

Degrees, at the Instance of any Persons whatsoever who shall pursue the same, Conform to a Proclamation, containing an Abbreviate of the said Laws, Issued out by Our late Dear Brother King William, of ever Blessed Memory, and His Privy-Council, Dated at Edinburgh, the Five and twentieth Day of January, One thousand six hundred ninety eight, in all Points. And further We Require all whom it Concerns, to Observe what is Enjoyed by the Eleventh Act of King William's Parliament, Dated the One and thirtieth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and one, Intituled An Act against Profaneness. And particularly for the more Effectual Proceeding herein, We do Require and Command all Our Judges and Justices of Peace mention'd in that Act, to give all due Encouragement to Persons who Inform of the Breaches of Our good Laws against Vice and Immorality, and not to put such Informers or Witnesses to Long and Expensive Attendance in that Matter. And Sheriffs and Stewards, and their Deputies, Magistrates of Burghs, and Justices of Peace, are Required to take Care, that a fixed Time and Place, once every Month at least, in each Parish be Appointed for Holding Courts by themselves or their Deputies, or a Bailie to be Appointed according to the Act of Parliament, Dated the Ninth of October, One thousand six hundred ninety six; And that Clerks Physcal and other Officers of Court be Nominated for Prosecuting of Persons Guilty of Immorality, and Ordin'd to Act their Parts in the Premises, that all Concern'd may know when, where, and whom to Attend. And Presbyteries, Ministers and Church Sessions are requir'd to Nominate fit Persons within their Bounds respectively, to take Notice of Vice and Immorality, and to Delate and Prosecute those Guilty thereof. And the Judges and Justices of Peace are hereby Ordained to Allow to the Persons who shall be Named for Prosecution, as above, out of the Fines, not only the whole Expences; but also such further Rewards as the said Judges, or Justices of Peace shall think fit, Certifying, That if any of the said Judges or Justices of Peace shall Refuse or Neglect to put the said Laws in Execution, upon the Application of any Minister, or any other Person Informing, or offering sufficient Probation, he shall be liable and Subject to the Quoties to a Fine of One hundred Pounds Scots, for the Use of the Poor of the Parish where the Scandal happened, to be paid for in the Terms in the said Act, as also Conform to the Twenty third Act of King William's Parliament, dated the Twelfth of June, One thousand six hundred ninety three. We Require all Magistrates, Judges and Officers of Justice, to give all due Assistance for making the Sentences and Censures of the Church and Judicatories thereof, to be Obeyed, or otherwise effectual, as accords against Scandalous and Contumacious Persons. And to the End that all Vice and Debauchery may be prevented, and Religion and Virtue practis'd by all Officers, private Soldiers, Mariners and others, We do hereby strictly Charge, Command and Require all the Commanders and Officers of Our Forces by Sea and Land, and others in Authority, That they do take Care to avoid all Profanity, Debauchery, and other Immoralities, and that by their Virtuous and Pious Lives and Conversations, they do set good Examples to all such as are under their Care and Authority; And likewise, That they take Care of, and Inspect the Behaviour of all such as are under them, and see that they attend Divine Worship duly upon the Lords-Day, and also submit to the Minister's Examination, and to Church-Discipline, and to punish all those who shall be Guilty of the Offences aforesaid, and do not Observe good Order. And further We Command and Require the Judges Ordinary and Justices of Peace of the Bounds where any of Our Soldiers are Quartered, or Mariners lye, that upon Complaint by any of Our Lieges against the said Soldiers and Mariners for Immoralities, or other Disorders, the said Judges and Justices exemplarily Punish the said Mariners and Soldiers therefore: And We Require their Officers to Cite them before the said Judges and Justices of Peace for that effect, according to the Ninth Act of the Parliament, One thousand six hundred ninety eight. And all Our Subjects, whom it may concern, are Required to be very Vigilant and Strict in the Discovery, and the effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons who shall be Guilty of any of the Sins above-mentioned, or other Dissolute, Immoral or Disorderly Practices. And lastly, We do hereby Direct and Command all the Judges above-mentioned, and Justices of Peace to give strict Charges at their respective Courts and other Meetings, for the due Prosecution and Punishment of all persons that shall presume to Offend in any the Kinds aforesaid, and of all Persons that, contrary to their Duty, shall be Remiss or Negligent in putting the said Laws in Execution, and that they do, once every Quarter of a Year, cause this Our

