

do essentially depend; We have thought fit, with the Advice of Our said Council, to direct a Quantity of Land, not exceeding Eight Hundred Acres, to be reserved in such Parts of every Parish in each Island respectively, as are not adapted for Sugar Plantations, for the Accommodation of poor Settlers, to be divided into Lots, of not less than Ten, nor more than Thirty Acres each: And We do hereby further publish and declare, that the said Allotments are to be granted in Fee Simple, under the Seal of Our said Islands, to such poor Protestants as shall apply for the same, in Proportion to their respective Abilities to cultivate the said Lands; and subject to the following Conditions; that is to say,

That each Grantee shall, at the Expiration of four Years from the Date of the Grant, pay a Quit-Rent to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, of Six-pence per Acre, for every Acre then cleared, and a Penalty of Two Shillings per Acre, for every Acre of Land un-cleared; which said Penalty of Two Shillings per Acre shall be reduced to Six-pence per Acre, as the Land shall be cleared; and in Case of Failure of such Rent and Penalty, the Grantee shall be subject to the further Penalty of the Payment of Five Pounds for every Acre, for which such Quit-Rent shall not be paid.

That each Grantee shall enter upon and occupy the Land within Three Months from the Date of the Grant; and shall continue to occupy and improve the same, for Twelve successive Months, from the Time of such first Settlement.

That the Lands shall, for the Space of Seven Years, be unalienable by Sale, nor shall the same be let, set or assigned over during the same Term, otherwise than to the Use and Benefit of any Child or Children of such original Settler, without especial Licence in Writing first had and obtained, from the Chief Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Islands for the Time being; and in Case of Failure or Default in either of the two last mentioned Conditions, the Grant to be void.

And We do hereby further publish and declare, that all Grants made of the said Allotments for poor Settlers, as also all Grants made of Town and Pasture Lots of cleared and un-cleared Lands, shall be absolute and final.

That in all Grants to be made of Allotments for Plantations and Town and Pasture Lots, and of Lands for poor Settlers, there shall be a Reservation to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, of all Mines of Gold and Silver.

And We do hereby further publish and declare, that the first Sale of Lands shall be in the Month of June next, if the Surveys can be made so soon; due Notice of which, as also of the Place of Sale, will be given by Our Commissioners appointed as aforesaid, for the Disposal of the said Lands.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twentieth Day of *March*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-four, in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the K I N G.

St. James's, April 7, 1764.

THE Merchants, and others, who have delivered into the Office of the Earl of Halifax, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a Designation of the Ships which they respectively purpose to send to the Islands restored to France in the West Indies, to bring away their Effects from thence, to the End that Passports might be obtained from the Court of France for the said Ships, pursuant to the 8th Article of the late Definitive Treaty, and who, in Pursuance of the last Advertisement, have delivered in the Name of the Port in that particular Island to which the said Ships respectively are first in-

tended to proceed, are hereby desired to take Notice, that the said Passports are now ready to be delivered to them at his Lordship's said Office, together with the Passports which His Majesty is pleased to grant to the said Ships for the same Voyage.

St. James's, March 31.

INformation having been given, that several of His Majesty's Subjects, in the underwritten List particularly mentioned, have been for a considerable Time, and are now detained in France as Hostages for the Payment of Ransom Bills, which have not yet been satisfied; These are to give Notice, that in Case such Ransom-Bills are not forthwith discharged, Prosecutions will be commenced in His Majesty's Court of Admiralty against all Masters, Owners, and others, unjustly refusing or neglecting to pay the Sums of Money stipulated for the Release of those unfortunate Persons, who have suffered so long an Imprisonment.

List of Hostages for English Ransoms, detained in French Prisons.

<i>Names of Hostages, and where detained.</i>	<i>Names of Ships ransomed, and when taken.</i>	<i>Ransoms for Ships taken.</i>
Alexander Faulkener, at Dunkirk,	Margaret of Dundee, 3d April, 1759,	285 Guineas.
Robert Sutherland, at Dunkirk,	Friends Goodwill, 18th April, 1760,	350 Guineas.
Francis Kipps, at Brest,	Hercules, about 3 Years ago,	Not specified.
Francis Newton, at St. Maloes,	Hope, 7th Sept. 1760,	312 Guineas.
John Henry Carey, at Rochelle,	Dreadnought, 9th April, 1761,	300l. Sterling.
Henry Constant, at Bourdeaux,	Dove, 18th Jan. 1762,	30,000 Livres Tournois.
John Turner, at Bourdeaux,	The Desire, 18th Sept. 1762,	250 Guineas.

Naples, March 13. His Sicilian Majesty went on Saturday last to Caferta, as usual, with his whole Court. There being but two Corn Vessels arrived, of the many which are expected, the Scarcity of Bread rather increases; and if the said Vessels should not come in very soon, the Distress must infallibly grow much more considerable, and be productive of some great Disorders.

The two Neapolitan Frigates, that went some Months to Genoa and Toulon, came back into this Port on Saturday last in the Night.

Florence, March 20. His Royal Highness the Duke of York arrived here on Friday the 16th Instant, in good Health: Lord Fordwich, and Sir Horace Mann, had been for two Days towards the Confiner on the Bologna Road, to wait for his Royal Highness, and had the Honour to conduct him into the Town. The Desire of his Royal Highness to pass under the Title of Earl of Ulster, deprived this Government of shewing him those publick Honours, on his entering the Town, that were intended. The Streets were crowded with People, and particularly that where Sir Horace Mann's House stands, where his Royal Highness condescended to lodge. A few Minutes after his Arrival there, a proper Guard was sent to his Door; and the Officer, who commanded it, being admitted to the Duke's Presence, received his Royal Highness's Thanks, and the Guard was dismissed. Soon after, Marshal Botta's Aid de Camp was sent to enquire at what Hour the Marshal and the other