

reforming all such persons, who, by reason of their dissolute lives and conversations, are a scandal to Our Kingdom, Our further pleasure is, and We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Judges, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, and all other Our subjects whom it, may concern, to be very vigilant and strict in the discovery and the effectual prosecution and punishment of all persons who shall be guilty of excessive drinking, blasphemy, profane swearing and cursing, lewdness, profanation of the Lord's Day, or other dissolute, immoral, or disorderly practices; and that they take care also effectually to suppress all public gaming-houses and places, and other lewd and disorderly houses, and to put in execution the Statute, made in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of the late King Charles the Second, intituled "An Act for the better observation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday;" and also so much of an Act of Parliament, made in the ninth year of the reign of the late King William the Third, intituled "An Act for the more effectual suppressing of blasphemy and profaneness," as is now in force, and all other laws now in force for the punishing and suppressing any of the vices aforesaid; and also to suppress and prevent all gaming whatsoever in public or private houses on the Lord's Day; and likewise that they take effectual care to prevent all persons keeping taverns, chocolate-houses, coffee-houses, or other public houses whatsoever, from selling wine, chocolate, coffee, ale, beer, or other liquors, or receiving or permitting guests to be or remain in such their houses, in the time of Divine Service on the Lord's Day, as they will answer it to Almighty God, and upon pain of Our highest displeasure: And, for the more effectual proceeding herein, We do hereby direct and command all Our Judges of Assize and Justices of the Peace to give strict charges at their respective assizes and sessions for the due prosecution and punishment of all persons that shall presume to offend in any of the kinds aforesaid, and also of all persons that, contrary to their duty, shall be remiss or negligent in putting the said laws in execution, and that they do, at their respective assizes and quarter sessions of the peace, cause this Our Royal Proclamation to be publicly read in open Court, immediately before the charge is given: and We do hereby further charge and command every Minister, in his respective parish

church or chapel, to read, or cause to be read, this Our Proclamation, at least four times in every year, immediately after Divine Service, and to incite and stir up their respective auditories to the practice of piety and virtue, and the avoiding of all immorality and profaneness: And, to the end that all vice and debauchery may be prevented, and religion and virtue practised by all officers, private-soldiers, mariners, and others who are employed in Our service by sea and land, We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Commanders and Officers whatsoever, that they do take care to avoid all profaneness, debauchery, and other immoralities, and that, by their own good and virtuous lives and conversations, they do set good examples to all such as are under their care and authority, and likewise take care of and inspect the behaviour of all such as are under them, and punish all those who shall be guilty of any the offences aforesaid, as they will be answerable for the ill consequences of their neglect herein.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and in the first year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION,

Requiring all Persons, being in Office of Authority, or Government at the Decease of the late King, to proceed in the Execution of their respective Offices.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS by an Act, made in the sixth year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled "An Act for the security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the succession to the Crown of Great Britain in the Protestant Line," it was enacted; that no office, place, or employment, civil or military, within the kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, dominion of Wales, town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, and Sark, or any of His Majesty's plantations, should become void by reason of the demise of Her said late Majesty, Her heirs or successors, Kings or Queens of this realm, but that every person and persons in any of the