Proclamation to be publickly read in Open Court immediately after Fencing thereof. And all Our Judges, Justices of Peace, and other Subjects, are hereby Required to Observe Our Laws and Acts of Parliament concerning the Premises, and to do their parts therein, as they will be answerable for the ill Consequences of their Neglect in that matter. Our Will and Pleasure is, and We strictly Charge and Command, That incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and to the remanent Mercat-Crosses of the Head-Burghs of the severall Shires and Stewarries of that part of Our United Kingdom called Scotland, and in Our Name and Authority make Publication hereof, and of the said Abbreviate of Our Acts of Parliament against Profanity and Vice, that none may pretend Ignorance; and ordains these Presents, with the Abbreviate, to be Printed, and Our Solicitor to Dispatch Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the severall Shires, Stewarts of Stewarries, and their Deputies or Clerks; that they may cause Publish the same at the Mercat-Crosses of the said Head-Burghs, upon the Receipt thereof, and immediately thereafter send a Copy to each Minister and Parish within the respective Jurisdictions, to the effect the same may be Read and Intimate in the Parish-Churches upon the Lords-Day following the aforesaid Publication at the Mercat-Crosses, and thereafter at such times as shall be found Needful by the Presbyteries or Synods of the Bounds.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Eighteenth Day of August, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

At the Court at Kensington, August 18, 1708.

Presents the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day, by Her Majesty's Command, Richard Earl of Scarborough, John Earl of Mar, and Charles Viscount Townshend, were Sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council of Great Britain; pursuant to an Act of Parliament past the last Session, Intituled, An Act for rendering the Union of the two Kingdoms more Entire and Compleat.

St. James's, August 19. This Day being appointed by Her Majesty's Proclamation to be observed throughout this Kingdom, as a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his great Goodness, in giving to Her Majesty's Arms, in conjunction with those of Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, a Signal and Glorious Victory over the French near Audenarde; Her Majesty went to the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's with great Solemnity, to return Thanks to God for such his Signal Mercy and Blessing.

The Lords, and others of Her Majesty's Privy Council, met between 9 and 10 in the Morning, in the Council Chamber at St. James's, the Knights of the most Noble Order of the Garter wearing the Collars of the said Order; and having been Marshalled by the Officers of Arms, proceeded about 11 a Clock in their Coaches with six Horses each towards St. Paul's.

Her Majesty came afterwards attended in the following manner: The Procession was conducted by the Knight-Marshal, preceded by his Officers on Horseback: The Rt. Hon. the Lord Chamberlain in his own Coach; One Equery, two Pages of Honour, and the Gentleman Usher in waiting, in Her Majesty's Leading Coach: In another of Her Majesty's Coaches, the Women of the Bed-Chamber to Her Majesty: In the next the Maids of Honour follow'd by the Ladies of Her Majesty's Bed-Chamber, in two of Her Majesty's Coaches: The Duke of Ormond in her Majesty's Body Chariot. Each drawn by six Horses: A Detachment of the Horse Grenadiers: After them the Right Honourable Lord Viscount Townshend on Horseback, at the Head of the Yeomen of the Guard on Foot, some before, and some on each side of her Majesty's Coach: Then Her Majesty; the Dutchess of Marlborough Grone of the Stole, and the Countess Dowager of Burlington, being the Lady of the Bed-Chamber in waiting, in the Coach of State, drawn by eight Horses. His Grace the Duke of Somerset Master of the Horse riding on the right of her Majesty's Coach. Her Majesty's Third Troop of Horse Guards, commanded by the Right Honourable the Earl of Arran, closed the Ceremony.

The Streets thro' which Her Majesty passed were lined from St. James's as far as Temple-Bar, by the Militia of Westminster; from thence to St. Paul's they were rail'd and hung with Blue Cloath, the City Train'd-Bands lining both