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From Saturday December 22, to Tuesday December 25, 1792.

At the Court at St. James's, the 15th of December, 1792.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board, a Report from the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council appointed for the Consideration of all Matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, proposing that all Ships and Vessels clearing out for the Coast of Africa for Trade, should be permitted to take on Board and export such Quantities of Gunpowder, Arms and Ammunition, as shall be necessary for their respective Voyages; His Majesty, having taken the said Report into Consideration, was pleased, with the Advice His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, that all Ships and Vessels clearing out for the Coast of Africa, for the Purpose of carrying on the Trade there, be permitted to take on Board, as an assorted Part of their Cargoes, as much Gunpowder and as large a Quantity of trading Guns, Pistols, Cutlasses, Flints and Lead Balls, Bars and Shot, as the Exporters shall think necessary, notwithstanding any Thing contained in His Majesty's Order in Council of the 7th of this instant December; provided that sufficient Security be given to the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs of the Port in which the Ships are fitted out, and before they proceed upon their respective Voyages, in Treble the Value of the Articles exported, that the same

shall be expended in Trade upon the Coast of Africa; which Security is not to be cancelled, until Proof of such Expenditure has been made by the Oath of the Captain or Master of the Ship or Vessel, in like Manner as is practised with Regard to Spirits and East India Goods used in carrying on that Trade: And His Majesty is further pleased to order, that all Ships and Vessels trading to the said Coast, be allowed to take on Board, for their Defence, whatever Quantity of Carriage-Guns, Swivels and Small Arms, shall be judged proper by the respective Masters thereof; provided that no greater Quantity be taken on Board any One Ship for her Defence, than Twelve Carriage Guns and Twelve Swivels, together with One Musquet or Blunderbuss, One Pair of Pistols, and One Cutlass, for every Person of which the Ship's Company shall consist, and Ammunition in Proportion; and provided also that sufficient Security be in the like Manner given to the said Principal Officers of the Customs at the Ports where the Ships shall be fitted out, in Treble the Value of the Carriage Guns, Swivels and Small Arms, so taken on Board for the Defence of the Ships, to bring back the said Carriage Guns, Swivels and Small Arms, when the Voyage is completed, and to account, upon Oath, for the Expenditure of the Ammunition: And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary Directions herein accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell



[ Price One Shilling. ]