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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 7th Day of April, 1773.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS there was this Day read at this Board, the humble Petition of several Merchants in London, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, trading to and from the Ports of Spain, within the Streights of Gibraltar, humbly praying, for the Reasons therein contained, that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to command, that the Quarantine may be taken off all Ships and Vessels arriving in Great Britain, from any of the Ports of Spain, situate within the Streights, upon producing clean Bills of Health; — His Majesty having taken the said Petition into Consideration, and being desirous to remove all Obstructions upon Trade, so far as may be consistent with the Health and Safety of His Subjects, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, That the Quarantine at present subsisting upon all Ships and Vessels coming from or through the Mediterranean, be taken off, so far as respects Ships and Vessels coming directly from any of the Ports of the Kingdom of Spain, Minorca, or Gibraltar; and that such Ships and Vessels be permitted to discharge their respective Ladings without opening, unpacking, and airing, and without performing any Quarantine, provided that they have no Cotton-Wool on Board; that they bring with them clean Bills of Health; and that the Master, or other Person taking Charge of such Ship or Vessel, do first make Oath before the Custom-house Officer, or Chief Magistrate, on their Arrival at the Place where they are bound to; that they did not touch at any infected Place, nor had Communication with any infected Ship during the Voyage, and are free from all Infection: — And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great-Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master General of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the Time being of the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Steph. Cottrell.*

*Petersburg, March 23.* On Sunday last Baron Nolken, who arrived here a few Days before, had the Honour of presenting to the Empress the Ensigns of the Order of the Seraphim; with which, at the Request of the King of Sweden, her Imperial Majesty invested the Grand Duke, who appeared in them at Court immediately afterwards.

*Stockholm, March 30.* The King has been pleased to promote Major-Generals Baron Wrede and Baron Constedt to the Rank of Lieutenant-Generals, and Colonel Hierta to that of Major-General. The Command of the Drabants is given to Count Charles Emile Lewenhaupt.

A Publication has been made here, that all Sorts of Grain may be imported free of Duties, in Foreign as well as Swedish Ships, till the End of June next: But it is not declared whether the Foreign Ships which bring Corn hither, are to be free from the heavy Impositions they pay, more than the Swedish Ships for Pilot and Light-Money, and Port Expenses.

[ Price Three-Pence. ]

*St. James's, April 17.*

The King has been pleased to constitute Sir Charles Townley, Knt. (Clarencieux King of Arms) a Principal King of English Arms, and a Principal Officer of Arms of the Noble Order of the Garter, and to grant unto the said Sir Charles Townley that Office which is commonly called Garter, and also the Name Garter, with the Stile, Liberties, Pre-eminences and Commodities belonging and anciently accustomed to the said Office, vacant by the Death of Stephen Martin Leake, Esq; late Garter.

*St. James's, April 10, 1773.*

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Thursday the 25th Day of March last past, about Ten of the Clock at Night, two loaded Guns were discharged against the Windows of the Keeping Room of Robert Barlow, Esq; of Boston in the County of Lincoln, in which his Wife, Nephew and Niece were sitting; and that many Balls entered the said Room, one of which wounded Mrs. Barlow on the Top of her Head, and caused a great Effusion of Blood: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in so daring and wicked an Outrage, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person or Persons who actually fired the said Guns) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S U F F O L K.

And, as a farther Encouragement, I the said Robert Barlow do hereby promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid by me at my House in Boston aforesaid, upon the Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

Boston, April 12, 1773.

Rob. Barlow.

*Custom-House, London, April 15, 1773.*

**W**HEREAS Thomas Marten, an Officer of the Customs, Thomas Plane, and Six others of the Crew of His Majesty's Cutter the Meredith, commanded by Lieutenant Brail Friend, on a Cruize in Shoreham Bay, being on the Look-out in the Boat belonging to the said Cutter, about Four o'Clock in the Morning of the 2d of February last, near a Place called Portobella Gap, discovered a large Boat coming in for the Land, loaded with Tea and Brandy, which having seized, together with the Boat, the Crew thereof hallooed to a Cutter at a Distance, which immediately came to their Assistance; and the People on Board swore, if the Seizure was not quitted, they would run them down and set them a swimming for their Lives; and accordingly run foul and damaged the King's Boat, threw said Thomas Martin out of the Smuggling Boat into the King's Boat, and also threw a Rope round the Neck of the said Thomas Plane, and were near drawing him overboard, rescued the Boat with all the Goods except one Bag of Tea, and proceeded to Sea with the said Boat and Smuggling Cutter.

And whereas John Stokes, Midshipman of His Majesty's said Cutter the Meredith, together with Lucas Reeve, Brian Nowland, and Seven others of the Crew of the said Cutter, being, on the 6th of the said Month, on the Look-out, off the With Rails, with the Gigg belonging to the said Cutter, they observed a large Cutter standing in from Sea drop her Boat from a Stern near the Shore, which they gave Chace to, but could not get up with

