

victed, which shall be taken with him or them ; but with a Saving of the Right of such Person or Persons from whom the same were before feloniously taken : And whereas by an Act of Parliament, made in the Ninth Year of his late Majesty King George the First, it is made Felony without Benefit of Clergy, wilfully and maliciously to shoot at any Person in any Dwelling-house or other Place : And whereas by another Act of Parliament, passed in the Seventh Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Assaults with Intent to commit Robbery, it is enacted, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the First Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty four, shall, with any offensive Weapon or Instrument, unlawfully and maliciously assault, or shall by Menaces, or in or by any forcible or violent Manner demand any Money, Goods or Chattles, of or from any other Person or Persons, with a felonious Intent to rob or commit Robbery upon such Person or Persons, that then, and in every such Case, all and every such Person or Persons so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be and be adjudged guilty of Felony ; and every such Offender and Offenders shall be subject and liable to be transported as in Cases of Felony ; and the Courts by and before whom he, she, or they shall be tried and convicted, shall have full Power and Authority of transporting such Offenders for the Space of Seven Years, upon the like Terms and Conditions, and by the same Ways and Means, and in the like Manner, as other Felons may or are to be transported to any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America, by Force or Virtue of any Law for that Purpose then in being ; And whereas we have received Information that frequent Murders, Robberies, and other Outrages, have of late been committed with open Force and Violence upon our good Subjects, passing and repassing in the publick Streets, Roads, and other Places in or near the Cities of London and Westminster, to the great Annoyance of our peaceable Subjects : And whereas one Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, was on the Twentieth of January last committed to the Prison of the Gatehouse in Westminster, on Suspicion of Felony, and the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, being so in Prison, divers Persons, to the Number of Twenty and upwards, armed with Pistols, Cutlasses, and other offensive Weapons, on the same Twentieth Day of January, in a forcible Manner did enter the said Prison, and did wilfully and maliciously assault, shoot at, and wound several Persons therein, and by Force and Violence took away and rescued the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, from the said Prison, in open Defiance of the Laws of this our Kingdom ; and several other Offenders, who have been taken into

Custody, have of late, with Force and Violence been rescued and set at Liberty by great Numbers of Armed Persons ; We therefore, out of a tender Concern for the Lives and Properties of our loving Subjects, and in order, if possible, for the Future, to prevent such wicked and detestable Practices, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and command, That the said Laws, and all other Laws, made for the Prevention and Punishment of Offences of this Sort, be duly put in Execution : And we do hereby strictly command and require all our Justices, Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, and Civil Officers whatsoever, and all other our loving Subjects, that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover and apprehend all such Persons as have been or shall be guilty of the Offences before mentioned, and that they do effectually put the said Laws in Execution ; and for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent in endeavouring to discover and apprehend all such Offenders, we do hereby promise and declare, That any Person or Persons, who shall discover and apprehend any Offender, who hath at any Time within three Months last past committed, or hereafter, within the Space of Fifteen Months from the Date hereof, shall commit any Murder whatsoever, or any Robbery, with open Force and Violence, in any Street, Highway, Road, Passage, Field, or open Place in the Cities of London or Westminster, or within Five Miles round the same, or shall discover and apprehend the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, or any of the said Persons who were concerned, or aiding and assisting in the Rescuing the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, so as the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, or any other of the said Offenders, so to be apprehended, be convicted of the said Offences, or any of them, shall have and receive for the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper, and each and every such other Offender so apprehended and convicted as aforesaid, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, over and above all other Rewards to which such Person or Persons may by any Act of Parliament be intituled ; which said Sum of One Hundred Pounds, for every such Person so apprehended and convicted as aforesaid, the Commissioners of our Treasury, or our High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf ; and if the Person so discovering and apprehending any such Persons as aforesaid, (except the Persons actually giving a Wound in any such Murder, and the said Thomas Jones, otherwise Harper) shall have been an Accomplice in any such Murder, Robbery, or Rescue, and by reason thereof shall stand in Need of our most
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