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AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th of February, 1781,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, upon the Commencement of Hostilities against the States General of the United Provinces, His Majesty thought fit, by His Order in Council of the 22d of December last, to declare His Royal Intention to allow all Ships belonging to the Subjects of the States General, then in any of His Majesty's Ports, to depart with their Cargoes, (except such Part thereof as shall consist of Salted Provisions of any Kind, or of Naval or Warlike Stores) and to grant Passes for the said Ships and Cargoes, except as before excepted, to protect them from Capture by any Ships of His Majesty, or His Subjects, in their Return to some Port of the United Provinces: But inasmuch as His Majesty was intitled to expect and demand the same Treatment from the States General of the United Provinces, for the Ships and Cargoes belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, was pleased to order, and it was thereby ordered, that all Ships and Merchandize belonging to the States General of the United Provinces, or their Subjects, then in any Port of His Majesty's Dominions, should remain and be detained secure and unmolested within the same, until it should appear that the States General of the United Provinces were disposed and intended to proceed upon the same Ideas of good Faith with respect to the Ships and Cargoes of any of His Majesty's Subjects remaining in any Port belonging to the States General of the United Provinces. And whereas His Majesty's has received certain Advice, that the States General of the United Provinces have declared and concluded, by their Placart dated at the Hague the 26th of January last, that, as soon as the Dutch Ships shall be permitted to depart from England, the English Ships shall be no longer detained in their Ports, but immediately be permitted to depart, and be provided with Passports as therein mentioned; His Majesty, taking the same into His Royal Consideration, hath therefore ordered, as it is hereby ordered in Council, That all Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of the States General of the United Provinces, together with the Persons and Cargoes on Board them, (other than and except Salted Provisions of any Kind, or Naval or Warlike Stores) which are now detained, by Virtue of the aforementioned Order in Council of the 22d of December last, in the Ports of Great Britain, Ireland, or other Ports of His Majesty's Dominions, or which had been seized and brought into any of the said Ports by any of the Ships of His Majesty or His Subjects, before the Order for General Reprials against the States was issued, and have been already declared, or shall hereafter be declared,

by Sentence of the Court of Admiralty, to be the Property of Subjects of the States General, be forthwith, or as soon as such Sentence of the Court of Admiralty hath been pronounced, released and discharged, with free Liberty to return to their respective Ports, and that proper Passes be granted them for that Purpose. And His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and the Governors and Commanders in Chief, or other proper Officers, at the said several Ports of His Majesty's Dominions, are to take Notice of His Majesty's Pleasure hereby signified, and to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Fawkener.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th of February, 1781,

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS upon Information received that the Plague had manifested itself in many Places of the Ukraine and Wolhynia, His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 15th of December last, to direct, that all Ships then arrived or that should thereafter arrive from Dantzick, or any other Port or Place in Royal or Ducal Prussia or Pomerania, or from any Port or Place in Courland, Samogitia, or Livonia, should make their Quarantine for Forty Days: And whereas there was this Day read at the Board several Advices that have been lately received from His Majesty's Consul at Dantzick, whereby it appears, that the Physicians and Surgeons employed in examining into the real Nature of the Distemper have declared, that the same was no ways the Plague, as it had been represented, but a Malignant Fever, easily cured by proper Medicines; and it having been further represented, that in consequence of proper Measures taken, the said Calamity hath now entirely subsided:—His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, and being desirous to remove all Restraints upon Trade, so far as may be consistent with the 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 Ships and Vessels coming from Dantzick, or any other Port or Place in Royal or Ducal Prussia or Pomerania, or from any Port or Place in Courland, Samogitia, or Livonia, be taken off; and that all Ships and Vessels already arrived, or that may hereafter arrive from those Places, be permitted to discharge their respective Ladings, without unpacking, opening and airing, and without performing any Quarantine; provided they shall have no Goods or Merchandize on Board the Produce of Turkey, or the Levant, which may subject them to the Rules of Quarantine, under the Directions contained in His Majesty's Order in Council

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