

by the Regulations made by Us in Our Council on the Twenty-eighth Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and according to the further Regulations then there made, and Our Instructions given to Our said Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, touching the same: And whereas many Ships and Vessels belonging to Our loving Subjects, continue several Years trading from Port to Port in the Mediterranean, without returning Home, whereby they cannot so conveniently procure their Passes to be exchanged; We do hereby, for the Ease of Our trading Subjects, publish and declare Our Pleasure, That upon the Application of any Owner of any Ship or Vessel, or other substantial Merchant, to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and Oath made by him of the Property of such Ship or Vessel, and that Three Fourths of the Company are Our Subjects, according to an Act made in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Royal Predecessor King Charles the Second; (intituled, "An Act for encouraging and encreasing of Shipping and Navigation,") or such other Proportion as may be authorized by Act of Parliament, and upon entering into a Bond for the Return of such Pass at the End of Three Years, or of the Voyage, if that shall sooner determine, it shall and may be lawful for Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, for the Time being, and they are respectively empowered to make out a New Pass for such Ship or Vessel, and send the same to such of Our Consuls in the Mediterranean as the said Owner or Merchant shall desire, with Direction to such Consul, that, upon Application to him from the Master of the Ship, for which the Pass is made out, and surrendering up his Old Pass, and entering into a like Bond for the Return of such New Pass, he shall deliver out the said New Pass to such Master, and transmit the Old One, with the Bond, to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain: And in order more effectually to hinder, for the future, any Abuses that may be attempted by Foreigners relating to the New Passes to be issued as aforesaid; We do hereby further declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That all such New Passes, to be hereafter issued for any Ships or Vessels whatsoever, belonging to any of Our Subjects, inhabiting the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, shall be made out in a peculiar Form; different from the Form of the New Passes, to be issued for Ships and Vessels belonging to any other Part of Our Dominions; and that such New Passes shall be lodged with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, of the said Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, and issued out only by him, according to the Regulations made by Our said Royal Predecessor King George the First, and Ourselves in Council as aforesaid: And the said Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, is hereby charged and required, not to issue or deliver out any such Passes to any Persons whatsoever, other than such as are really Our Subjects, inhabiting in the said Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, and strictly to conform themselves to the Regulations and Instructions made and given as aforesaid: But in regard it sometimes happens, that Ships belonging to Our Subjects of other Parts of Our Dominions, call in at Gibraltar without Passes, and have Occasion to be furnished therewith; We do, for the further Convenience of Trade, hereby publish

and declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That it shall and may be lawful for Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland for the Time being, and they are respectively hereby impowered, to lodge Mediterranean Passes, of the same Form with the New Passes, for Ships and Vessels belonging to any other Part of Our Dominions, in the Hands of Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief of the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, with Directions to him to issue and deliver out such Passes to any of Our Subjects, not being Inhabitants of the said Town and Garrison of Gibraltar; provided the Person or Persons applying for the same, do comply with and conform to the several Rules and Regulations now in Use, and required to be observed by such Our other Subjects. And We do hereby order, That the Commissioners of Our Customs in Great Britain, and the Commissioners of Our Revenue in Ireland, do cause to be carried into Execution such Parts of the said Order of Council of the Fourteenth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, concerning Passes, as relate to themselves, and the proper Officers under them, so far as the same remains now in Force, and of Our Order aforesaid, made in Council, on the Twenty-eighth of August, One thousand seven hundred and seventy six; and that they do direct their Officers in the several Ports of Our Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, to demand of the Masters of all Merchant Ships, so soon as they shall return into Port from a Foreign Voyage, all Passes granted as aforesaid, which shall be in their Possession, to be produced to the said respective Officers of Our Customs; and that if the same shall appear to be of an older Date than Twelve Months, for Ships and Vessels trading on this Side the Streights Mouth, or for Ships and Vessels trading to a greater Distance, in case the Voyages of such last mentioned Ships and Vessels shall be determined, then such Passes shall be delivered up to the said respective Officers of Our Customs, and be by them returned to the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain: And in case the Master of any such Ship or Vessel shall refuse to produce or deliver up such Passes, according to the true Intent of Our said Order, then the said Officer shall certify the Name of every such Master, and of the Ship or Vessel, to Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, or to Our High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland for the Time being, to the End that Directions may be given for putting the Bond, entered into on the granting any such Pass, in Suit: And all Our Governors, Lieutenant Governors, and Commanders in Chief of any of Our Islands, Colonies or Plantations, Consuls residing in Foreign Parts, and all other Our Officers and Ministers whatsoever, and all other Our loving Subjects whom it may concern, are hereby expressly required and commanded to yield due Obedience unto, and strictly to observe all the Orders, Instructions, Regulations, and Directions before mentioned, on Pain of Our High Displeasure.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.