

dissolute Lives and Conversation, are a Scandal to Our Kingdom, Our further Pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, and all other Our Subjects, to be very vigilant and strict in the Discovery, and the effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons who shall be guilty of excessive Drinking, Blasphemy, profane Swearing and Cursing, Lewdness, Profanation of the Lord's Day, or other dissolute, immoral, or disorderly Practices; and that they take Care also effectually to suppress all publick Gaming Houses, and other loose and disorderly Houses; and also all unlicensed publick Shews, Interludes, and Places of Entertainment, using the utmost Caution in licensing the same; also to suppress all loose and licentious Prints, Books and Publications, dispersing Poison to the Minds of the Young and Unwary, and to punish the Publishers and Venders thereof; and to put in Execution the Statute made in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of the late King Charles the Second, intituled, "An Act for the better Observation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday;" and also an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of the late King William the Third, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual suppressing of Blasphemy and Profaneness;" and also an Act passed in the Twenty-first Year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act for preventing certain Abuses and Profanations on the Lord's Day, called Sunday," and all other Laws now in Force for the punishing and suppressing any of the Vices aforesaid; and also to suppress and prevent all Gaming whatsoever in Publick or Private Houses on the Lord's Day; and likewise that they take effectual Care to prevent all Persons keeping Taverns, Chocolate-Houses, Coffee-Houses, or other Publick-Houses whatsoever, from selling Wine, Chocolate, Coffee, Ale, Beer, or other Liquors, or receiving or permitting Guests to be or remain in such their Houses, in the Time of Divine Service on the Lord's Day, as they will answer it to Almighty God, and upon Pain of Our highest Displeasure. And for the more effectual proceeding herein, We do hereby direct and command all Our Judges of Assize, and Justices of the Peace, to give strict Charge, at their respective Assizes and Sessions, for the due Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons that shall presume to offend in any of the Kinds aforesaid, and also of all Persons that, contrary to their

Duty, shall be remiss or negligent in putting the said Laws in Execution; and that they do, at their respective Assizes and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, cause this Our Royal Proclamation to be publicly read in open Court immediately before the Charge is given. And We do hereby further charge and command every Minister, in his respective Parish Church or Chapel, to read, or cause to be read, this Our Proclamation, at least Four Times in every Year, immediately after Divine Service; and to incite and stir up their respective Auditors to the Practice of Piety and Virtue, and the avoiding of all Immorality and Profaneness. And to the End that all Vice and Debauchery may be prevented, and Religion and Virtue practised by all Officers, Private Soldiers, Mariners and others, who are employed in Our Service by Sea and Land, We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Commanders and Officers whatsoever, that they do take Care to avoid all Profaneness, Debauchery and other Immoralities, and that, by their own good and virtuous Lives and Conversation, they do set good Examples to all such as are under their Care and Authority, and likewise take Care of and inspect the Behaviour of all such as are under them, and punish all those who shall be guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid, as they will be answerable for the ill Consequences of their Neglect herein.

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

G O D Save the K I N G.

*St. James's, July 11.*

This Day the Baron de Nolcken had a Private Audience of His Majesty, to deliver his new Letters of Credence, giving him the Character of Minister Plenipotentiary, in Addition to that of Envoy Extraordinary, from the King of Sweden:

To which he was introduced by the Marquis of Carmarthen, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knight, Master of the Ceremonies.

*St. James's, July 12.*

This Day the Baron de Nolcken, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Sweden, had a Private Audience of Her Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Honourable Stephen Digby, Vice-Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by the Master of the Ceremonies.