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By the KING, A PROCLAMATION. GEORGE R.

HEREAS divers wicked and feditious Writings have been printed, published, and industriously difperfed, tending to excite Tumult and Diforder, by endeavouring to saife groundless Jealoufies and Difcontents in the Minds of Our faithful and loving Subjects, respecting the Laws and happy Constitution of Government, Civil and Religious, established in this Kingdom ; and endeavouring to vilify and bring into Contempt the wife and wholefome Provisions made at the Time of the Glorious Revolution, and fince ftrengthened and confirmed by fublequent Laws for the Prefervation and Security of the Rights and Liberties of Our faithful and loving Subjects : And whereas divers Writings have also been printed, published and industriously dispersed, recommending the faid wicked and feditious Publications to the Attention of all Our faithful and loving Subjects : And whereas we have also Reason to believe that Correspondencies have been entered into with fundry Perfons in Foreign Parts, with a View to forward the criminal and wicked Purpofes above mentioned. And whereas the Wealth, Happinels and Prosperity of this Kingdom do, under Divine Providence, chiefly depend upon a due Submiffion to the Laws, a just Confidence in the Integrity and Wifdom of Parliament, and a Continuance of that zealous Attachment to the Government and Conftitution of the Kingdom, which has ever prevailed in the Minds of the People thereof : And whereas there is nothing

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which We fo earneftly defire as to fecure the Publick Peace and Profperity, and to preferve to all Our loving Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Rights and Liberties, both Religious and Civil : We, therefore, being refolved, as far as in Us lies, to reprefs the wicked and feditious Practices aforefaid, and to deter all Perfons from following fo pernicious an Example, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our; Privy Council, to iffue this Our Royal Proclamation, folemnly warning all Our loving Subjects, as they tender their own Happiness, and that of their Posterity, to guard against all fuch Attempts, which aim at the Subversion of all regular Government within this Kingdom, and which are inconfiltent with. the Peace and Order of Society; and earnestly exhorting them at all Times, and to the utmost of their Power, to avoid and difcourage all Proceedings, tending to produce Riots and Tumults ; and We do ftrictly charge and command all Our Magistrates in and throughout Our Kingdom of Great Britain, that they do make diligent Enquiry, in order to discover the Authors and Printers of fuch wicked and feditious Writings as aforefaid, and all others who shall difperfe the fame : And We do further charge and command all Our Sheriffs, Juffices of the Peace, chief Magistrates in Our Cities, Boroughs and Corporations, and all other Our Officers and Magifrates throughout Our Kingdom of Great Britain, that they do, in their feveral and refpective Stations, take the most immediate and effectual Care to fupprefs and prevent all Riots, Tumults and other Diforders, which may be attempted to be raifed or made by any Perfon or Perfons, which, on whatever Pretext

