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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
For permitting the free Importation of Salted Provisions from Ireland into this Kingdom.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act to enable His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order the Importation of Provisions from Ireland during the next Recess of Parliament, under certain Restrictions and Regulations therein mentioned," We are empowered, during the present Recess of Parliament, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, from Time to Time to Order, Permit, and Authorize, the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom, as We shall think convenient and needful, and as the Necessity of the Times may require, and in such Manner as We shall think fit to direct; Provided, that nothing therein contained shall extend to authorize the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, or Butter from Ireland, unless the Price of the best Ox Beef in Smithfield Market shall exceed Three-pence per Pound for the Four Quarters, and unless the Price of the best Pieces of such Beef shall exceed Four-pence per Pound at Leadenhall Market, and unless the Price of the best Pork shall exceed Four-pence per Pound, the best Bacon Seven-pence per Pound, and of the best Butter shall exceed Nine-pence per Pound, at Leadenhall Market.—And whereas a Petition hath been presented to Us in Council by several Merchants, large and extensive Dealers in Salt Provisions, humbly praying, that in regard the Prices of the aforementioned Provisions at Smithfield and Leadenhall Markets, do exceed the Prices specified in the said Act, We will be graciously pleased to permit the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland into this Kingdom.—And whereas it has been verified, by the Examination of several Witnesses, that the Prices of the best Beef, of the best Pork, and of the best Bacon, and of the best Butter, per Pound, do far exceed the Prices specified in the said Act; and We have the greatest Reason to suspect, that the present high Prices of Provisions do not arise from Scarcity, but are occasioned by unlawful Combinations; We do therefore, pursuant to the Powers vested in Us by the said Act, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, by this Our Royal Proclamation, Order, Permit, and Authorize, the free Importation of Salted Beef, Salted Pork, Bacon, and Butter, from Ireland, into that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, subject to the Payment of the Duties in the said Act mentioned, until, and provided the same be landed in any of the Ports of that Part of our said Kingdom of Great Britain called England, on or before the Thirty-first Day of December next: And in order to prevent all unlawful Combinations

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for the Enhancing the Price of Provisions, and for an Encouragement to all who shall discover any concerned in such illegal Practices, and bring the Offenders to Conviction, We do hereby promise and declare, that all Persons who shall so discover, and cause such Offenders to be convicted, shall be entitled to a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS; which said Sum of ONE HUNDRED Pounds, the Commissioners of Our Treasury, or Our High Treasurer of Great Britain for the Time being, are hereby directed and required to pay accordingly, without any further or other Warrant in that Behalf.

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

GOD Save the KING.

AT the Court at *St. James's* the 12th Day of *October*, 1764.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the further Improvement of His Majesty's Revenue of Customs, and for the Encouragement of Officers making Seizures, and for the Prevention of the Clandestine Running of Goods into any Part of His Majesty's Dominions," it is (amongst other Things) Enacted, That one Moiety of the nett Produce arising by the Sale of Smuggling Vessels and Prohibited Goods, which should be seized after the First Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, and condemned and sold according to Law, (the Charges thereof being first deducted) should be allowed by the Commissioners of the Customs to any Officers of the Customs who should seize the same; and that the other Moiety thereof should be paid by the said Commissioners into the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer, in lieu of His Majesty's Share thereof, (except in those Cases which are otherwise provided for by the said Act:) And that for the more effectual Prevention of the infamous Practice of Smuggling, and for the better Encouragement of the Officers and Seamen of all such Ships and Vessels of War belonging to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, who may be employed in preventing the clandestine Running of Goods on the Coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the other Dominions and Colonies belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to direct and appoint the Moiety therein before-mentioned, or any other Part of all and every the Seizure and Seizures that shall be made by such Officers and Seamen respectively, so employed as aforesaid, to be divided amongst all such Officers