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At the Court at *St. James's*, the 12th of February 1800,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Trade between the Subjects of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in North America, and in the West India Islands, and the Countries belonging to the United States of America, and between His Majesty's said Subjects and the Foreign Islands in the West Indies," It is, amongst other Things, enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty in Council; by Order or Orders to be issued and published from Time to Time, to authorise, or by Warrant or Warrants, under his Sign Manual, to empower the Governor of Newfoundland for the Time being to authorise, in case of Necessity, the Importation, into Newfoundland of Bread, Flour, Indian Corn, and Live Stock, from any of the Territories belonging to the said United States, for the Supply of the Inhabitants and Fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the then ensuing Season only; provided always, that such Bread, Flour, Indian Corn, and Live Stock, so authorised to be imported into the Island of Newfoundland, shall not be imported except in conformity to such Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions as shall be specified in such Order or Orders, Warrant or Warrants, respectively, and except by British Subjects and in British-built Ships, owned by His Majesty's Subjects, and navigated according to Law. And whereas it is expedient and necessary that Provision be made for fully supplying the Inhabitants or Fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the ensuing Season, with Bread, Flour, Indian Corn, Rice, and Live Stock; His Majesty doth thereupon, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order and declare, That, for the Sup-

ply of the Inhabitants and Fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the ensuing Season only, Bread, Flour, Indian Corn, Rice, and Live Stock may be imported into the said Island from any of the Territories belonging to the said United States, by British Subjects, and in British-built Ships, owned by His Majesty's Subjects, and navigated according to Law, and which shall, within the Space of Seven Months previous to the Time of such Importation, have cleared out from some Port in Great Britain, or some other Port of His Majesty's Dominions, in Europe, for which Purpose a Licence shall have been granted by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England or Scotland, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue in Ireland, or any other Person or Persons who may be duly authorised in that Kingdom respectively, in the Manner and Form hereinafter mentioned; which Licence shall continue and be in Force for Seven Calendar Months from the Day of the Date upon which such Licence is respectively granted, and no longer; provided that no such Licence as aforesaid, granted after the Thirtieth Day of September next, shall be of any Force or Effect: And His Majesty is hereby further pleased to order, That the Master, or Person having the Charge or Command of any Ship or Vessel to whom such Licence shall be granted, shall, upon the Arrival of the said Ship or Vessel at the Port, Harbour, or Place in the Island of Newfoundland, where he shall discharge such Bread, Flour, Indian Corn, Rice, and Live Stock, deliver up the said Licence to the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs there, having first indorsed on the Back of such Licence the Marks, Numbers, and Contents of each Package of Bread, Flour, or Indian Corn, Rice, and the Number of Live Stock, under the Penalty of the Forfeiture in the said Act mentioned. And the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs at Newfoundland is hereby enjoined and required to give a Certificate to the Master, or Person having the Charge or Command of such Ship