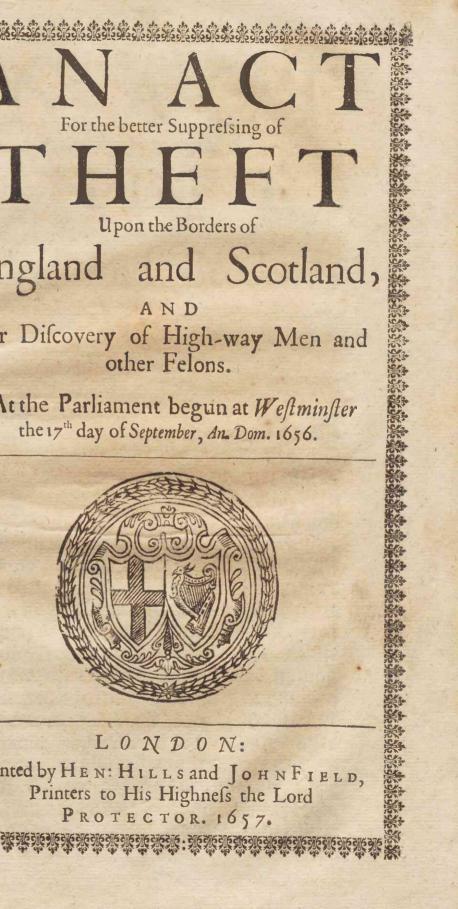


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For Discovery of High-way Men and other Felons.

At the Parliament begun at Westminster



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Upon the Borders of

England and Scotland,

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For Discovery of High-way Men and other Felons.



Pereas the Inhabitants of both Pations that live near to the Pountains, and in Dales, and Marith and other obscure places upon the Borders, having been long accustomed to Idleness and

Theft, whilest the two Pations were under several Governments, and cannot be brought off from their old evil and accustomed maner of Living, by reason of the scituation of their Pabitations and Dwellings near to the great Bogs and Pountains, and Large Waste Grounds between England and Scotland, having thereby such opportunity, not onely at home to hide themselves and their Prey or Booties of stollen Goods, but also of Conveyance over the said Bogs, Pountains and Large Wastes out of the Pation Where they commit these Felonies, into the other Pation, where their persons and stollen Goods are oftentimes shelz

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tered and received by persons of their own bad Quality and Confederacy, these Bordering People of both Pations thus serving each other by turns, so as it is very hard to bring these people to be responsible to Justice, or to get them apprehended upon Justices war= rants to be brought to Trial and Judgement, Whereby they remain much encouraged and emboldened to continue in that their base and look course of Living by Theft, to the great Infesting and Damage of the Boldering Counties of both Nations; Fo Remedy Whereof, Beit Enacted by his highness the Lord Protector and this mesent Parliament, and it is hereby Enacted and Dedained, That as to all the Bordering Counties and parts of England and Scotland, (viz.) The Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmerland, nz any parts of members of them, any of either of them, and the parts and places lying on the Porth-lide of the River of Tyne, commonly called and known by the names of Bedlingtonshire, Norhamshire and Islandshire, the Town and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and the Bounds thereof upon the English lide; The Counties or She= rufboins of Berwick, Roxbrough, Selkirk, Pebles, Wigton and Dumfreeze, upon the Scottish side; That it hail and may be lawful to and for the respective Justices of Peace Within any of the laid respective Counties, Shires and Sheriffdoms, Who also are hereby required that once a Bear at least, any two or more of them (Whereof one to be of the Quorum) do, and Chall hold a private Sellions for the ends and purpoles hereafter specified and declared, within all

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in such a condition as may hazard both, especially in this Conjuncture, when there seems to be an opportunity of coining to a Settlement upon just and legal foundations: Upon these Considerations, we have judged it a duty incumbent upon us, to present and Declare these our most just and necessary Desires to Pour Highness.

