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By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For preventing of Riots and Tumults by disorderly Persons in the City and County of Edinburgh; and for discovering, apprehending, and bringing to Justice, the Persons who were concerned in attacking the Distillery belonging to Mess. Haig and Company at Cannonmills, and in destroying the Distillery at or near the Village of Ford, both in the County of Edinburgh.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us, That a great Number of disorderly Persons in the City of Edinburgh, and Suburbs thereof, assembled themselves, and, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, upon the Fourth Day of this instant June, proceeded to the said Village of Cannonmills near Edinburgh, where they attacked a Distillery, Dwelling House, and other Houses, belonging to Mess. James Haig and Company, at that Place, and having forced the Gate of the said Work, and threatened to burn and destroy the same, were with Difficulty prevented from carrying their Threats into Execution; That on the Monday following, a Number of riotous and disorderly Persons again assembled, and with a Drum beating, and Fife playing, marched to the aforesaid Place, where they made another outrageous and daring Attempt upon the said Distillery, and having set Fire to some Casks, attempted therewith to burn certain Outhouses belonging to the said Mess. James Haig and Company, and actually did set Fire to a Hay Rick, which, with some Carts and other Implements, were accordingly destroyed: And further, that upon the Day last mentioned, or soon after, a Number of other Persons, from the Towns of Dalkeith and Musselborough, did in like Manner proceed to the said Village of Ford, where they attacked and destroyed a considerable Distillery there erected, in order to prevent (as they pretended) the Consumption of Corn in the said Distilleries, and for other wicked and unlawful Purposes, by which the Peace of the said City and County, and the Lives and Properties of Our loving Subjects, are greatly endangered: We therefore, being deeply sensible of the many mischievous Consequences that must inevitably ensue to the Peace of Our Kingdom, and the Lives and Properties of Our loving Subjects, from such wicked and daring Outrages, if they shall go unpunished; and in order to deter all others from committing the like for the future, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby strictly charge and command all Magistrates, and other Civil Officers whatsoever, and all other Our Subjects, to be aiding and assisting, to the utmost of their Power, in suppressing such illegal and tumultuous Assemblies, and in detesting, apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in instigating the same; and

guilty of any of the Violences before-mentioned: And We do hereby promise and declare, That if any Person or Persons concerned in the aforesaid outrageous Attack upon the Distillery at Cannonmills, and forcing the Gate there, or in destroying the Distillery at Ford, or setting Fire, or attempting to set Fire, to any of the Property belonging to the said Mess. James Haig and Company, or to the Owner of the Distillery at Ford, shall, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of August next, and before such Person or Persons shall be in Custody for the same, discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any other Person or Persons who hath or have, or shall have been concerned in any of the said heinous Offences, so as he, she, or they, may be convicted thereof, such Discoverer or Discoverers shall have Our most gracious Pardon for the said Offences: And, as a further Encouragement to such as shall discover the said Offenders, We do hereby further promise and declare, That any Person or Persons, not in Custody as aforesaid, who shall, on or before the said Twenty-fifth Day of August next, discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any of the Persons concerned in the aforesaid outrageous Attack upon the Distillery at Cannonmills, and forcing the Gate there, or in destroying the Distillery at Ford, or in setting Fire, or attempting to set Fire, to any of the Property belonging to the said Mess. James Haig and Company, or to the Owner of the Distillery at Ford, so as he, she, or they, may be convicted thereof, shall have and receive, for every Person so discovered, apprehended, and convicted, the Sum of FIFTY POUNDS Sterling; which said Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling, for every such Offender so discovered and convicted, the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury for the Time being are hereby directed and required to pay, upon the said Discovery and Conviction being certified by Our Advocate of Scotland for the Time being, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf. And lastly, We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our loving Subjects, that they do use their utmost Diligence and Endeavours, in their several Places and Stations, to find out, discover, and apprehend, all such Offenders as aforesaid, upon Pain of Our highest Displeasure.

Given at Our Court at James's, the Twenty-third Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 18th of June, 1784.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by virtue of an Act passed in the last Session of the late Parliament, for continuing, until the Twentieth of this Instant June, the several Powers granted to His Majesty

