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Whitehall, Decemb. 3.

Whereas divers Books, Records, and other Evidences, which belonged to the late Court of Wards and Liveries, or were lodged amongst the Records of the same, which have been, and would be of great Use to many of His Majesties Subjects, in reference to the Titles of their Lands, and to the Descents of their Families, and otherwise, were in the Custody of one Mr. James Fabian, since deceased, and of some other Persons by his Appointment, and have been wasted or imbezled: His Majesty, out of His tender Regard to the Good of many of His Subjects who are, and may be concerned in this Respect, doth strictly Charge and Command all Persons who have in their Hands any of the said Books, Records, or other Writings, or do know where they, or any of them were Left, or Disposed of by Mr. Fabian, or any other Persons, or where the same now are, Forthwith to deliver, or cause to be delivered to His Majesties Agents at their Office in St. Stephens Court near the Receipt of Exchequer in Westminster, each of the said Books, Records, or other Writings, as any of the said Persons have in their Custody, or can come by; and where they know any of the said Books, Records, or Writings, to be or remain in other Hands, Forthwith to acquaint the said Agents therewith, which will be an acceptable Service; And in Default thereof, the Detainers, Imbezlers, or Concealers of the said Books, Records, and other Writings, upon Discovery, will be severely prosecuted according to Law.

BY THE KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Restraining the Number and Abuses of Hackney Coaches in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs thereof, and Parishes comprised within the Bills of Mortality;

JAMES R.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto Us, by divers of Our loving Subjects, of the great Grievance and Annoyance, which the multitude of Hackney Coaches lately set up, and now Driven about the Streets of Our City of London and Westminster, and Suburbs of the same, are to them in their respective Trades and Businesses; and also of the great want of some good Rules and Orders to be observed by all such Persons, as we or shall be permitted to Keep and Drive Hackney Coaches about the said Streets. And whereas the undoubted Power of Punishing, Removing, Correcting and Restraining all Publick Nuisances, Annoyances and Disorders in the common Streets, Highways, and Passages doth of Right belong unto Us, and being taken the same into Our Princely Consideration, and being desirous to remove all Grievance and Annoyance from Our loving Subjects, and to provide against the same in the best manner that We can, We have thought fit, in order to the remedying the Mischief and Grievances aforesaid, to constitute and Appoint by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, Our Trusty and Wellbeloved John Phelpps, Colonel Thomas Napier, Thomas Price, Richard Sheldon, and Jerome Nipho Esquires, to be Our Commissioners for the Licensing, Regulating, Ordering, and Governing, according to the Instructions therein annexed, all Hackney Coaches to be Lett and Driven for Hire about the said Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs thereof, or within the several Parishes comprised within the Weekly Bills of Mortality: And to the end the Regulation intended by Our said Commission may be effectual for the Benefit of Our Subjects, We do by this Our Proclamation, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, strictly Prohibit and Forbid all and every Person and Persons whatsoever, from and after the Tenth day of December next ensuing the Date hereof,

which shall not be Licensed by Our said Commissioners, or Three or more of them, to Stand with, or Drive or Hire any Hackney Coach in any the Streets or Passages in or about the Cities or Places aforesaid, upon pain of incurring Our high Displeasure, and receiving certain Punishment, as Contemners of Our Royal Will and Command, and be further Prosecuted and Punished for the said Offences and Annoyances, by Law, and such other ways as by the Laws of this Our Realm are provided against such as commit Publick Nuisances in the Publick Streets and Highways: And for the due Execution of Our Pleasure herein, We do further Charge and Command the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of Our City of London, that they in their several Wards; and Our Justices of Peace within Our said Cities of London and Westminster, and the Liberties and Suburbs thereof, and all other Our Officers and Ministers to whom it appertaineth, do take especial Care in their respective Limits, That this Our Command be duly observed; and that they from time to time Return the Names of all those who shall wilfully Offend to the Premises, to the Commissioners for Licensing and Regulating Hackney Coaches for the time being, to the end that they may be proceeded against by Indictments and Presentments for the said Offence, and otherwise, according to the Severity of the Law, and Demerits of the Offenders.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the 25th day of November 1687. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

Whitehall, November 27.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to Command that this following Order be Published.

JAMES R

FOR the better preventing all Complainings that may be made touching any Debts that shall be hereafter contracted by Private Soldiers of Foot within Our Pay and Entertainment, We have thought fit hereby to declare Our Royal Pleasure to all Persons whom it may concern within Our Garrisons; or elsewhere, That no Private Soldier of any Regiment or Company of Foot, be Truffed on any Account or Pretence whatsoever in their Quarters; And so the End every Private Foot Soldier may be enabled duly and constantly to discharge his Quarters, and to pay for what shall be necessary for him, We do hereby further Direct, and Require every respective Captain or Officer in Chief with any Company of Foot, to pay and satisfy unto each Private Soldier under their Command Three Shillings per Week, at two equal Payments, to be made at the Beginning and Middle of each Week, as Subsistence-Money, without any Deduction whatsoever; And that they do likewise Accompt every two Months with each Soldier for Six-Pence per Week more, allowed by Us for the providing such Necessaries for each Soldier to which the Off-Reckoning or Residue of their Pay hath not formerly been made: And We do likewise hereby Order the said Off-Reckonings to be employed by the Colonel of each respective Regiment, for the Cloathing and Pointing, and satisfying all other remaining Expences; for which a due Accompt is likewise to be made unto each Soldier at the time of every Cloathing; It being nevertheless Our Pleasure, That the Officers of Our Regiments of Foot Guards do pay, by Advance, Four Shillings per Week; And the Officers of Our Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, Three Shillings and Six-Pence per Week, allowed by us to each Private Soldier in the respective Regiments for their Subs.