

PROCLAMATION

27 May 1651

For as much as the Inhabitants of Paul's church-yard are much disturbed by the soldiers and others calling out to passengers and examining them (though they go peaceably and civilly along), and by playing at nine pins at unseasonable hours. These are therefore to command all soldiers and others whom it may concern that hereafter there shall be no examining and calling out to persons that go peaceably on their way, unless they do approach their guards, and likewise to forbear playing at nine pins and other sports from the hour of nine of the clock in the evening till six in the morning, that so persons that are weak and indisposed to rest may not be disturbed. Given under our hands the day and year above written.

W. Sparrow Simpson, ed., *Documents Illustrating the History of S. Paul's Cathedral* (Westminster: Camden Society, 1880):150.