, did Sell by Retail the Liquors aforesaid, or any of them, shall have Permission to Utter and Sell by Retail the said respective Liquors, in their respective Houses, until the Four and twentieth day of June next; They and every of them respectively entering into a Recognizance of the Penalty of five hundred pounds to His Majesty, before the Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrates, at their respective Sessions of the Peace, Conditioned in the Form hereunder written, and then and there taking the said Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy. And His Majesty doth hereby Order and Declare, That His respective Justices of the Peace, and others having Authority by the Statute in that behalf, to grant Licences, do not (upon the account only of the said former Proclamation) before that time, Recall the Licences formerly Granted: And where any Licences now are, or before that time shall be expired, they do according to the Rules mentioned in the said Act of Parliament; and upon performance of what is hereby Required, Grant Licences to the said respective Retailers, which may continue in Force until the said Twenty fourth of June next, and no longer.

Given at our Court at Whitehall, the Eighth day of January, in the Seven and twentieth Year of Our Reign 1675.

## The Form of the CONDITION.

**T**He Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the above-bound A. B. shall at all times hereafter, so long as he shall be Permitted or Licensed to Sell and Retail Coffe, Chocolate and Tea, use his utmost endeavour to prevent and hinder all Scandalous Papers, Books or Libels concerning the Government, or the Publick Ministers thereof, from being brought into his House, or to be there Read, Perus'd or Divulg'd; and to prevent and hinder all and every person or persons from declaring, uttering and divulging in his said House all manner of False or.