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That Pour Highnels will be pleased by and under the Pame and Stile of Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland, and the Dominions and Territories thereunto belonging, To hold and exercise the Office of Chief Magistrate of these Pations, and to Govern according to this Petition and Advice in all things therein contained, and in all other things according to the Laws of these Pations, and not other wise; That Pour Highnels will be pleased during Pour Life time, to Appoint and Declare the Person who shall immediatly after Pour Death, Succeed Pour in the Government of these Pations.

II.

That Pour Highnels will for the future be pleased to Call Parliaments consisting of Two Houses (in such maner and way as shall be more particularly afterwards agreed and Declared in this Petition and Advice) Once in three years at furthest, or oftner, as the Affairs of the Pation shall require, That being your great Council, and in whose Affection

ction and Advice, Pour Self and this People will be most safe and happy.

III.

That the ancient and undoubted Liberties and Priviledges of Parliament (which are the Birth-right and Inheritance of the People, and wherein every man is interested) be preserved and maintained. And that pour will not break or interrupt the same, nor suffer them to be broken or interrupted; And particularly, That those persons who are legally chosen by a free Election of the People to serve in Parliament, may not be excluded from sitting in Parliament to do their Duties, but by Judgement and Consent of that House whereof they are Pembers.

IV.

That those who have Advised, Assisted or Abetted the Rebellion of Ireland, and those who do or hall profess the Popish Religion, be disabled and made uncapable for ever to be elected, or to give any Note in the Election of any Dember to lit or serve in Parliament: And that all and every person and persons who have Aided, Abetted, Advised or Assisted in any war against the Parliament, since the first day of January, Dne thousand six hundred forty one (unless he or they have since born Arms for the Parliament or Pour Dighnels, or otherwise given signal Testimony of his or their good Affection to the Commonwealth. and continued faithful to the same) And all fuch as have been actually Engaged in any Plot, Conspiracy of Design against the perfon

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son of Pour Highnels, or in any Insurrection 02 Rebellion in England 02 Wales fince the Sixteenth day of December, One thousand six hundied fifty three, shall be for ever disabled and made uncapable to be elected, or give any vote in the Election of any Dember to lit or leeve in Parliament. That for Scotland none he cas pable to elect, or be elected to lit or serve in Parliament, who have been in Arms against the Parliament of England, or against the Parliament in Scotland before the First day of April Due thousand fir hundred forty eight, (except fuch as have fince born Arms in the Service of the Parliament of England or Pour Diahnels, or given other lignal Testimony of their good Affection) Nozany that lince the said first day of April, One thousand six hundred forty eight, have been in Arms, or otherwise Aided, Avetted, Advised or Assisted in any war against the Parliament of England or Pour Highnels, except such as since the first day of March, One thousand ür hundred fifty one (old flyle) have lived peaceably, and thereby given Lestimony of their good Affection to the Parliament and Pour Highnels.

Provided, That nothing in this Article contained, thall extend to put any Incapacity upon any English or Scotch Protestants in Ireland, either to elect or be elected to serve in Parliament, Who before the First day of March, One thousand six hundred forty nine, have born arms for the Parliament or Dour Highness, or otherwise given signal Testimony of their good Affection to this Common wealth, and continued faithful to the same; That all Unter and Elections, given or made

contrary, or not according to the Qualifications aforefaid, wall be void and of none effect; and that if any person or persons so uncapable as aforesaid, shall give his or their Clote for Election of Members to serve in Parliament; All and every such person and persons to Electing, shall lose and forfeit one pears value of his and their respective real Estates, and one full third part of his and their respective personal Estates, The one Popety thereof to pour Highnels, and the other Depety to him oz them who thall fue foz the same in any Court of Record by Action of Debt, Will, Plaint, or Information, where inno Essoign, Wager of Law, or Protection hall be allowed. And that the Persons who Mall be Elected to serve in Parliament, be fuch, and no other then such, as are persons of known Integrity, fearing God, and of good Conversation, and being of the Age of Twenty one Pears, and not fuch as are disabled by the Act of the Seventeenth pear of the late King, Entituled, An Act for Disenabling all perfons in Holy Orders, to Exercise any Temporal Jurisdiction or Authority, nor such as are Publique Ministers, or Publique Preachers of the Gospel. Not such as are guilty of any of the Offences mentioned in an Act of Parliament bear= ing Date the Ninth of August One thousand fix hundred and fifty, Entituled, An Act against several Atheistical, Blasphemous, and Execrable Opinions derogatory to the honor of God, and destructive to humane society; Do common scoffer not reviler of Religion, or of any per= fon or persons for professing thereof; No person that bath married or shall marry

