

By His EXCELLENCY

GUY CARLETON,

Captain-general and Governor in Chief, in and over the Province of Quebec, and the Territories depending thereon in America, Vice-admiral of the same, and Major-general of His Majesty's Forces, Commanding the Northern District, &c. &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION.



HEREAS a Rebellion prevails in many of His Majesty's Colonies in *America*, and particularly in some of the neighbouring ones; AND WHEREAS many of the aforesaid Rebels, have with an armed Force made Incursions of late into this Province, attacking and carrying away from thence a Party of His Majesty's Troops, together with a Parcel of Stores and a Vessel belonging to His Majesty, and are at present actually invading this Province with Arms in a traitorous and hostile manner, to the great Terror of His Majesty's Subjects, and in open Defiance of his Laws and Government, falsely and maliciously giving out, by themselves and their Abettors, that the Motives for so doing, are to prevent the Inhabitants of this Province from being taxed and oppressed by Government, together with divers other false, and seditious Reports, tending to inflame the Minds of the People and alienate them from His Majesty: To the end therefore that so treasonable an Invasion may be soon defeated, that all such Traitors with their said Abettors may be speedily brought to Justice, and the publick Peace and Tranquility of this Province again restored, which the ordinary Course of the Civil Law is at present unable to effect, I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation, hereby declaring that, until the aforesaid good Purpose can be attained, I shall, in virtue of the Powers and Authority to me given by His Majesty, execute MARTIAL LAW, and cause the same to be executed throughout this Province, and to that End I shall order the Militia within the same to be forthwith raised; but as a sufficient number of Commissions to the several Officers thereof cannot be immediately made out I shall in the mean time direct all those having any Militia Commissions from the Hon. *Thomas Gage*, the Hon. *James Murray*, *Ralph Burton*, and *Frederick Haldimand*, Esquires, heretofore His Majesty's Governors in this Province, or either of them, to obey the same, and execute the Powers therein mentioned, until they shall receive Orders from me to the Contrary; And I do accordingly in His Majesty's Name hereby Require and Command all His Subjects in this Province, and others whom it may concern, on Pain of Disobedience, to be aiding and assisting to such commissioned Officers, and others who are or may be commissioned by me, in the Execution of their said Commissions for His Majesty's Service.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal of Arms at Montreal, this Ninth Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, in the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith, and so forth.

GUY CARLETON.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,

H. T. CRAMAHÉ.

GOD save the KING.

