

By the KING,

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

*For Discovering and Apprehending any of the Persons, who, on the Sixteenth Day of July last, and on the Second of this instant August, were concerned in unlawfully Opposing, Resisting, and Firing at the Officers employed in His Majesty's Revenue, while in the Execution of their Duty, at Deal in the County of Kent.*

**G E O R G E R.**

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to Us, That on the Sixteenth Day of July last, a great Number of disorderly Persons, armed with Fire Arms, assembled themselves at the North End of Deal in Our County of Kent, and being so assembled and armed, forcibly obstructed, resisted, and fired upon the Crews of the Boats acting under the Orders of Lieutenant Bray, in Pursuit of a Galley rowed with Six Oars, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided: And whereas it has also been represented to Us, that on the Second Day of August last, a great Number of disorderly Persons, armed with Fire Arms, assembled themselves at Deal aforesaid, and forcibly obstructed the Officers and Men of the Boats belonging to the Ship Scout, acting under the Orders of Captain Lindsay, and endeavouring to seize a Lugger, suspected of carrying on illicit Trade; and that William Ruffel, a Seaman belonging to the Scout, was, by some Person or Persons so armed and assembled, shot in the Execution of his Duty: We therefore, being deeply sensible of the many mischievous Consequences that must inevitably ensue to the Peace of Our Kingdom, the Collection of the Publick Revenue, and the Lives 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 detecting, apprehending, and bringing to Justice, the Persons concerned in infligating 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 tumultuously and forcibly resisting and obstructing the Officers and Men acting under the Orders of Lieutenant Bray, or Captain Lindsay, on the Sixteenth Day of July, or Second Day of August last, shall, on before the Twentieth Day of October 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 that 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 Twentieth Day of October next, discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any of the Persons concerned in the aforesaid tumultuous Assemblies, and forcible Resistance, 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 **TWO HUNDRED POUNDS** Sterling; which said Sum of Two Hundred 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: 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 Thirteenth Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

**G O D** Save the **K I N G.**

St. James's, August 28.

*As several Artificers and Manufacturers, Subjects of Great Britain, have from Time to Time gone into Foreign Countries to exercise their several Callings, contrary to the Laws of these Kingdoms; The following Abstracts of Two Acts of Parliament of George the First and George the Second, to prevent such Practices, are published for the Information of all Persons who may be ignorant of the Penalties they may incur by Disobedience to them.—And it will be observed, that they extend to those who are any ways concerned or instrumental in the Sending or Enticing Artificers or Manufacturers out of these Kingdoms, and in the Exportation of the Tools and Instruments used by them, as well as to the Artificers or Manufacturers themselves.*

*Statute 5 George I. Chap. 27.*

**I**F any Person shall contract with, entice, or solicit, any Artificer in Wool, Iron, Steel, Brass, or other Metal, Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer of Great Britain, to go into Foreign Countries, out of the King's Dominions, and shall be convicted thereof upon Indictment or Information, in any of the Courts at Westminster, or at the Assizes or Quarter-Sessions, he shall be fined any Sum not exceeding **ONE HUNDRED POUNDS** or the first Offence, and shall be imprisoned Three Months, and till the Fine be paid. And if any Person having been once convicted, shall offend again, he shall be fined at the Discretion of the Court, and imprisoned Twelve Months, and till the Fine be paid.

If any of the King's Subjects, being such Artificers, shall go into any Country out of His Majesty's Dominions, to exercise or teach the said Trades to Foreigners; and if any of the King's Subjects in any such Foreign Country, exercising any of the said Trades, shall not return into this Realm within Six Months after Warning given by the Ambassador, Minister or Consul of Great Britain, in the Country where such Artificers shall be,