

might be lawful unto and for Two or more Justices of Peace, or any other such Person or Persons, who should be by us for that Purpose specially appointed by Order in our Privy Council, or by Commission under our Great Seal, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to summon any Person to appear before them at a certain Day and Time therein to be appointed, to take the said Oaths; which said Summons should be served upon such Person, or left at his Dwelling House or usual Place of Abode, with one of the Family there; and if such Person, who should be so summoned, should neglect or refuse to appear according to such Summons, that then, upon due Proof to be made upon Oath of the serving the said Summons (which Oath such Justices, or any other Person or Persons specially to be appointed, as aforesaid, are by the said Act enabled to administer) such Justices, or any other Person or Persons specially to be appointed, as aforesaid, are hereby required to certify the same to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for such County, Riding, Liberty, City, Borough, Town Corporate, or Place, there to be entered upon the Rolls of the said Sessions: And if such Person, who should be so summoned to take the said Oaths, as aforesaid, should neglect or refuse to appear, and take the said Oaths, at the said General Quarter Sessions, the Names of the Persons so certified being publicly read at the first Meeting of the said Sessions, That then and in such Case such Person should be taken, esteemed, and adjudged a Popish Recusant Convict, and as such to forfeit and be proceeded against, as if such Person had actually refused to take the said Oaths; and the same should be from thence certified by the Clerk of the Peace of such County, Riding, Liberty, City, Borough, Town-Corporate, or Place, into our High Court of Chancery, or King's Bench, Court of Session, or Court of Judicatory in Scotland, there to be recorded amongst the Rolls of the said Court, in a Roll or Rolls there to be provided and kept for that Purpose only. And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the five and twentieth Year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, every Popish Recusant Convict is to repair to the Place of his usual Dwelling or Abode, and not at any time to remove above five Miles from thence, unless thereunto licensed according to the Direction of that Act, or of a subsequent Act made in the third Year of the Reign of the late King James the First. And whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the third Year of the late King James the First, Intituled, *An Act to prevent and avoid Dangers which may grow by Popish Recusants*, It is provided, That all Popish Recusants, indicted or convicted of Recusancy, should depart from the City of London, and ten Miles Compaſs of the same, under certain Penalties therein mentioned. And whereas by one other Act of Parliament, made in the first Year of the Reign of the late King William and Queen Mary, Intituled, *An Act for the removing Popists, and reputed Popists, from the Cities of London and Westminster, and ten Miles Distance from the same*, It is enacted, That for the better discovering and removing all Popists, and reputed Popists, out of the said Cities, and ten Miles of the same, it

required, that the Lord Mayor for the time being, and every Justice of the Peace for the City of London, and for the City and Liberties of Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and of the Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, and Essex, within their respective Counties, Boroughs, and Limits, should, from time to time, cause to be arrested and brought before him every Person or Persons (not being a Merchant-Foreigner, or such other Person or Persons as the said Act excepts) within the said Cities, or within ten Miles of the same, being Popists, or reputed to be Popists, and tender unto him the Declaration mentioned in the Statute made in the thirtieth Year of King Charles the Second, Intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Preserving the King's Person and Government, by disabling Popists from sitting in either House of Parliament*: And in Case such Person, upon such Tender, should refuse to repeat, make and subscribe the said Declaration, and should, after such Refusal, remain, continue, or be within the said City or Cities, or ten Miles Distance from the same, That in every such Case he or she should forfeit and suffer as a Popish Recusant Convict, by the Laws thentofore established, should or might suffer or forfeit; and that every Justice of the Peace should certify all such Subscriptions, and the Names of all Persons refusing to subscribe upon Tender, as aforesaid, under his Hand and Seal, into the Court of King's Bench the next Term, or at the next Quarter Sessions, where such Taking, Subscribing, or Refusal should happen. Now for the Preservation of the publick Peace, and for the defeating the wicked and Traiterous Designs of the Conspirators, we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, hereby commanding and requiring all our Justices of the Peace, and all others whom it may Concern, That they do, with the utmost Diligence and Application, put the said Laws strictly in Execution against Popists and Non-Jurors; and that they tender to them the said Oaths and Declarations, and take from the Refusers thereof their Horses and Arms; and that they do also put strictly in Execution all other Laws made against Popists, reputed Popists, and Non-Jurors: And the respective Justices of the Peace, and others concerned to execute our Commands herein, are hereby required to certify an Account of what they shall do pursuant to the same, to us in our Privy Council. And we do hereby further strictly charge and command all Popists, and reputed Popists, (except Merchant-Foreigners, and such other Persons, as in the said before-mentioned Act are excepted) on or before Wednesday the twenty third Day of this Instant May, to depart out of the said Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and from all Places within ten Miles Distance from the same. And we do hereby strictly charge and command the Lord Mayor of London, and all Justices of the Peace of our Cities of London and Westminster, and of our said Counties of Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, and Essex, that they do make diligent Search and Enquiry for, and with all Vigour proceed, according to the said recited Act of Parliament, against all and every Popist, and reputed Popist, who shall be found within the  
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