

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 commanding 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 10th day of *April* 1839,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William

the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in England and Wales, with reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and patronage," reciting, amongst other things, that His said late Majesty was pleased, on the fourth day of February, and on the sixth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, to issue two several commissions to certain persons therein respectively named, directing them to consider the state of the several dioceses in England and Wales, with reference to the amount of their revenues, and the more equal distribution of episcopal duties, and the prevention of the necessity of attaching, by commendam, to bishoprics, benefices with cure of souls; and to consider also the state of the several cathedral and collegiate churches in England and Wales, with a view to the suggestion of such measures as might render them conducive to the efficiency of the Established Church, and to devise the best mode of providing for the cure of souls, with special reference to the residence of the clergy on their respective benefices; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had, in pursuance of such directions, made four several reports to His said late Majesty, bearing date respectively the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and the fourth day of March, the twentieth day of May, and the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and reciting, that the said Commissioners had in their said reports, amongst other things, recommended that commissioners should be appointed by Parliament for the purpose of preparing and laying before His Majesty in Council, such schemes as should appear to them to be best adapted for carrying into effect, amongst others, the following recommendations; and that His Majesty in Council should be empowered to make Orders ratifying such schemes and having the full force of law; and that the diocese of Ely should be increased by the counties of Huntingdon and Bedford; and that all parishes, which are locally situate in one diocese, but under the jurisdiction of the bishop of another diocese, should be made subject to the jurisdiction of the bishop of the diocese within which they are locally situate; and that such variations should be made in the proposed boundaries of the different dioceses as might appear advisable after more precise information respecting