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By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, that divers misguided persons, in some of the midland counties of England, have of late years committed various acts of outrage, in breaking and destroying frames used in making stockings, lace, and other articles in the frame-worked-knitted manufactory, and that, among other instances of such outrages, a most heinous one was committed on the night of the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, at Loughborough, when a large number of such frames was broken, and an attempt was made to murder one of the persons entrusted with the care of them; and whereas it hath been further represented unto Us, that such outrages have for the most part been prompted by a desire, on the part of the journey-men employed in the said manufactory, to dictate to their masters the terms on which the manufactory should be carried on, or the prices at which work should be done, which dictation is utterly inconsistent with the principles of justice, and destructive of the freedom and prosperity of trade; and whereas measures have been taken by the wisdom of His Majesty's Parliament for repressing such outrages in future, by increasing the punishment for the same; and in the hope that such measures will effectually deter persons from the future commission of such offences, We are desirous of extending His Majesty's most gracious pardon to all those who have hitherto offended herein, except as hereinafter is mentioned: We have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, and in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, We do hereby promise and declare, that every person who hath committed any offence against the form of the Statute made in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, for the punishment of persons

destroying stocking or lace frames, but hath not yet been charged therewith, and who shall, previous to the first day of September next ensuing, appear before some Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, and declare such his offence, and when, where, and by whom the same was committed, shall receive His Majesty's most gracious pardon for such offence, and that no confession so made by any such person shall be given in evidence in any Court or in any case whatever; provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall extend to the offence so committed at Loughborough as aforesaid, nor to any other offence, except such as may have been committed contrary to the said Statute made in the fifty-fourth year aforesaid.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the fifteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 15th of July 1817,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, cap. 57, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to suspend training, and to regulate the quotas of the militia," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders in Council, to suspend the calling out of the militia of the United Kingdom, or any part of the United Kingdom, or of any county, riding, shire, stewartry, city, town, or place, for the purpose of being trained and exercised in any year, and to order and direct that no training or exercising of the militia of the United Kingdom, or of any county or counties, riding or ridings, shire or shires, stewartry or stewartries, city or cities, town or towns, or place or places, speci-