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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.

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WHEREAS in divers parts of Great Britain, meetings of large numbers of His Majesty's subjects have been held upon the requisition of persons who, or some of whom, have, together with others, by seditious and treasonable speeches addressed to the persons assembled, endeavoured to bring into hatred and contempt the Government and Constitution established in this realm, and particularly the Commons House of Parliament, and to excite disobedience to the laws and insurrection against His Majesty's authority:

And whereas it hath been represented unto Us, that at one of such meetings the persons there assembled, in gross violation of the law did attempt to constitute and appoint, and did, as much as in them lay, constitute and appoint a person then nominated, to sit in their name and on their behalf in the Commons House of Parliament; and there is reason to believe that other meetings are about to be held for the like unlawful purpose:

And whereas many wicked and seditious writings have been printed, published, and industriously circulated, tending to promote the several purposes aforesaid, and to raise groundless jealousies and discontents in the minds of His Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects:

And whereas We have been further given to understand, that, with a view of the better enabling themselves to carry into effect the wicked purposes aforesaid, in some parts of the kingdom, men, clandestinely and unlawfully assembled, have practised military training and exercise:

And whereas the welfare and happiness of this Kingdom do, under Divine Providence, chiefly depend upon a due submission to the laws, a just reliance on the integrity and wisdom of Parliament, and a steady perseverance in that attachment to the Government and Constitution of the Realm, which has ever prevailed in the minds of the people

thereof; and whereas there is nothing which We so earnestly wish as to preserve the public peace and prosperity, and to secure to all His Majesty's liege subjects the entire enjoyment of their rights and liberties:

We, therefore, being resolved to repress the wicked, seditious, and treasonable practices aforesaid, have thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, solemnly warning all His Majesty's liege subjects to guard against every attempt to overthrow the law, and to subvert the Government so happily established within this Realm, and to abstain from every measure inconsistent with the peace and good order of society, and earnestly exhorting them at all times, and to the utmost of their power, to avoid and discountenance all proceedings tending to produce the evil effects above described:

And We do strictly enjoin all His Majesty's loving subjects to forbear from the practice of all such military training and exercise as aforesaid, and they shall answer the contrary thereof at their peril.

And We do charge and command all Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Chief Magistrates of Cities, Boroughs, and Corporations, and all other Magistrates throughout Great Britain, that they do, within their respective jurisdictions, make diligent enquiry in order to discover and bring to justice the authors and printers of such wicked and seditious writings as aforesaid, and all who shall circulate the same; and that they do use their best endeavours to bring to justice all persons who have been or may be guilty of uttering seditious speeches and harangues, and all persons concerned in any riots or unlawful assemblies, which, on whatever pretext they may be grounded, are not only contrary to law but dangerous to the most important interests of the kingdom.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, this thirtieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and in the fifty-ninth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.