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AT the Court at St. James's the 20th Day of December, 1750,

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS his Majesty hath received Information, that divers wicked and desperate Persons, armed with Fire-Arms, Cutlages, Bludgeons, and other offensive Weapons, have of late appeared in the Publick Streets, Roads, and other Places in or near the Cities of London and Westminster, and have, in a daring and insolent Manner, and in open Defiance of the Laws, attacked, robbed, and wounded many of his Majesty's Subjects; His Majesty is therefore determined, not only to put the Laws, for the Punishment of all such Offenders, into the strictest Execution, but likewise to give Encouragement to such of his Subjects who shall assist therein, by discovering and bringing such Offenders to Justice: And whereas by an Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of his late Majesty King William the Third, a Reward of Forty Pounds is given to the Persons who shall apprehend and prosecute any Thief or Robber upon the Highway, or to their Executors or Administrators, in Case they themselves should happen to be killed in the apprehending them; to be paid by the Sheriff of the County, without Fee, within one Month after Conviction, on tendering a Certificate under the Hand of the Judge or Judges before whom such Person was tried and convicted:—And his Majesty being desirous of giving further Encouragement to the Discovery and Apprehending the Persons guilty of such Felonies, within or near the said Cities, hath thought fit, with the Advice of his Privy-Council, for the greater Protection of the Persons and Properties of his loving Subjects, hereby to promise and declare, That any Person or Persons, who shall discover and apprehend any Offender, who at any Time since the Twentieth of September last past, hath committed, or before the Twentieth Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and fifty-one, shall commit any Murder whatsoever, or any Robbery with open Force and Violence, or any Assault with any offensive Weapon or Instrument with Intent to

rob, 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 such Offender be convicted of the said Offences, or any of them, shall have and receive, for every such Offender so apprehended and convicted as aforesaid, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the said Sum of Forty Pounds, and all other Rewards, to which such Person or Persons may be intitled by Virtue of the said Act, or any other Act of Parliament: For the Payment of which Reward of One Hundred Pounds, his Majesty hath given the necessary Orders to the Lords Commissioners of his Treasury: And if the Person so discovering and apprehending any such Offender, (excepting the Person actually giving a Wound in any such Murder, Robbery, or Assault; his Majesty doth hereby further Promise and Declare, That such Person shall have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon: And his Majesty doth strictly charge and command, all his Justices of the Peace, Magistrates, and all other his Officers whatsoever, that they use their utmost Diligence and Endeavours, in their several Places and Stations, to discover and apprehend any such Offenders, upon Pain of his Majesty's highest Displeasure.

William Sharpe.

Petersbourg, Dec. 8. On the 5th Instant, being the Anniversary of the Empress's Accession to the Throne of this Empire, the same was celebrated at the Palace with great Magnificence. In the Morning her Imperial Majesty received the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction. At Noon she assisted at Divine Service in the Chapel of the Palace, when a general Discharge was made of the Cannon of the Fortress and of the Admiralty; and at Night she appeared in the Great Hall, dressed in the Uniform Habit of the Company of her Body Guards, and admitted all the Officers and Soldiers of that Company to kiss her Hand, who had afterwards the Honour of Supping at her own Table, the Foreign Ministers Supping at that of the Great Duke and Great Dutchess; on this Occasion there were Bonfires and Illuminations throughout the whole City.

Stockholm,

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