

liege subjects, and of Our authority. And all persons guilty of such offences are punishable by transportation or imprisonment :

We, therefore, being duly sensible of the mischievous consequences likely to arise from such unlawful practices, if suffered to continue unpunished, and being firmly resolved to cause the laws to be put in execution for the punishment of such offenders, have thought fit, by the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby strictly command all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and all other civil Officers whatsoever, that they do use their utmost endeavours to discover, apprehend, and bring to justice the persons concerned in the unlawful proceedings above-mentioned.

And whereas in some parts of Our United Kingdom, large numbers of persons have lately assembled and met together, many of them being armed with bludgeons and other offensive weapons, and have, by their exciting to breaches of the peace, and by their riotous proceedings, caused great alarm to Our subjects :

And whereas such meetings are contrary to law and dangerous to the peace of Our realm and to the property and the lives of Our subjects :

We, therefore, hereby strictly command all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and all other civil Officers whatsoever, that they use their utmost endeavours to enforce the law, and prevent, put down, and suppress such unlawful meetings, and bring offenders to justice. And We strictly enjoin all Our liege subjects to give prompt and effectual assistance to Our Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Under-Sheriffs, and all civil Officers, in their endeavours to preserve the public peace.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham-Palace, this third day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, and in the second year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 3d day of May 1839,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for

"rendering more easy the taking the poll at county elections;" it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, on petition from the justices of any county, riding, parts, or division in England or Wales, in quarter sessions assembled, representing, that the number of polling places for such county, riding, parts, or division is insufficient, and praying, that the place or places mentioned in the said petition may be a polling place or polling places for the county, riding, parts or division of the county within which such place or places is or are situate, to declare that any place or places mentioned in the said petition shall be a polling place or polling places for that county, riding, parts, or division; and that the justices of the peace for such county, riding, parts, or division, in quarter sessions or some special sessions assembled, as mentioned in the Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to settle and determine the division of counties, and the limits of cities and boroughs, in England and Wales, in so far as respects the election of Members to serve in Parliament," shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act, divide such county, riding, parts, or division into convenient polling districts, and assign one of such districts to each polling place :

And whereas the justices of the peace in and for the county of Norfolk, in quarter sessions assembled, on the thirteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, agreed to petition, and have accordingly presented their petition to Her Majesty, representing that the number of polling places for the eastern division of the said county is insufficient, and therefore praying, that the town of Loddon may be a polling place for the said eastern division :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said petition into consideration, doth, pursuant to the said Act of the seventh year of His said late Majesty's reign, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, declare, order, and direct, that the said town of Loddon shall be a polling place for the said eastern division; and further, that the justices of the peace for the said county, assembled in quarter sessions or some special sessions, as mentioned in the said Act of the third year of His said late Majesty's reign, shall, conformably to the said last-mentioned Act,