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AT the Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of August, 1768,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there were this Day read at the Board, Extracts of Letters from His Majesty's Ministers at the several Courts of Denmark and Sweden, and at Hamburg, and the Hague, to the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Weymouth, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by which it appears, that the Contagious Distemper amongst the Horned Cattle has broke out, and now rages, with great Violence, in the Dominions of the Kings of Denmark and Sweden; in the Dutchies of Holstein, Mecklenburg, and Cleves; in the Neighbourhood of Hamburg, and upon the Frontiers of the United Provinces; and that some Symptoms of it had appeared within the United Provinces—His Majesty, taking the same into His Royal Consideration, and being sensible of what Importance it is to His Majesty's Subjects, to prevent the said Contagious Distemper from being brought into these Kingdoms, by the Importation of the Hides, Horns, and Hoofs, of such infected Cattle, doth hereby order, with the Advice of His Privy Council, that the utmost Care be taken, not to permit any Entry to be passed for the Hides of Horned Cattle, either raw or salted, or Horns and Hoofs, which are already, or may hereafter be brought from the Places aforementioned directly, or from any other Port, into any of the Ports of Great-Britain or Ireland, until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be further signified.—And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lord Lieutenant of His Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.

Lisbon, July 31. The 25th and 26th Instant were observed at Court as Gala Days; the former being the Birth-Day of her Royal Highness the Princess Maria Francesca Benedicita, and the latter her most Faithful Majesty's Name-Day.

Whitehall, August 19, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that His Majesty's Commissioners of Excise have, by Letters from their Officers at Scarborough and Hull, dated respectively the 9th and 13th of this Instant

August, received an Account of a Murder having been committed on John Smith, late Officer of Excise, who, together with other Officers, had seized a Quantity of Run-Goods; and that, after the Seizure and Securing of the said Goods, several Persons, amongst whom were Valentine Bailey of Brackley, and Joseph Haines of Hackness, assaulted the said Officers, and some Person, deliberately and maliciously presenting a Pistol close to the Breast of the said John Smith, killed him on the Spot: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Murder, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually committed the said Murder) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Murder, so that he or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

WEYMOUTH.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of Excise do hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted;) to be paid by their Secretary on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

The above-named Valentine Bailey is about Five Feet Eight Inches high, pale Complexion, straight light-coloured Hair, lately served in the Militia for the County of York, is about Thirty Years of Age, and by Trade a Taylor.

Joseph Haines is about Five Feet Six Inches high, fresh Complexion, black curling Hair, waddles in his Gait, is about Thirty Years of Age, and lately followed the Business of a Shopkeeper at Hackness aforesaid.

Victualling-Office, August 15, 1768.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 7th of September next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) from such Persons as may be willing to contract to serve His Majesty's Navy with British Butter, Cheese, Gloucester, and Warwickshire Cheese, or Cheese of equal Goodness, for one Year, commencing from the 30th of September next. The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office. And all Persons, who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion, are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that shall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the said 7th of September next.

Navy-Office, April 19, 1768.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday the 11th of October next, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as shall be willing to sell and import American White Pine Masts, to be delivered at His Majesty's Yards in England.

[Price Three-Pence.]

NOTICE