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Whitehall, January 30, 1749.

IT is thought necessary to republish the following Proclamation, in order to advertise the Publick, That his Majesty's Promise of a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend any Offender, who 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, so as any of the said Offenders, so to be apprehended, be convicted of the said Offences; and also the Promise of his Majesty's Pardon to any Person, that shall have been an Accomplice in any such Murder or Robbery, so discovering and apprehending any such Persons as aforesaid (except the Person actually giving a Wound in any such Murder) is now, and will continue in Force, until the First Day of May next ensuing.

By the KING,

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

G E O R G E R.

WHereas by an Act passed in the Fourth and Fifth Year of the Reign of their late Majesties King William and Queen Mary, intituled, An Act for the encouraging the Apprehending of Highwaymen, it is (amongst other Things) enacted, That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand six hundred ninety three, all and every Person and Persons who shall apprehend and take One or more Thieves or Robbers on the Highway, and prosecute him or them so apprehended and taken, until he or they be convicted of any Robbery committed in or upon any Highway, Passage, Field, or open Place, shall have and receive from the Sheriff or Sheriffs of the County where such Robbery and Conviction shall be made and done, without paying any Fee for the same, for every such Offender so convicted, the Sum of Forty Pounds, and also shall have and enjoy, to his or their Use and Behoof, the Horse, Furniture, and Arms, Money, or other Goods of the said Robber or Robbers so convicted, 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, in-

tituled, 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 Moneys, 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;

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