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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 26th of October 1803,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Information hath been received that an Infectious Distemper is now raging in the City of New York, in the State of New York, within the United States of America: And whereas by an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for erecting a Lazaret on Chetney Hill, in the County of Kent, and for reducing into one Act the Laws relating to Quarantine, and for making further Provision therein:" It is among other Things enacted, that it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by His Royal Proclamation, from Time to Time, to declare any Infectious Distemper, the Communication whereof may be highly dangerous to the Health of His Majesty's Subjects, to be of the Nature of the Plague.

His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Power, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, deems it expedient to declare, and doth hereby declare, that the said Infectious Distemper is of the Nature of the Plague:

And His Majesty doth therefore hereby order, that all Ships, Vessels, Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes now arrived, or which may hereafter arrive in any of the Ports of Great Britain, or the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man from New York, or any Port within the State of New York, and shall have cleared out from New York, or any Port within the State of New York, subsequent to the Fifteenth Day of August last, (not having any Person or Persons on board the same actually ill of the said Fever,) do perform a Quarantine of Fourteen Days at the several Places appointed, and according to the Rules prescribed by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Twentieth of July One thousand eight hundred, for Performance of Quarantine by all Ships and Vessels coming from or through the Mediterranean, or from the West Barbary on the Atlantic Ocean, and arriving with clean Bills of Health; but in

case any of the Crew or Passengers on board any such Ship or Vessel which shall have cleared out from New York, or any Port within the State of New York subsequent to the said Fifteenth Day of August, and shall have arrived, or may hereafter arrive in any of the Ports of Great Britain, or the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man from New York, or any Port within the State of New York, shall have died of the said Fever during the Course of the Voyage, the Cloaths, and all personal Effects which are susceptible of Infection, worn by, or belonging to such Person, shall be forthwith burned, or sunk in deep Water; and if such Cloaths and Effects shall not be so burned or destroyed, the said Ship or Vessel, with the Whole of her Cargo, shall not be permitted to perform Quarantine at any Port or Place except at Standgate Creek, and shall be compelled to depart from any other Port or Place at which the same has arrived, or shall arrive as aforesaid, and shall repair to Standgate Creek, and there perform Quarantine, and not elsewhere: And His Majesty is further pleased to order, with the Advice aforesaid, and it is hereby ordered, that if it shall appear upon the Arrival of any Ship or Vessel from New York or any Port within the State of New York as aforesaid, that any of the Crew or Passengers belonging to the same are actually ill of the said Fever, then such Ship or Vessel, and the Persons, Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes on board the same, shall not be permitted to perform Quarantine at any Port or Place except Standgate Creek, and shall be compelled to depart from any other Port or Place, and to proceed immediately to Standgate Creek in order to perform Quarantine, and shall there perform Quarantine and not elsewhere: 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, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master General and the Rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the Time being of the said Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Farwell.