

Duty, any Rice, being the Growth or Production of any of the Territories of the United States of America, which shall be imported directly from thence into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, in Manner above-mentioned, may, upon the Importer paying down, in ready Money, the Duty of Eight-pence the Hundred Weight, being Part of the Duties now payable on the Importation of Rice, be landed and warehoused (except as hereinafter excepted) under His Majesty's Locks, in such Warehouses as shall be approved of for that Purpose by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, or any Four or more of them, upon the Importer's own Bond for Payment of the Remainder of the Duties due and payable for such Rice, within Eighteen Months, according to the net Weight and Quantity of such Rice at the Time it shall be so landed: But it is His Majesty's Pleasure nevertheless, that upon the Importation of any such Rice into the Ports of London, Bristol, Portsmouth, Cowes, Liverpool, Lancaster, Falmouth, Pool, Whitehaven, Hull, Greenock, and Port Glasgow, or either of them, in the Manner herein before expressed, the Importer shall be at Liberty to enter and land the same without Payment of any Duty whatever; in which Case such Rice shall be warehoused, under the joint Locks of His Majesty and the Proprietors, in such Warehouse or Warehouses as shall be approved of for that Purpose by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, or any Four or more of them, in that Part of Great Britain called England, and any Three or more of them, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland; every Expence attending which Warehousing shall be borne by the said Proprietors: And that such Proprietor or Proprietors, or his or their known Agent, shall from Time to Time, at all seasonable Hours, as Occasion may require, have free Access to such Warehouses, in the Presence of some proper Officer of the Customs, for the Purpose of screening and shifting the Rice, to prevent it's receiving Damage. And that if any Rice, which shall be so imported from the Territories of the said United States into any of the Ports abovementioned respectively, and warehoused as aforesaid, shall be taken out of the Warehouses wherein the same shall be secured, under the joint Locks of His Majesty and the Proprietors as aforesaid, for Home Consumption, the full Duties, due and payable by Law upon the Importation of such Rice into this Kingdom for Home Consumption, shall, previously to it's being taken out of such Warehouses, be paid to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at the Ports where such Rice shall be so warehoused; but that such Proprietor, if he intends to export such Rice, shall have Liberty to export the same from such Warehouses respectively, under the usual Regulations, without

Payment of any Duty whatever: Provided that the Exportation of any such Rice, hereafter to be warehoused, be made within the said Space of Eighteen Months; and if not within that Period, that the full Duties, payable by Law upon the Importation of such Rice, be paid for the same, and not be afterwards drawn back: And that if any Rice which shall have been imported into any Port of this Kingdom, not herein before specially named, and shall have been warehoused upon the Importer's Bond, in Manner aforesaid, shall, within the Time herein before mentioned, be taken out of the Warehouse wherein it shall have been so secured, to be exported directly from thence, the Bond entered into for the Payment of the said Duties thereon shall be discharged and cancelled by Debenture or Debentures, made out and passed in the usual Manner, for the Quantity or Quantities of Rice duly exported. And if any Rice imported into any Port of this Kingdom, not herein before specially named, and warehoused in Manner aforesaid, shall be taken out of any such Warehouse for Home Consumption, the Remainder of the Duties, due and payable by Law, shall, previously to it's being taken out of such Warehouse, be paid to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at the Port where such Rice shall be so warehoused; and that such Payment shall be made, and the Warehouse cleared for such Rice hereafter to be warehoused, within the said Space of Eighteen Months, otherwise the same shall and may be sold for the Duties, in like Manner, and under the same Rules, Regulations and Restrictions, as any other Goods are now directed by Law to be sold for the Duties.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*W. Fawkener.*

*St. James's, Friday, June 2, 1797.*

A Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been summoned to meet this Day, the Knights Companions in their Mantles and Collars, with the Officers of the Order hereafter mentioned in their Mantles, Chains and Badges, attended the Sovereign in his own Apartments, and, being called over by Garter, a Procession was made from thence to the Great Council-Chamber in the following Order:

Duke of Grafton.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.

Prince of Orange.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Black Rod. Garter.

The Chancellor. The Prelat.

THE SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, Garter acquainted His Majesty that the Bishop of