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His Majesty hath been pleased to issue His Royal Proclamation of the Twenty third instant March: That whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, have by their humble Petition represented to His Majesty, their fears and apprehensions of the growth and increase of the Popish Religion in these His Majesties Dominions, together with the causes thereof; and also such remedies as they conceive may be proper to prevent such growing mischiefs; which Petition of theirs, His Majesty having seriously considered, and with much contentment and satisfaction, accepting and approving the great care of the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament Assembled, for the preservation of the true Religion established in this Kingdom; To which His Majesty declares, as He hath always adhered against all temptations whatsoever, so he will still employ his utmost care and zeal in the maintenance and defence of it: And therefore strictly Charges and Commands all Jesuits, all English, Irish, and Scottish Priests, and all others who have taken orders from the See of Rome, or by the Authority, or pretended Authority thereof, who are not under any restraint by imprisonment, other then such as by contract of Marriage, are to attend the person of the Queen, or by the Laws of Nations are to attend Forreign Ambassadors; That they doe before the first day of May next depart out of England, and Dominions of Wales, upon pain of having the penaltys of the Laws and Statutes of this Realm inflicted upon them; and for their better means to depart accordingly, His Majesty doth declare His Will and Pleasure to be, That if at any time before the said first day of May, they, or any of them shall resort to any Port-Town of England, or Dominion of Wales, and there declare himself to the Magistrate of the Town, or other Officers of any Port, that he is a Priest, and that he is there to take shipping for his passage, they shall suffer him or them quietly to depart, and shall see them shipped and sent away for forreign parts, and give them their furtherance for their departure. And to the end the said Proclamation may be the better observed and obeyed; His Majesty doth strictly Charge and Command all Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, &c. That they be circumspect and vigilant in their several Charges, from and after the said first day of May next, in searching for, and discovering all such Jesuits and Priests as aforesaid, as shall presume to remain in this Kingdom, or Dominion of Wales, contrary to His Majesties pleasure therein declared; that so the Laws may be put in due execution against them. And for the better discovery of all others who are Popish Recusants, or justly suspected to be so; His Majesty doth also further require, charge, and command, That all the Judges, Barons of the Exchequer, Justices of Peace, &c. doe not onely observe His Majesties Will and Pleasure therein before expressed in all and every of the Premises; but also forthwith put all other the Laws in due execution against all Po-

popish Recusants, and such as are suspected to be so, in order to their speedy conviction, and cause the said Law to be publickly given in charge at all and every their Assises, Goal-deliveries, and Quarter Sessions respectively; and then and there take order, that such Popish Recusants may be speedily Presented, Indicted, and Convicted according to Law; and that due Process of Law may from time to time be issued out upon such convictions.

And His Majesty doth declare, That the names of such Priests who do attend the Person of the Queen, shall be set down under Her Great Seal, and such signification enrolled in the Court of Kings Bench. And because there may be some Priests imprisoned in this Realm, yet unknown to His Majesty; All Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and Keepers of Prisons, are within Twenty days after publication of this Proclamation, to advertise some of the Lords of the Privy Council of their names, and by whom, and for what cause they were committed, to the end, Order may be given for their Transportation,

His Majesty hath been likewise pleased to issue out another Proclamation, bearing date the 24th instant, for the prizing of Wines; in which His Majesty doth declare, That for one year next following, to be accounted from the first day of February last past; Canary Wines, Allegants and Mulcadelis be not sold in Grosse at above Thirty six pounds the Butt or Pipe, and Twelve pence the Pint by Retail; and that Sacks and Malagoes be not sold in Grosse at above Thirty two pound the Butt, and Eleven pence the Pint by Retail; and that French Wines be not sold at above Thirty six pounds the Tun, and Twelve pence the Quart by Retail; and that Rhenish Wines be not sold in Grosse at above Ten pound the Aulme, and Eighteen pence the Quart by Retail (the Dury and Imposition laid by the late Act of Parliament on Wines, to be discharged by the Merchant, selling in Grosse as aforesaid) and according to these Rates (and no higher) in proportion for greater or lesser quantities, either in Grosse or by Retail; which Rates and Prizes His Majesty Wills, shall be duly observed in all Ports and other places within this Realm, where Wines are landed, and within ten miles of those Ports and places; and His Majesties pleasure is, That in those places where Wines by Land carriage shall be conveyed more then ten miles from the next Port, the several sorts of Wines aforesaid, may be sold with an allowance, not exceeding four pounds the Tun, and one penny the Quart for the carriage thereof upon Land every thirty miles, and according to that proportion, and not at greater Rates, strictly commanding all persons whom it may concern, That none of them during the time aforesaid, presume to sell any of the said Wines in Grosse or by Retail at higher rates then by this Proclamation are appointed, under the forfeitures and penalties mentioned in the Laws and Statutes of this Realm ordained in that behalf, &c. Commanding and Requiring all Mayors, Sheriffs, and other Officers whom it may concern, diligently to take notice of and attend this His Majesties Pleasure, and to give information of the Delinquents to the end they may be proceeded against, and receive punishment according to their demerits.