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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION.
GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, that on the Eleventh Day of this instant July, a certain scandalous and seditious Paper was printed and published in the Town of Birmingham, and published in the Parts thereunto adjacent, in Our Counties of Warwick and Worcester, of the following Tenor:— “ My Countrymen! The Second Year of Gallic Liberty is nearly expired. At the Commencement of the Third on the Fourteenth of this Month, it is devoutly to be wished, that every Enemy to Civil and Religious Despotism would give his Sanction to the Majestic Common Cause, by a Public Celebration of the Anniverfary. Remember that on the Fourteenth of July the Bastille, that high Altar and Castle of Despotism, fell. Remember the Enthusiasm, peculiar to the Cause of Liberty, with which it was attacked. Remember that generous Humanity that taught the oppressed, groaning under the Weight of insulted Rights, to save the Lives of Oppressors! Extinguish the mean Prejudices of Nations; and let your Numbers be collected, and sent as a Free-will Offering to the National Assembly. But is it possible to forget that your own Parliament is venal! Your Ministers hypocritical! Your Clergy legal Oppressors! The Reigning Family extravagant! The Crown of a certain Great Personage be-

“ coming every Day too weighty for the Head that wears it! too weighty for the People who gave it! Your Taxes partial and excessive—Your Representation a cruel Insult upon the sacred Rights of Property, Religion, and Freedom.— But on the Fourteenth of this Month, prove to the political Sycophants of the Day that you reverence the Olive Branch, that you will sacrifice to Public Tranquillity, till the Majority shall exclaim, “ The Peace of Slavery is worse than the War of Freedom.— Of that Moment let Tyrants beware!”—We, therefore, in order to bring to a speedy condign Punishment the Publishers of the Paper aforesaid, and that Practices so highly dangerous to the Public Tranquillity and Welfare may hereafter be prevented, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby requiring and enjoining 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 detecting, apprehending and bringing to Justice the Publishers of the Paper aforesaid: And, for the better Detection of the said Publishers, We are graciously pleased to promise, that if any Person shall discover any other Person or Persons concerned in publishing the printed Paper aforesaid, by distributing the same, or otherwise, so as the Person or Persons discovered may be brought to Justice for the same, such Discoverers shall have and receive as a Reward, upon a Conviction of such Offender or Offenders,

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