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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS in certain districts of South Wales, more especially in the counties of Pembroke, Cardigan, and Carmarthen, tumultuous assemblages of people, disguised and armed with guns and other offensive weapons, have taken place by night, and outrages of the most violent description have been committed upon the lives and properties of divers of Our subjects; and whereas in contempt of the restraints of law and order, these tumultuous assemblages have pulled down toll-gates, and have violently entered and destroyed toll-houses; and whereas they have also attacked the mansions of individuals, extorting from them sums of money by threats or by violence, and have destroyed by fire the hay, corn, and other property of divers of Our subjects :

We, therefore, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal 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 repress all tumults, riots, outrages, and breaches of the peace, and to discover, apprehend, and bring to justice the persons concerned in the riotous and wicked proceedings aforesaid; and We do 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.

And as a further inducement to discover offenders, We do hereby promise and declare, that any person or persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, the authors, abettors, and perpetrators of any such incendiary fire as aforesaid, or of any such outrage upon the person of any of Our subjects, by which life shall have been sacrificed, so that they, or any of them, shall be duly convicted thereof, shall be entitled to the sum of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS for each and every person who shall be so convicted, and shall receive Our most gracious pardon for the said offence, in case the person, making such discovery as aforesaid, shall be liable to be prosecuted for the same, except he be the actual perpetrator of such outrage or of such incendiary fires as aforesaid.

And We do also promise and declare, that any person or persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, the authors, abettors, and perpetrators of any such outrages, other than those last above mentioned, in the said counties, so that they, or any of them, may be duly convicted thereof, shall be entitled to the sum of FIFTY POUNDS for each and every person who shall be so convicted, and shall also