

**90. PUNISHMENT OF RIOT.**—Every rioter is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment with hard labour. 55-56 V., c. 29, s. 82.

Fine and sureties, section 1058.

**91. READING THE RIOT ACT.**—It is the duty of every sheriff, deputy sheriff, mayor or other head officer, and justice, of any county, city or town, who has notice that there are within his jurisdiction persons to the number of twelve or more unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assembled together to the disturbance of the public peace, to resort to the place where such unlawful, riotous and tumultuous assembly is, and among the rioters, or as near to them as he can safely come, with a loud voice to command or cause to be commanded silence, and after that openly and with loud voice to make or cause to be made a proclamation in these words or to the like effect:—

PROCLAMATION.—Our Sovereign Lord the King charges and commands all persons being assembled immediately to disperse and peaceably to depart to their habitations or to their lawful business, upon the pain of being guilty of an offence on conviction of which they may be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

‘GOD SAVE THE KING.’

55-56 V., c. 29, s. 83.

The omission of “God Save the Queen” is fatal. *R. v. Child*, 4 C. & P. 442. See sections 48, 49 and 50. Also *Archbold*, 955.

**92. PENALTY.**—All persons are guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for life who,—

(a) PREVENTING PROCLAMATION.—With force and arms wilfully oppose, hinder or hurt any person who begins or is about to make the said proclamation, whereby such proclamation is not made; or,

(b) NOT DISPERSING.—Continue together to the number of twelve for thirty minutes after such proclamation has been made, or if they know that its making was hindered as aforesaid, within thirty minutes after such hindrance. 55-56 V., c. 29, s. 83.

Limitation, one year, section 1140. *R. v. Pinney* (1832), 3 B. & Ad. 947, 5 C. & P. 254; *R. v. Kennett*, 5 C. & P. 282; *R. v. Neale*, 9 C. & P. 431; *R. v. Vincent*, 9 C. & P. 91; *R. v. James*, 5 C. & P. 153.