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AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 7th day of *September* 1838.

PRESENT.

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is necessary to make provision for the suppression of vagrancy, and for the punishment of idle and disorderly persons, rogues, and vagabonds, incorrigible rogues, or other vagrants, in *British Guiana*. It is therefore ordered by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that every person being able, either by labour or by other lawful means, to maintain himself or herself, or his wife, or his or her children or child, who shall wilfully refuse or neglect so to do, and thereby become burthensome, or render his wife, or his or her children or child, burthensome upon any parochial or other public funds set apart for the relief of the poor; every common prostitute wandering in the public streets or highways, or in any place of public resort, and behaving in a riotous and indecent manner; and every person wandering abroad, or placing himself or herself in any public place, street, wharf, highway, court, or passage, to beg or gather alms, or causing, or procuring, or encouraging any child or children so to do, shall be deemed an idle and disorderly person within the true intent and meaning of this Order: provided, nevertheless, that no person shall be deemed to be an offender under this Order, by

reason of any such begging or gathering alms as aforesaid, or by reason of his or her causing or procuring, or encouraging any child or children so to do, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the stipendiary justice before whom he or she shall be charged with such offence, that the offender could by his or her own labour, or other lawful means, or by parochial or other public funds appropriated for that purpose, have been provided with the necessaries of life. And it is further ordered; that it shall be lawful for any stipendiary justice of the peace to commit any such idle and disorderly person, being thereof convicted before him by his own view, or by the confession of such offender, or by the evidence on oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, to any lawful place of confinement, there, or on the public streets and highways, to be kept to hard labour for any time not exceeding fourteen days.

II. And it is hereby further ordered, that any person committing any of the offences hereinbefore mentioned, after having been convicted as an idle and disorderly person,—every person pretending or professing to tell fortunes, or using or pretending to use any subtle craft or device, by palmistry, obeah, or any such like superstitious means, to deceive and impose on any of Her Majesty's subjects,—every person wilfully exposing to view in any street, road, highway, or public place, any obscene print, picture, or other indecent exhibition, every person wilfully, openly, lewdly, and obscenely exposing his or her