

AT the Court at St. James's, the 9th Day of
May, 1722.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day the Right Honourable Sir Robert Sutton was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

By the King,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For putting the Laws in Execution against Papists and Non-Jurors, and for commanding all Papists, and reputed Papists, to depart from the Cities of London and Westminster, and from within ten Miles of the same, and for confining Papists, and reputed Papists, to their Habitations; and for putting in Execution the Laws against Riots and Rioters.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS we have received repeated and unquestionable Advices, That several of our Subjects, forgetting the Allegiance they owe to us, as well as the natural Love they ought to bear to their Country, have entred into a wicked Conspiracy, in Concert with the Traytors Abroad, for raising a Rebellion in our Kingdom of Great Britain, in Favour of a Popish Pretender, with a Traiterous Design to overthrow our Excellent Constitution both in Church and State. And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the first Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, *An Act for the better securing the Government, by Disarming Papists, and reputed Papists*, it was enacted, That it should and might be lawful for any two or more Justices of the Peace, who should know or suspect any Person to be a Papist, or should be informed that any Person was, or was suspected to be a Papist, to tender, and they were thereby authorized and required forthwith to tender to such Person, so known or suspected to be a Papist, the Declaration set down and expressed in an Act of Parliament made in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of the late King Charles the Second, Intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preserving the King's Person and Government by Disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament*, to be by him made, repeated and subscribed; and if such Person so required, should refuse to make, repeat and subscribe the said Declaration, or refuse or forbear to appear before the said Justices, for the Making, Repeating and Subscribing thereof, on Notice to him given, or left at his usual Place of Abode, by any Persons authorized in that behalf, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the said two Justices, he was in and by that Act prohibited to have or keep in his House, or elsewhere, or in the Possession of any other Person to his Use, or at his Disposition, any Arms, Weapons, Gunpowder, or Ammunition, other than such necessary Weapons as should be allowed to him by Order of the Justices of the Peace at a General Quarter-Sessions for the Defence of his House or Person; and that any two or more Justices of the Peace, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, by Virtue of that Act, might authorize and impower any Person or Persons in the Day-Time, with the Assistance of the Constable or his Deputy, or the Tythingman or Headborough, where the Search should be, to search for all Arms, Weapons, Gun-

powder, or Ammunition, which should be in the House, Custody or Possession of any such Papist, or reputed Papist, and seize the same for the Use of their said late Majesties and their Successors. And further, That no Papist, or reputed Papist, so refusing or making Default, should or might have, or keep in his own Possession, or in the Possession of any other Person to his Use, or at his Disposition, any Horse or Horses, which should be of the Value of five Pounds to be sold: And that any two or more Justices of the Peace, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, might and should authorize any Person or Persons, with such Assistance, as aforesaid, where the Search should be, to search for, and seize for the Use of their said late Majesties and their Successors, all such Horse and Horses, which should be above the Value of five Pounds to be sold. And whereas by another Act made in the said first Year of the Reign of their said late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, *An Act for the Abrogating of the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, and appointing other Oaths*, all Persons, who should refuse to take the Oaths therein directed to be taken, after the Tenders thereby directed to be made, and should refuse to make and subscribe the said Declaration in the said Act of the thirtieth Year of the said late King Charles the Second, should suffer all Pains, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities, as a Popish Recusant Convict, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever. And whereas in and by an Act made in the first Year of our Reign, Intituled, *An Act for the further Security of His Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of the late Princess Sophia, being Protestants; and for Extinguishing the Hopes of the Pretended Prince of Wales, and his open and secret Abettors*, It is enacted, That it should and might be lawful to and for two or more Justices of Peace, or any other Person or Persons, who should be by us for that Purpose specially appointed by Order in our Privy Council, or by Commission under the Great Seal, to administer and tender the Oaths in the said Act appointed to be taken, to any Person or Persons whatsoever, whom they should or might suspect to be dangerous or disaffected to us, or our Government; and if any Person or Persons, to whom the said Oaths should be so tendered, should neglect or refuse to take the same, such Justices, or any other Person or Persons specially to be appointed, as aforesaid, tendering the said Oaths, should certify the Refusal thereof to the next Quarter-Sessions of the County, Riding, Liberty, City, Borough, Town-Corporate, or Place, in which such Refusal should be made; and the said Refusal should be recorded amongst the Rolls of that Sessions, and should be from thence certified by the Clerk of the Peace of such County, Riding, Liberty, City, Borough, Town-Corporate, or Place, into our Court of Chancery, or King's Bench, Court of Sessions, or Court of Justiciary in Scotland, there to be recorded amongst the Rolls of the said Courts, in a Roll or Rolls there to be provided and kept for that Purpose only; and that every Person so neglecting or refusing to take the said Oaths, should be, from the Time of his Neglect or Refusal, taken, esteemed, and adjudged a Popish Recusant Convict, and as such to forfeit and be proceeded against. And to the Intent and Purpose that no Person might avoid taking the several Oaths in the said Act particularly mentioned, upon any Pretence whatsoever, It is thereby further enacted, That it should and might