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Assist, or any one of them in absence of the other, the Justices of Gaol-Delivery at their Gaol-Delivery at their Gaol-Delivery, or any four of them, or the Justices of Peace in their General or Quarter Sessions, or any four of them, upon due and mature Examination of the said Offence and Offences in open Sessions, and pregnant Proofs of the same, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to remand and send all and every such Offender and Offenders into the Nation of Scotland, there to receive their Tryal for any the Offences aforesaid by them there committed.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That if at any time or times hereafter any person or persons chall commit any Offence or Offences within the Nation of England, which by the Laws of the Nation of Scotland 1502 Chall be declared or adjudged to be Petty Treason, Hurther, Man-Aaughter, Felonious burning of Houses and Corn, Burglary, Robbing of houses by day, Robbery, Theft, or Rape, and do or thall flie or escape into the Pation of Scotland, and be, or Chall be apprehended within any of the said Counties or Sheriffooms of Berwick, Roxbrough, Selkirk, Pebles, Dumfreeze 02 Wigton, That then it shall and may be lawful for the Judges in Criminal Caules, or any one of them, the Justices of Peace for the respective Shires or Sheristooms, or any four of them, upon due and mature Examination of the said Diffence and Offences in open Sellions, and pregnant Proofs of the same, by warrant under their Hands and Seals, to remand and send all and every such Df=

Offender and Offenders into the Nation of England, there to receive their Tryal for any the Offences aforesaid by them there committed.

And for the better and more effectual Disco= very and Prosecution of Thieves and High= Way Den, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That such person or persons who thall at any time from and after the four and twentieth of July. One thousand fix hundred fifty seven, discover to any Justice of Peace oz any other Officer of Justice, any person that hath committed, or chall commit within England, Scotland or Ireland, any Robberr on the High-way or Burglary, or that hath or chall feloniously break oven any Divelling house, or felonicully enter into any such House, or there use any violence upon any person, or steal any Money or Goods, and Chall apprehend or cause to be apprehended such Offender, upon conviction of such Offender so apprehended upon such Discovery, chall have a Reward of Ten pounds for every such Offender so apprehends ed and convicted; and all and every Speciff and Sheriffs of the respective Counties or Sheristooms where such conviction thail be had, be required upon the Certificate of the Judge, or under the hands of two or more Jutices of the Peace before whom such conviction shall be had, to pay unto such person or persons who shall discover and apprehend such Offender, or upon whose Discovery such Offender chall be apprehended, the Reward afores said of Ten pounds for every Offender so ap= prehended and convicted, out of the Publique Moneys

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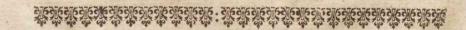
Moneys received by him in that County, and the same shall be alowed unto him upon his

Accompt in the Exchequer.

And be it further Enacted and Declared, That any person of persons that thall discover any Felon of Felons (commonly called of known by the name of Moss-Troopers, residing upon the Borders of England and Scotland, of any Tories in Ireland) Who upon such Discovery thall be apprehended and convicted of any common Felony (Petty Larceny onely excepted) thall upon the said Conviction have the like encouragement of Ten pounds; And all Sherists of the respective Counties where the Fact thall be committed, and the party convicted, thall make payment thereof accordingly.

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