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AT the Council Chamber *Whitehall*, the 10th Day of *October* 1723.

P R E S E N T,

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in His Majesty's Privy-Council.

Whereas by An Act made in the last Session of Parliament, Entitled, An Act for the more effectual punishing Wicked and Evil disposed Persons going armed in Disguise, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Persons and Properties of His Majesty's Subjects, and for the more speedy bringing the Offenders to Justice; It is (amongst other things) Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, from and after the first Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Three, being armed with Swords, Fire Arms or other Offensive Weapons, and having his or their Faces blacked, or being otherwise disguised, should appear in any Forrest Chase, Park, Paddock or Grounds inclosed with any Wall, Pale or other Fence, wherein any Deer had been or should be usually kept, or in any Warren or Place, where Hares or Conies had been or should be usually kept, or in any high Road, open Heath, Common or Down, or should unlawfully and willfully hunt, wound, kill, destroy or steal any Red or Fallow Deer, or unlawfully rob any Warren or Place where Conies or Hares were usually kept, or should unlawfully steal or take away any Fish out of any River or Pond; or if any Person or Persons from and after the said First Day of June, should unlawfully and willfully hunt, wound, kill, destroy or steal any Red or Fallow Deer, fed or kept in any Places in any of His Majesty's Forrests or Chases, which were or should be inclosed with Pales, Rails or other Fences, or in any Park, Paddock or Grounds inclosed, where Deer had been or should be usually kept, or should unlawfully and maliciously break down the Head or Mound of any Fish Pond, whereby the Fish should be lost or destroyed; or should unlawfully and maliciously kill, maim or wound any Cattle, or cut down or otherwise destroy any Trees planted in any Avenue, or growing in any Garden, Orchard or Plantation, for Ornament, Shelter or Profit, or should set Fire to any House, Barn or Outhouse, or to any Hovel, Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay or Wood, or should willfully and maliciously shoot at any Person in any Dwelling-House or other Place, or should knowingly send any Letter without any Name subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison or other valuable Thing, or should forcibly rescue any Person, being lawfully in Custody of any Officer or other Person, for any of the Offences beforementioned; or if any Person or Persons should, by Gift or Promise of Money or other Reward, procure any of His Majesty's Subjects to joyn him or them in any such unlawful Act, every Person so offending, being thereof lawfully Convicted, should be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and should suffer Death as in Cases of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.— And whereas it is by the said Act further Enacted, That, for the more easy and speedy bringing the Offenders against the said Act to Justice, That if any Person or Persons should be charged with being Guilty of any of the Offences aforesaid, before any two or more of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County where such Offence or Offences were or should be committed, by Information of one or more credible Person or Persons upon Oath by him or them to be subscribed, such Justices; before whom such Information should be made, as aforesaid,

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should forthwith Certify under their Hands and Seals, and return such Information to one of the Principal Secretaries of State of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, who is by the said Act required to lay the same, as soon as conveniently might be, before His Majesty His Heirs or Successors, in His or Their Privy Council; whereupon it should and might be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors to make His or Their Order in His or Their said Privy-Council, thereby Requiring and Commanding such Offender or Offenders to surrender him or themselves, within the Space of Forty Days, to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Court of King's-Bench, or to any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to the End that he or they might be forthcoming to answer the Offence or Offences, wherewith he or they should so stand charged, according to due Course of Law; which Order should be Printed and Published in the next London Gazette, and should forthwith be Transmitted to the Sheriff of the County where the Offence should be committed, and should, within Six Days after the Receipt thereof, be proclaimed by him or his Officers between the Hours of Ten in the Morning and Two in the Afternoon, in the Market-Places, upon the respective Market-Days of two Market-Towns in the same County near the Place where such Offence should have been committed, and a true Copy of such Order should be affixed upon some Publick Place in such Market-Towns; and in Case such Offender or Offenders should not surrender him or themselves, pursuant to such Order of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors to be made in Council, as aforesaid, he or they so neglecting or refusing to surrender him or themselves, as aforesaid, should, from the Day appointed for his or their Surrender, as aforesaid, be adjudged, deemed and taken to be convicted and attainted of Felony and should suffer Pains of Death, as in Case of a Person convicted and attainted by Verdict and Judgment of Felony without Benefit of Clergy; and that it should be lawful to and for the Court of King's-Bench, or the Justices of Oyer and Terminer or General Goal Delivery for the County where the Offence should be Sworn in such Information to have been committed, upon producing to them such Order in Council, under the Seal of the said Council, to award Execution against such Offender and Offenders, in such Manner as if he or they had been convicted and attainted in the said Court of King's-Bench, or before such Justices of Oyer and Terminer or General Goal Delivery respectively, as by the said Act may more fully appear.— And whereas, in pursuance of the Statute in that Case made and provided, the Right Honble Robert Walpole, Esqr. one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, did this Day lay before their Excellencies the Lords Justices in His Majesty's Privy-Council, the Information of Henry Holt, Jeremiah Fenton, and William Croucher, being credible Persons, taken on their respective Oaths the Fourth Day of this Instant October at Hartford-Bridge in the County of Southampton, before Monoux Cope and Ellis St. John, Esqrs. two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Southampton, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided; which said Information was, by Certificate in Writing under the Hands and Seals of the said Monoux Cope and Ellis St. John, bearing date the said Fourth Day of this Instant October, certified, and by them returned to the said Robert Walpole, Esqr. being at the Time of making such Certificate

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