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Civitas Burgus & Villa Westmon' in Com' Midd. &c.

Ad general' Quarterial' Session' Pacis Domini Regis tent' apud Westmonasterium, pro Libertate Decani et Capitul' Ecclesie Collegiat' Beati Petri Westmo' Civit' Burgi et Vill' Westmo' in Com' Midd', et Sancti Martini Le Grand, London', per adjourn', Die Veneris scil' undecimo die Octobris, Anno Regni Domini Georgii Secundi, Dei Gratia, nunc Regis Magnae Britanniae, &c. Secundo, coram Johanne Gonson, Milite, Thoma Crosse Bart. Leonardo Streate, Johanne Mohun, Edvardo Ridley, Franco' Sorell, Henrico Trent, Willo' Gore, Jacob' Delamott Blayny, Rico' Newton, Thoma Railton, Johanne Batteley, Petro Laroche, Allen Hollen, Johan' Meard, Carolo Lowe, Rico' Gifford, Thoma Scott, Michaelae Bourke, Georgio Cooke, Samuel' Savile, Armig' & al' Sociis suis Justic' dict' Dom' Regis ad pacem infra Libertat' praed' conservand' necnon ad divers' Felon' Transgr' et alia Malefacta infra Libertat' praed' perpetrat' audiend' et terminand' assign' &c.

THIS Court having this Day received from the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a Letter dated the 8th Day of October Instant, directed to the Right Honourable the Lord De la War, Chairman of this Sessions, or in his Absence to the Deputy-Chairman, relating to the frequent Robberies of late committed in the Streets of London and Westminster, and Parts adjacent: For the better and speedy Notification of His Majesty's Commands contained in the said Letter, it is thought fit and ordered by this Court, that the said Letter be forthwith printed and published, to the End that His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this City and Liberty, and all other Persons concerned, may take Notice thereof, and give due Obedience thereto.

per Cur' -

Middleton.

To the Right Honourable the Lord De la War, Chairman of the Session for the City and Liberty of Westminster, or in his Lordship's Absence to the Deputy Chairman.

Windso'-Castle, October 8, 1728

My Lord,

HIS Majesty being very much concerned at the frequent Robberies of late committed in the Streets of London, Westminster, [Price Two Pence.]

and Parts adjacent, and being informed that they are greatly to be imputed to the unlawful Return of Felons Convict who have been transported to His Majesty's Plantations, has been graciously pleased, for the better discovering and apprehending of such Felons, to give Orders to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to cause to be paid to any Person or Persons, who before the First Day of March next shall discover any of them; so as they may be apprehended and brought to Justice, a Reward of Forty Pounds for each Felon Convict returned, or that shall return from Transportation before the Expiration of the Term for which he or she was transported, who shall by the Means of such Discovery be brought to condign Punishment.

And it having been further represented to his Majesty, that such Felons, and other Robbers and their Accomplices are greatly encouraged and harboured by Persons who make it their Business to keep Night-Houses, which as reported to by great Numbers of loose and disorderly People; and that the Gaming-Houses, as also the Shops where Geneva and other Spirits and strong Liquors are drunk to Excess, much contribute to the Corruption of the Morals of those of an inferior Rank; and to the leading them into these wicked Courses: His Majesty has commanded me to recommend it in His Name, in the strongest Manner, to His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and Liberty of Westminster, to employ their utmost Care and Vigilance in the preventing and suppressing of these Disorders; and that they do, in their several Parishes or other Divisions, hold frequent Petty Sessions for this Purpose, and call before them the High-Constable, Petty-Constables, and other proper Officers under their Direction, and give them the strictest Orders and Warrants from Time to Time, as there shall be Occasion, to search for and apprehend Rogues, Vagabonds, idle and disorderly Persons, in order to their being examined and dealt with according to the Statutes and Laws in that Behalf; and the said Justices are also to proceed according to Law, as well against all Persons harbouring such Offenders in their Houses, as against those that sell Geneva, or other Spirits and strong Liquors, who shall suffer Tipling in their Houses or Shops contrary to Law, and against such as keep common Gaming-Houses, or practise or encourage unlawful Gaming. And His Majesty having very much at Heart the Performance of this Service, wherein the Honour of His Government, the preserving of the Peace, and the Safety of His Majesty's Subjects are so much concerned, does

