

By the Lord Lieutenant and Council of Ireland,

A PROCLAMATION

WELLESLEY,

**W**HEREAS We have received Information upon Oath, that on the Night of the Fifth day of June Instant, Richard Crofts, Esq. of Kilclonsagh, or Ballybeg, in the County of Cork, was fired at and killed at the Door of his Dwelling-house, by some person or persons unknown, one of whom previously demanded a Sum of Ten Pounds from the said Richard Crofts for Captain Rock.

Now We, the Lord Lieutenant and Council, being determined, as far as in Us lies, to bring the Persons concerned in the said barbarous Murder, and every of them, to speedy and condign Punishment, do hereby publish and declare, that if any person or persons shall, within the space of Six Calendar Months from the date hereof, discover the Persons concerned in the Murder of the said Richard Crofts, so as that they or any of them be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence, such person or persons, so discovering, shall receive as a Reward the Sum of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, for each and every of the first Five Persons who may be discovered, apprehended, and convicted of the same.

And in order to induce any of the Accomplices in the said Murder to make discovery thereof, We do hereby offer His Majesty's most gracious Pardon to any of the said Accomplices (except the Person or Persons who actually fired at the said Richard Crofts, and those actually present, aiding, abetting and assisting, in the said Murder) who shall give information, so as that the others or any of them may be apprehended and prosecuted to Conviction, and so as said last-mentioned discovery shall be made within the Space of Two Calendar Months from the date hereof.

And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and all other His Majesty's loving Subjects, to be aiding and assisting in apprehending all and every of the Person or Persons who was or were concerned in the uforesaid Murder, or in instigating the same, so as that he or they may be apprehended for the same, according to Law.

Given at the Council Chamber in Dublin, the  
11th day of June, 1823.

Manners, C. Norbury. Downes. Combermere.  
Charles Bushe. G. Knox. Wm. M'Mahon.  
S. O'Grady. J. Radcliff.

GOD save the KING.

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