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By the KING;
A P R O C L A M A T I O N.
G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to Us, that a great Number of Persons, in Consequence of Advertisements or Hand Bills inciting them thereto, did, on Friday last the Second of this Instant June, assemble in a Riotous and Tumultuous Manner in Saint George's Fields, in the County of Surry, from whence they proceeded in several Bodies to Palace-Yard, Westminster, surrounded both Houses of Parliament, and possessed themselves of the Avenues to the same, (the said Houses of Parliament being then sitting) where they continued in a Riotous and Tumultuous Manner, committing great Outrages and Violence against several of Our Subjects, and feloniously taking Money from them; after which, in the Evening of the same Day, they insulted and attacked the Houses of some of the Publick Ministers of Foreign Princes and States, residing at Our Court, and broke into, spoiled, and set Fire to Chapels, which in every civilized Country are allowed to such Publick Ministers for the free Exercise of the Religion of their Country, to the great Scandal and Offence of all truly pious and good Protestants; We therefore, in order that the Reproach of so frantick and atrocious an Outrage against the Precepts of Religion, as well as the Obligations of all Laws, may not remain a Disgrace to Our Kingdom, but may be confined to the Authors, Abettors, and Perpetrators of the said Outrage, and that they may be brought to speedy and condign Punishment, and that such dangerous and wicked Practices may hereafter be prevented, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish and declare Our Resolution to put the Laws in Force against such Offences: And We do hereby enjoin and require all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other Our loving Subjects, to be aiding and assisting to the utmost of their Power in suppressing such illegal and tumultuous Assemblies, and in detecting, apprehending, and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in assembling or instigating the same, and guilty of any of the Violences above mentioned: And for the better Detection of the Persons who were concerned in the Outrages committed at the Houses of the said Publick Ministers, We are graciously pleased to promise, that if any Person shall discover any other Person or Persons who, directly or indirectly, were concerned in pulling down, or beginning to pull down, or in setting Fire to the Chapel of any Publick Minister, so as that the Person or Persons discovered may be prosecuted for the same, such Discoverer shall have and receive, as a Reward, upon Conviction of such Offender or Offenders, the Sum of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS; and also Our Gracious Pardon for the

said Offence, in case the Person making such Discovery shall himself be liable to be prosecuted for the same, except the Person who first broke into, or began to pull down or set Fire to the said Chapels. And the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Treasurer of Our Exchequer, are hereby required to make Payment of the said Rewards accordingly.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fifth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eighty, in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

By the KING,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N
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WHEREAS a great Number of disorderly Persons have assembled themselves together in a Riotous and Tumultuous Manner, and have been guilty of many Acts of Treason and Rebellion, having made an Assault on the Gaol of Newgate, set loose the Prisoners confined therein, and set Fire to and destroyed the said Prison: And whereas Houses are now pulling down in several Parts of Our Cities of London and Westminster, and Liberties thereof, and Fires kindled for consuming the Materials and Furniture of the same, whereby it is become absolutely necessary to use the most effectual Means to quiet such Disturbances, to preserve the Lives and Properties of Individuals; and to restore the Peace of the Country: We therefore, taking the same into Our most serious Consideration, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby strictly charging and exhorting all Our loving Subjects to preserve the Peace, and to keep themselves, their Servants and Apprentices, quietly within their respective Dwellings, to the End that all well-disposed Persons may avoid those Mischiefs which the Continuance of such riotous Proceedings may bring upon the Guilty: And as it is necessary, from the Circumstances before-mentioned, to employ the Military Force, with which We are by Law entrusted, for the immediate Suppression of such Rebellious and Traiterous Attempts, now making against the Peace and Dignity of Our Crown, and the Safety of the Lives and Properties of Our Subjects, We have therefore issued the most direct and effectual Orders to all Our Officers, by an immediate Exertion of their utmost Force, to repress the same; of which all Persons are to take Notice.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Seventh Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eighty, in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.