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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For suppressing Riots and Tumults, and for protecting and encouraging the free Supply of the Markets.

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WHEREAS it has been represented to Us that riotous Proceedings have taken Place in several Parts of Our Kingdom in consequence of the high Price of Provisions, and that in some Instances Corn and other Articles of Provision have been violently taken from the Owners, and in others the Prices of those Articles have been reduced by Threats and Intimidations; We, therefore, having taken the same into Our most serious Consideration, and being deeply sensible of the many mischievous Consequences which must inevitably ensue to the Peace of Our Kingdom, and to the Lives and Properties of Our loving Subjects, if such Proceedings should not be effectually checked; and also considering that the present high Price of Corn and other Provisions complained of, instead of being reduced must necessarily be increased by the Continuance of such Outrages; and that with a View to effecting any permanent Reduction in the Price of Provisions, and ensuring the continued and regular Supply of the accustomed Markets, on which the Subsistence of every Class of Our loving Subjects must necessarily depend, it is essential that the most ample Security be afforded to all Farmers and other lawful Dealers in Corn, and other Articles of Provision: We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby giving Notice of our determined Resolution effectually to exert Our Royal Authority for suppressing and punishing every Attempt tending to

impede the regular Supplies of the Market, or to interrupt or disturb the free Sale of the Articles brought to the same, by Acts of Violence, or by Intimidation, or by injuring or molesting the Persons or Properties of any such Dealers in Corn or other Articles of Provision; and strictly commanding and requiring all the Lieutenants of Our Counties, and all Our Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Under Sheriffs, and all Our Civil Officers whatsoever, that they do take the most effectual Means for suppressing all Riots and Tumults; and to that End do effectually put in Execution an Act of Parliament made in the First Year of the Reign of Our late Royal Ancestor of Glorious Memory, King George the First, intituled "An Act for preventing Tumults and Riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters;" and all other Laws and Statutes made against Riots, Routs, and unlawful Assemblies; and do also use their utmost Endeavours for discovering, seizing, and apprehending the Persons who may be concerned in any such riotous and dangerous Practices, to the End that they may be brought to Justice; and that the said Lieutenants of Our Counties, Justices of the Peace, and all other Our Civil Officers to whom it may appertain, do give the necessary Directions that sufficient Watch and Ward be duly kept at such Times and Places as they shall judge necessary for the preventing and suppressing the like Disorders: And we do hereby further strictly charge and command all Our Officers Civil and Military, and all other Our loving Subjects, that they be aiding and assisting in the Execution of Our Commands herein, and in the seizing, apprehending, and taking all Persons who have offended, or shall offend in Manner aforesaid; and we do hereby further charge and com-

