

James I

Pursue and well beloved we greet you well Whereas we are credibly informed That our Deer in our Forrest of Galtrius are very much
decreased and spoiled by diverse inhabitants and bordering neighbours to the said Forrest and some of them persons of base and mean condition who do
keep Greyhounds to the great hurt and spoile of our said Game which we are and have been so careful to preserve for our pleasure Also we are further
informed that diverse gent of good quality do keep Greyhounds which either by negligence permission or compaunt do permit persons of the baser
sorte and meaner quality to hunt with them Greyhounds and destroy our Deer within our said Forrest which Greyhounds being taken or apprehended
by such as have charge of our said Forrest by our appointment The owners and possessors of such Greyhounds do displaye them or collumellic alleadge
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 said Greyhounds
shalbe presented in our Countie of Insure as principall Offenders and offenders in that kinde as if they were hunting and killing of our Deer with their own
Greyhounds in proper person And for the further prevention of the sayde disorders we have thought good to appointe and authorise from tyme to tyme the M^r
of our said Game for the tyme beinge or his Deputie with the keepers to enquire and make searche in all suspected places and to hangre list and dispose att their
pleasure all such Greyhounds 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 shalbe continue to keep such Greyhound within the boundes and prerogatives afore sayde
Then our further pleasure is That forthwith you certifye the names of such offenders whome our pleasure is shalbe severely punished as contemptors of
our Lawes and authority And whereas we are further given to understande That the M^r of our Game and keepers of our said Forrest have hitherto
permitted our Warrants and see Deere to be killed with Greyhounds to the neglect of Woodmanship by which negligence and wante of due performancie
of their duties in their severall charges there hath been many unwarrantable Deere killed in our said Forrest to the no little spoile and destruction of our
said Game For remedy wherof Our will and pleasure is and we straightly charge and commaunde the M^r of our Game and keepers of our said Forrest for the
tyme beinge and that hereafter for the tyme shalbe That they do not suffer nor permit any Deere given by Warrant or see Deere to be killed with Greyhounds
att any tyme hereafter butt when the M^r of the Game is present or by his speciall license and that upon earnest suite and request of gentlemen of good quality
for their better recreation and pleasure As also we appointe and authorise our officers and keepers of our said Forrest to have one Amattell for every severall see
Deere or other Deere killed 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 herein may be the better knowne we therefore have thought fitt to will and commaunde the M^r of our Game or his Deputie to
repayre to every Mynstre p^rcurator and Parson of every severall Church within the prerogatives of our said Forrest and bordering Counties adjoyninge
therunto requiringe them and every of them to publishe this our will and pleasure att their severall assemblies so often as there shalbe cause for the better
avoidinge of their contempts and our further displeasure herein And thereto our Letters shalbe your sufficient Warrant and discharge in this behalfe
Given under our Signett at Ealingbury the eight day of August in the eighth yere of our reigne of England France and Ireland and
of Scotland the fourth and fiftie

This contenteth your Ma^{ty} Warrant for
apprehending of all such greyhounds as shall
be kept within such countie of the Forrest of
Galtrius as is prohibited by the Forrest Lawes

To our trusty well beloved Thomas Lion King of France of the gent of the city of Paris
and M^r of the game in the Forrest of Galtrius in the County of York