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Middx. ff. *Ad general' Quarterial' Session' Pacis Dom' Regis tent' pro Com' Middx' apud Hicks-Hall in St. John's-Street, in Com' predict' per adjourn' die Luna, scil' Decimo Quarto Die Octobris, Anno Regni Domini Georgii secundi, nunc Regis Magnæ Britannie &c. secundo, coram Johanne Milner, Armig' Johanne Gouson, Milite, Thoma Woodcock, Jacobo Stewart, Temple Stanyan, Johanne Ellis de Denmark-Street, Johanne Battely, Armig' & aliis Sociis suis Justic' dict' Dom' Regis ad pacem in Com' præd' conservand' necnon ad divers' Felon' Transgr' et alia Malefacta in eodem Com' perpetrat' audiend' et terminand' assignat' &c.*

WHEREAS His most gracious Majesty, by a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Townshend, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, bearing Date the Eighth of this Instant October, hath been pleased to signify to the Justices of this County how much His Majesty is concerned at the frequent Robberies of late committed in the Streets of London, Westminster, and Parts adjacent; and that in order to prevent the same, Directions have been already given for the Payment of a Reward of Forty Pounds for every Felon returned from Transportation before his Term expired, by any Persons, who shall discover and cause such Felon to be apprehended and convicted. And it having been represented to His Majesty, that such Felons and other Robbers and their Accomplices; are encouraged and harboured by Persons who keep Night-Houses, and that the Gaming-Houses, and 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 Inferiour Rank, and to the leading them into these wicked Courses, His Majesty has been pleased, in His further Care and Regard to the Safety and Welfare of his Subjects, to recommend it, in the strongest Manner to the Justices of Peace of this County, to employ their utmost Care and Vigilance in the preventing and suppressing of these Disorders, and in bringing the Offenders to condign Punishment; and for that purpose to meet from Time to Time in their several Divisions, and cause frequent

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Searches to be made for the apprehending of Rogues, Vagabonds and other disorderly Persons. And His Majesty having very much at Heart the Performance of this Service; wherein the Honour of his Government and the Safety of His Subjects are so much concerned, is pleased also to require the said Justices in their respective Petty-Sessions and Meetings, to draw up in Writing, from Time to Time, an Account of their Proceedings; inserting therein the Names of the Justices who attend, and of the Peace-Officers whom they shall employ, taking particular Notice of the Zeal and Diligence of each of them in the Performance of his Duty; which Accounts are to be laid before His Majesty, that His Majesty being himself informed of their Behaviour, may bestow Marks of His Royal Bounty on such of the said Peace-Officers as shall remarkably distinguish themselves in this Service; not doubting that the Justices on their Part, will punish the negligent or corrupt with Rigour, as by Law they may.

His Majesty's Justices now assembled in this present General Quarter Sessions, having taken the Contents of the said Letter into their Consideration, and being unanimously determined to proceed with the utmost Vigour, Zeal and Diligence in the several Matters therein recommended to them, have thought fit, in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, and for the more effectual Execution of the same; and this Court doth order that it be, and it is hereby recommended and referred to John Milner, Esq; Sir John Gouson, Kt. Robert Thornhill, Thomas Woodcock, James Stewart, Temple Stanyan, John Ellis of Denmark-Street, Thomas Koe, John Mercer, Thomas Scott, George Cooke, Samuel Savill, John Battely, Henry Norris, Stephen Hall, John Oakey, Vanderech; Robert Tothill, Richard Newton, Joseph Hayne, Robert Jackson, Miles Bourke, Thomas Thayer, and William Yonge, Esqrs. Justices of the Peace for this County, and to such other Justices as shall think fit to be present, or any three or more of them; to assemble and meet together at Hick's Hall in St. John-Street, in this County, on Saturday the Twenty sixth Day of October Instant; at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and on Saturday in every Week afterwards, at the same Hour, so long as Occasion shall require;

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