



BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
SAMUEL WARD KING,

GOVERNOR, CAPTAIN GENERAL, AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE STATE OF RHODE-ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS sundry persons, citizens of this State or residents within the same, are conspiring and confederating to usurp the Government thereof:—are deceiving and seducing honest and well meaning citizens under various pretences, to engage in said criminal enterprize contrary to the laws in such case made and provided:

And whereas the General Assembly of our said State, at the Session holden on the fourth Monday of March last, passed and enacted the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor, be requested to issue his proclamation to the good people of this State, exhorting them to give no aid or countenance to those, who in violation of the law, may attempt to set up a government in opposition to the existing government of this State, and calling upon them to support the constituted authorities for the preservation of the public peace, and in the execution of those laws on which the security of all depends.

I do therefore issue this my Proclamation, warning and admonishing all faithful citizens who have been led without due knowledge or consideration to participate in the said unlawful enterprize, to withdraw from the same without delay : and requiring also all persons whomsoever, engaged or concerned in the same, to cease all further proceedings therein, as they will answer the contrary at their peril :

And I hereby enjoin and require all Judges, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, and Constables, and all Military Officers, within their respective departments, and according to their several functions, to be vigilant and firm in detecting and bringing to condign punishment all persons engaged or concerned in such enterprise.

AND FURTHERMORE, I do hereby exhort all the good people of this State, that they give no countenance to said unlawful enterprize, but that they do by their advice and example, aid and support the civil authority in its exertions to suppress all unlawful combinations and maintain the peace and dignity of the State.



IN TESTIMONY whereof, I have caused the seal of said State to be affixed to these Presents, and have signed the same with my hand. Given at the City of Providence, on the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the sixty-sixth.

SAMUEL WARD KING.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND :

HENRY BOWEN, Secretary of State.