

By the Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

A PROCLAMATION.

EGLINTON AND WINTON.

WHEREAS We have been given to understand that Societies or Associations of Persons exist in several parts of Ireland, the Members of which are bound together by Oaths or Obligations of a Seditious or Treasonable character:

And whereas many unwary Persons may have been induced to become Members of, or otherwise to connect themselves with such Societies without being fully aware of the Penalties which they have thereby incurred.

Now, therefore, for the information of all Persons concerned, and for the better Prevention and Suppression of all such Societies or Associations, We, the Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland, do hereby declare and make it known, that all Societies or Bodies of Persons associated under the pretended obligation of Oaths unlawfully administered, are illegal, and that any Person who shall Administer or be concerned in Administering any Oath or Engagement, binding or importing to bind the party taking the same to belong to, or be connected with any such Society or Association, or to aid or abet the unlawful objects or purposes thereof, and every Person who shall unlawfully take the same, shall be guilty of Felony.

And all Persons belonging to or Members of any such Society or Association, or maintaining correspondence therewith, or with any Officer or Member thereof, as such, are guilty of an unlawful Combination and Confederacy, and may be punished accordingly.

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And We do hereby caution and forewarn all Persons against becoming or being or continuing to be Members of, or in any way connected with any such Society or Association, under whatever pretence or pretext, or with whatever object or purpose the same may have been founded or established, or profess to be continued or conducted.

And We do hereby announce and declare, that it is Our firm determination to use all the means in Our power for the suppression of such Societies and Associations, and for the Punishment of the Persons belonging thereto.

Accordingly We solemnly admonish and require all peaceable and loyal subjects, to the utmost of their power, to discountenance such Societies or Assemblies, and to be aiding and assisting the Magistrates, Constables, and other Authorities in the suppression of the same, and in the detecting and bringing to justice of those who shall be found to belong thereto, or be connected therewith.

And for the better carrying into effect these Our intentions and purposes aforesaid, We do hereby offer a Reward of

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS

for such Information as will lead to the Conviction of any of the Persons who shall have administered any such Oath; and a Reward of

FIFTY POUNDS

for such Information as will lead to the Conviction of any of the Persons who shall be found to be Members of, or in anywise connected with, any of the aforesaid Societies.

Given at Her Majesty's Castle of Dublin,
the 3rd day of December, 1858.

By His Excellency's Command,

NAAS.