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A LETTER SENT FROM HIS
MAJESTY

To the high Sheriffes of the Counties of Yorke, Lincolne, Stafford, Derby, Che-
ster, Lancaster, Nottingham, Westmorland, Cumberland, Northumberland
and the Bishoprick of Durham, &c.

Whereas by Letters Patents under Our great Seale of *England*, We have gran-
ted unto Sir *George Wentworth* the Office of Receiver of Our Revenew, arising
by the forfeitures of Popish Recufants, in the Northerne Counties, thereby au-
thorizing him to receive, and take up in Our name, and to Our use all the Rents
and forfeitures due and payable to Us, for or in respect of Recufancy, or Conviction of any
person or persons whatsoever, or by force of any Act or Acts of Parliament made against Recu-
fants notwithstanding; which, as we are informed, you have not onely taken upon you to dis-
charge Recufants within that County, from paying their Rents and forfeitures into Our Re-
ceipt at *Torke*, to our said Receiver, or his Deputy, but pretend they have no power to receive
the same: thereby making Our Grant of no effect: Which having taken into Our Princely con-
sideration, and foreseeing that by this meanes Our Revenew will not onely be impaired; but if
timely redresse be not applied, may be in danger to be destroyed and lost; We have thought
good, and by these presents require and command you, that from henceforth you forbear, up-
on any pretence whatsoever, to receive the said Forfeitures or Compositions for Recufancy, or
to hinder the said Sir *George* or his Deputies in receiving or collecting the same, according to his
said Grant, untill Our pleasure therein be further made knowne.

Given at Our Court at Yorke quinto die Maii; 1642.

BY THE KING

A Proclamation for putting the Laws against Popish Recufants in due execution.

THE Kings most excellent Majesty, having been formerly moved by his Parliament,
for putting the Laws in execution against Papists, whereto He hath from time to
time still given His gracious Answers, expressing his willingnesse therunto: But now
finding, that no such proceedings against them have been yet had, as might answer
His Majesties expectation: His Majesty therefore, out of His Princely and pious care, as well
for maintaining the true Protestant Religion, established in this Kingdom, as for suppressing by
lawfull wayes, all increase and growth of Popery; Hath thought fit to publish His Royall
Pleasure therein: Wherefore His Majesty doth hereby straitly charge and command, all and
every His Judges and Justices of Assize, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, and other His Officers and Mi-
nisters whatsoever, whom it doth any way concern, That they, and every of them, according to
the duties of their severall Offices and Places, do forthwith, and without further delay, put in
due and effectual execution the Lawes and Statutes of this Realm, provided and made against
Popish Recufants; and that without favour or connivence; As they tender His Majesties just
and Royall Commands, the good of this Church and Kingdome, and will answer for neglect of
their duties herein.

Die Martis, 20. Maii, 1642.

It is this day Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, That the
Magazines of the severall Counties in England and Wales, shall be forthwith put
into the power of the Lord Lieutenants of the said Counties, respectively, (being
such as the Parliament doth confide in) for the Service, and safety of His Majesty and
his Kingdom.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That this Order shall be Printed and Published.

Joh. Brown, Cler. Parl.

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