

James I

Rustie and wellbelovyd we greete you well. Whereas we are credibly informed that our Decree in our Forrest of Galtres are very much
 destroyed and spoiled by diverse inhabitants and bordering neighbours to the said Forrest and some of them persons of base and meane Condition whoe doe
 keepe Greyhoundes to the greates hunt and spoyle of our saide Game which wee are and have been soe carefull to preserve for our pleasure. Also wee are further
 informed that diverse gent of good quality doe keepe Greyhoundes which either by negligence permission or Compyvaunt doe permitt persons of the base
 sorte and meaneer quality to hunt with them Greyhoundes and destroy our Deer within our saide Forrest which Greyhoundes beinge taken or apprehended
 by such as have charge of our saide Forrest by our appointment. The owners and possessors of such Greyhoundes doe dysclaime them or collobable alledge
 that they were stolne from their houses without their privity or knowledge. Therefore our will and pleasure is that the possessors and owners of the saide Greyhoundes
 shalbe presented in our Courte of Justice as principall Offenders and offenders in that kinde as if they were hunting and killing of our Deer with their own
 Greyhoundes in proper person. And for the further prevention of the saide disorders wee have thought good to appointe and authorise from tyme to tyme the M^r
 of our saide Game for the tyme beinge or his Deputie with the keepers to enquire and make searche in all suspected places and to hangre kill and dispose all their
 pleasure all such Greyhoundes kept by any person or persons within such boundes or limits as are prohibited by our Forrest Lawes. And if they fynde any
 person or persons that notwithstandinge this signification of our pleasure shall continue to keepe such Greyhoundes within the boundes and privitys afore sayde
 then our further pleasure is that forthwith you certifie to the names of such offenders whome our pleasure is shalbe severely punished as contemptors of
 our Lawes and authority. And whereas wee are further given to vnderstande that the M^r of our Game and keepers of our saide Forrest have heretofore
 permitted our Warrantes and see Decree to be kylled with Greyhoundes to the neglect of Woodmanship by which negligence and wante of due performancie
 of their duties in their severall charges there hath been many unaccountable Decree kylled in our saide Forrest to the no little spoyle and destruction of our
 saide Game. For remedy wherof our will and pleasure is and wee straightly charge and commaunde the M^r of our Game and keepers of our saide Forrest for the
 tyme beinge and that hereafter for the tyme shalbe that they doe not suffer nor permit any Decree given by Warrant or see Decree to be kylled with Greyhoundes
 at any tyme hereafter butt when the M^r of the Game is present or by his speciall license and that upon earnest sute and request of gentlemen of good quality
 for their better recreation and pleasure. As also wee appointe and authorise our officers and keepers of our saide Forrest to have one Annall for every severall see
 Decree or other Decree kylled by speciall Warrant or of what kinde soever as their proper fees due by our appointments for their better maintenance. And
 that our will and pleasure hereon may be the better knowne wee therefore have thought fytt to will and commaunde the M^r of our Game or his Deputie to
 repaire to every Minister of Preacher and Parson of every severall Parishes within the privitys of our saide Forrest and bordering Counties adjoyninge
 thereunto requiringe them and every of them to publishe this our will and pleasure at their severall assemblies soe often as there shalbe cause for the better
 avoydinge of their contempts and our further displeasure hereon. And thers our Letters shalbe your sufficient Warrant and discharge in this behalfe as
 given vnder our Signett at Eal. Bury the xij day of August in the eighth yere of our reigne of England France and Ireland and
 of Scotland the fourth and fifteenth.



This contentedly your Ma^{ty} Warrant for
 aprehending of all such greyhoundes as shall
 be kept within the privitys of the Forrest of
 Galtres as is prohibited by the Forrest Lawes

To our trusty wellbelovyd Thomas Lion King of France and of England
 and M^r of the game in the Forrest of Galtres in the County of York.

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