

Hands and Seals of the Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their several Ships and Vessels, in such Manner as by the said recited Proclamation was directed: And whereas it hath been humbly represented unto Us, that there is the greatest Reason to believe, that many of Our Passes may, either by Accident, or undue Means, have fallen into the Hands of Foreigners, who, by Colour of such Passes, may carry on their Trade; We, taking the Premises into Our Royal Consideration, and judging it necessary to put a speedy Stop to all such indirect Practices, which do not only tend to the Prejudice of Our Trading Subjects, but may occasion a Misunderstanding between Us and the Governments on the Coast of Barbary, for preventing thereof, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare, That all such Passes of the present Form, now in being, shall not continue in Force longer than till the Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, (except such Passes as have been granted to Ships gone or going to the East Indies, or other remote Voyages, where they cannot be timely furnished with New Passes; and that in such Case, the Passes of the present Form do continue in Force for Two Years, from and after the said Thirty first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four). And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our loving Subjects, who are or shall be possessed of any such Passes, that they do, before the Thirty-first Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, return the same (except such as are before excepted) into the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, or to the respective Collectors of Our Customs at the Out-Ports of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the Governors of some of Our Foreign Plantations or Dominions, in order to their being cancelled; and that they do furnish themselves with Passes of a new Form, under the Hands and Seals of Our Commissioners for executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their several Ships and Vessels, according to the Treaty subsisting between Us and the said Governments on the Coast of Barbary, and the Regulations made by Our Royal Predecessor King George the First, by Order in His Privy Council on the Fourteenth Day of June, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, so far as the same remain unaltered 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 Conveniency 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 empowered, 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, concern-