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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 28th of December, 1796,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint George Earl of Macartney to be Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Settlement of the Cape of Good Hope, in South Africa, with the Territories and Dependencies thereof, his Lordship this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of His Majesty's Plantations.

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act to authorize His Majesty, for a limited Time, to make Regulations respecting the Trade and Commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope," it is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, by any Order or Orders, to be issued from Time to Time, to give such Directions, and make such Regulations, touching the Trade and Commerce to and from the Settlement of the Cape of Good Hope, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, as to His Majesty in Council shall appear most expedient and salutary, any of the Acts of Parliament therein referred to, or any Usage, Law or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And whereas during the Time the said Settlement, with the Territories and Dependencies thereof, were in the Possession and under the Government of the States General of the United Provinces, or of the Honorable the General East India Company in the Netherlands, it was usual to admit the Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of Countries in Amity with the said United Provinces into the Ports of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, for Repair and Refreshment, and, with that View, to permit the said Ships and Vessels to carry on Trade with the Inhabitants of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof. — His Majesty is hereby pleased to order, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, in pursuance of the Powers vested in His Majesty by the above recited Act, and it is hereby ordered, that it shall be lawful, until further Order, for all Ships and Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects, as well as for all Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of any Country or State in Amity with His Majesty, to enter into the Ports of the said Settlement of the Cape of Good Hope, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, and to carry on Trade and Traffick with the Inhabitants of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, and to import and export to and from the Ports of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, any Goods, Wares or Merchandize whatsoever, subject to the following Exceptions, and subject also to such Duties, Rules, Regulations and Restrictions as shall be established by His Majesty,