

# By the Queen.

Elizabeth, by the Grace of God, of England, France & Ireland  
Queen, Defender of the Faith &c. To our Trusty and right well beloved Sir  
Rich. Bulkeley Kt. sir New Griffith Kt. Ellis Price Esq. &c. in Council now  
one of our Council in our Marches of Wales, W<sup>m</sup>. Mostyn, Iorwerth Lloyd of  
Yale, John Salisbury of Pking, Price Thomas, Maurice Wynd, W<sup>m</sup>.  
Lewis, Pierce Mostyn, Coem Mor ap Howell Fychan, John William  
ap John, John Lewis Owen, Morris Griffith, Symond Thelwall, John  
Griffith, Ellis ap W<sup>m</sup>. Lloyd, Robert Bulkeley, Harry ab Aros, W<sup>m</sup>. Gynn  
and New Hugh Esquires and to every of them greeting. Whereas it  
is now come to the knowledge of the Lord President & other our Council  
in our Marches of Wales, that vagrant & idle persons naming —  
themselves Minstrels, Minstresses & Barts, are lately grown into such  
an intolerable multitude within the principality of North Wales  
that not only Gentlemen and others by their shambles disorders, are  
often times disquieted in their habitation but also the expert Minstrels  
and Musicians in Tonge & Chymys thereby much discouraged to travail  
in the exercise and practice of their knowledge, and also make little hindered  
Livings and performances. The reformation whereof & the putting of these  
people in order the Lord President & Council have thought very  
necessary. And knowing you to be men both of wisdom and upright  
dealing, and also of experience & good knowledge in the science, I have  
appointed and authorized you to be Commissioners for that purpose  
And forasmuch as our S<sup>r</sup>. Council of late travailing in some part  
of this Principality had perfect understanding by credibla report  
that his accustomed place for the execution of this like Commission,  
hath been heretofore at Llyndas in our County of Flint, and that  
W<sup>m</sup>. Mostyn Esq. and his ancestors have had the gift of bestowing  
the Silver Harp appertaining to the chiefe of that Country and  
that a year's warning at the least hath been accustomed to be  
given of the Assembly & Execution of the like Commission; Our  
Council have therefore appointed the execution of this Commission  
to be at the S<sup>r</sup>. Town of Caernarfon, the monday next after the Fast of  
the blessed Trinity, which shall be in the year of our Lord 1568 And  
therefore we require and command you by the authority  
of these presents, not only to cause open proclamations to be made  
in all Fairs, Market Towns, and other places of assembly,

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