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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 28th Day of
December, 1774.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 8th of July, 1772, to direct (amongst other Things) That all Ships and Vessels whatsoever, having Cotton-Wool on Board, (except Ships and Vessels from America or the West-Indies with that Commodity on Board, the Produce of those Parts) then arrived, or that should thereafter arrive, in any Port of this Kingdom, or the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark or Man, should make their Quarantine Forty Days, which was to commence and be computed from the Day each Ship and Vessel should come to Anchor in the Place appointed for performing Quarantine, and not before: And whereas it hath been represented to His Majesty at this Board, that the Continuance of the said Quarantine is very detrimental to the Commerce of His Majesty's Subjects, and more particularly to the Manufactures carried on in the County of Lancaster; His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, and deeming it no longer necessary for the public Safety, that all Ships and Vessels whatsoever, having Cotton-Wool on Board, should be subject to the Rules of Quarantine, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, that all such Ships and Vessels, not coming from any of the Ports or Places from whence Quarantine is required to be performed, be permitted to land their respective Cargoes without opening and airing, and without any Restraint on Account of Quarantine: And the Right Honourable 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 said respective Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.

Petersburg, December 13. The Empress was so much indisposed on Sunday last that she could not appear in Publick on that Day; nor did the Knights of the Order of St. Andrew, whose Festival it was, dine at Court as usual; but in the Evening there was a Ball, at which their Imperial Highnesses the Great Duke and Dutchess were present. The Empress is now so far recovered as to be able to appear at the Court Theatre this Evening.

Dresden, December 14. The present Winter is the coldest and severest that has been known in Saxony since the Year 1740, hard Weather seldom beginning in this Country before Christmas or the

6th of January; but this Year it began to freeze on the 11th of November last, and has gradually increased till within these three Days, when the Air grew milder. The Elbe has been shut and frozen up these three Weeks, so that no Wood can come down the River, as usual, from Bohemia, nor are the Mills able to work; and there being but two Windmills in the Neighbourhood of Dresden, Bread and Wood is excessively dear; there is at present a deep Snow on the Ground.

Stockholm, December 16. The Symptoms of Prince Frederick's Disorder have been more favourable for some Days, and his Royal Highness appears to be on the Recovery.

Porto, December 16. On Sunday last, the 11th Instant, this River rose fifteen Feet perpendicular in about seven Hours, filling the Streets near the Quays on both Sides; many Warehouses were thrown down; Pipes of Wine and various other Merchandizes were carried away; and in some Places the Inhabitants had but just Time to escape at the Tops of their Houses. On Monday the Torrent was extremely rapid: About One o'Clock, the Ship Kirby Hall, James George, Master, with only one Man on board, laden with 262 Pipes of Wine for London, and ready to sail, was forced from her Moorings, and in a few Minutes dashed to Pieces on the Bar; however, by the Courage and Skill of the Pilots at St. John's, the Man was saved.

At Night the following Ships were driven over the Bar, viz.

The George, George Madgson, Master, from Carolina, with Rice, bound to Topsham; and had 110 Pipes of Wine on board.

The Bacchus, George Hill, Master, from Hull, with sundry Merchandizes, bound to Hull, with 107 Pipes of Wine on board.

The Amelia, Hugh Stephenson, Master, from Quebec, with Wheat, bound to Bristol.

And a Portuguese Ship called the St. Joao. Evangelist, Joao Pinto da Rocha, Master, bound to Bahia, laden, and valued at between 30 and 40,000*l.* This last struck on a Sand near the Bar, where she still remains.

On Tuesday Night the Torrent abated; and, though the Stream still runs with great Rapidity, Boats begin to pass. Some Freshes here have been known as high as this, but they always hitherto came on gradually; none having ever been known so violent and so sudden.

The Losses are very considerable in Wine, Sugar, Ships, Houses, and Merchandize of all Sorts; though no certain Calculation can as yet be made of the Amount. However, we do not hear that any Lives have been lost.

His Britannick Majesty's Consul has taken the necessary Measures for the Recovery of such Parts of the Wrecks and Merchandize as can be found, in order to their being restored to the Owners.

Copenhagen.

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