

they were detained by your Majesty's Special Command, signified by the Lords of your Privy Council, and yet were returned back to several Prisons without being charged with anything, to which they might make answer according to the Law.

6. Whereas of late great Companies of Soldiers and Mariners have been dispersed into divers Counties of the Realm, and the Inhabitants against their Wills, have been compell'd to receive them in their Houses, and there to suffer them to sojourn against the Laws and Customs of this Realm, and to the great Grievance and Vexation of the People.

7. And whereas also by Authority of Parliament, and in the Five and twentieth Year of the Reign of King Edward the Third, it is declared and enacted, That no Man shall be forejudged of Life and Limb against the form of the Great Charter and Law of the Land; (2.) And by the said Great Charter, and other the Laws and Statutes of this your Realm, no Man ought to be judged to Death, but by the Laws established in this your Realm, either by the Customs of the Realm, or by Acts of Parliament: (3.) And whereas no Offender of what kind soever, is exempted from the Proceedings to be used, and Punishments to be inflicted by the Laws and Statutes of this your Realm; nevertheless, of late divers Commissions under your Majesty's Great Seal have issued forth, by which certain Persons have been assigned and appointed Commissioners, with Power and Authority to proceed within the Land, according to the Justice of Martial Law, against such Soldiers and Mariners, or other dissolute Persons joining with them, as should commit any Murder, Robbery, Felony, Mutiny, or other Outrage or Misdemeanour whatsoever, and by such summary Course and Order as is agreeable to Martial Law, and as is used in Armies in time of War, to proceed to the Tryal and Condemnation of such Offenders, and them cause to be executed and put to Death, according to the Law Martial.

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