

gained by his Majesty's Officers, and drinking or
offering to drink, the Pretenders Health, and there-
fore desires the opinion of the Board whether it
may not be fit, to caution the Magistrates and
Sheriffs, of the respective Counties, especially at
this time, when there seems to be divers motions
sent out in Great Britain, carefully to observe
the Behaviour of such persons, & upon finding
or suspecting any persons, in their respective
Counties, to be disaffected to his Majesty's Government,
and to show themselves as such by their evil, to tender
them the Oath &c. On refusal whereof they
^{cause them to} shall find good Sarcies, for their good Behaviour,
or commit them, to the County Gaol.

To which all the Members of this Board, do
unanimously answer, that they think such Cau-
tion, and Directions, from his Excellency to the
several Magistrates, and Sheriffs, is very advisable,
^{absolutely} necessary at this time, for preserving the
safety and ^{good} government of the Province.

That his Excellency was pleased to ask, the
Advice of the Board, after what particular manner,
such Writings and Orders, should be issued to the
S. Sheriffs and Magistrates, to which the Members
of the Board say they think it most advisable, to
be done by Proclamation.

And this Proclamation being prepared, & read
as follows, was forthwith issued

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