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AT the Court at *Weymouth*, the 30th of *July* 1801,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled An Act to empower His Majesty to regulate the Trade and Commerce to and from the Isle of Malta, until the signing a Definitive Treaty of Peace, and from thence until Six Weeks after the next Meeting of Parliament, and to declare the Isle of Malta to be Part of Europe, reciting, that the Island of Malta, with the Dependencies thereof, are now in the Possession of His Majesty, and that it is expedient, under the present Circumstances, that the Trade and Commerce to and from the same should be regulated for a certain Time in such Manner as shall seem proper to His Majesty: It is enacted, that from and after the passing of that Act, and until the signing a Definitive Treaty of Peace, and from thence until Six Weeks after the next Meeting of Parliament, 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 said Isle, and the Dependencies thereof as to His Majesty in Council shall appear most expedient and salutary, any Thing contained in an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled An Act for the encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation, or in an Act passed in the Seventh and Eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King William the Third, intituled An Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, relating to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding:

And whereas it is judged expedient that the Port of La Valette, in the Island of Malta, should be declared a Free Port for the Importation into and Exportation from the same, of all Sorts of Goods and Merchandizes in trading Ships or Vessels belonging to the Subjects of States in Amity with His Majesty; His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and does hereby order and declare, That the Port of La Valette, in the Island of Malta, shall be taken to be, and is hereby made a Free Port, for the Importation into and Exportation from the same of all Sorts of Goods and Merchandizes in Trading Ships or Vessels belonging to the Subjects of States in Amity with His Majesty, of whatever Burthen or in whatever Manner such Ships or Vessels may be navigated, and shall continue to be such Free Port until the signing of a definitive Treaty of Peace, and from thence until Six Weeks after the next Meeting of Parliament, unless His Majesty shall, in the mean Time, otherwise order; subject nevertheless to such Regulations for the Security of the Possession of the Island of Malta and its Dependencies, and the Protection of the Health of the Garrison and Inhabitants thereof, as may be now in force, or shall, from Time to Time, be deemed necessary or expedient in that Behalf:

And it is hereby further ordered, That the same Drawbacks and Bounties, and upon the same Terms and Conditions which now are or hereafter may be allowed by Law upon the Exportation of any Goods and Merchandizes to the Island of Minorca or to Gibraltar, shall and may be allowed upon the Exportation of the like Goods and Merchandizes to the Port of La Valette, in the Island of Malta.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Stph. Colclack*

