

Quarters of the Royal Marines established at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham; or to any Recruiting Party of Our said Forces; and We do hereby declare, that all Seamen and Royal Marines, so surrendering themselves as aforesaid, shall be released and discharged from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments, and Penalties, commenced or incurred by reason of any such Offences, but that such Pardon shall not entitle Deserters, whether Seamen or Marines, to any Arrears of Pay forfeited by such Desertion; and We do hereby further declare, that all such Deserters, whether Seamen or Marines, who shall not, on or before the said Tenth Day of October next, surrender themselves on board One of Our Ships or Vessels of War, or at the Head-Quarters of the Royal Marines established at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Chatham, or to some Recruiting Party of the said Forces, or who shall hereafter absent themselves from the Ships to which they belong, or from the Marine Quarters, without Leave from their Commanding Officers, shall be tried at a Court Martial, and, being found guilty, shall be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy, and shall suffer the Punishment of Death, or such other Punishment as they shall be condemned to suffer by Sentence of the said Court.

Given at Our Court at Weymouth, the Fifteenth Day of August, One thousand eight hundred and five, and in the Forty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at *Weymouth*, the 15th Day of August 1805,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this Day ordered by His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, that from and after the First Day of December next, or upon the Publication of a Proclamation to that Effect within each Colony, it shall not be lawful, except by special Licence as hereinafter-mentioned, for any Slave or Slaves to be landed upon any of the Coasts, or imported or brought into any of the Ports, Harbours, Creeks, or Roads, or within the Limits, Jurisdictions, and Territories of any of the Settlements, Islands, Colonies, or Plantations on the Continent of America, or in the West Indies, which have been surrendered to His Majesty's Arms during the present War, until further Order, upon Pain that all Slaves so landed, imported, or brought, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Order, together with the Vessels bringing in the same, or from which the same shall be landed, and their Cargoes, shall become forfeited to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors: But whereas it may be expedient to permit the Annual Introduction of a limited Number of Slaves, under due Regulations, for the Purpose of supplying any Waste that shall take place in the Population on particular Estates from extraordinary or unavoidable Causes, and thereby of keeping up the Cultivation of the Lands already cleared and cultivated; it is therefore ordered, that any Number of Slaves, not exceeding Three for every Hundred of the whole Number of Slaves in the said Settle-

ments, Islands, Colonies, and Plantations respectively, (Returns of the Number whereof shall be made from Time to Time, in pursuance of Instructions to be transmitted by One of Our Principal Secretaries of State,) may be imported in each Year, (provided Casualties to that Extent shall appear to have taken place in the preceding Year,) under Licences to be previously granted by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Officer administering the Government of the said Settlements, Islands, Colonies, and Plantations, from any other of His Majesty's Colonies in the West Indies, into the said Settlements, Islands, Colonies, and Plantations respectively; such Licence, or a Copy thereof, to be produced by the Master of the Ship on which such Slaves are laden, as his Authority for having Slaves on board destined to the Settlements, &c. as aforesaid: Provided always, that, until the First Day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seven, such limited Importation may be made from other Places than His Majesty's Colonies in the West Indies as aforesaid, and without its being necessary for the Master of the Vessel, if met with at Sea, to produce the said Licence, or a Copy thereof, as his Authority for having the said Slaves, destined as aforesaid, on board; but subject, nevertheless, to such Licence being first had and obtained as aforesaid, before any Slaves shall be permitted to be landed or sold from such Vessel in any of the said Settlements: And whereas special Instructions will be immediately transmitted by One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, or Officers administering the Government of the said Colonies, Settlements, and Plantations respectively, containing the Regulations proper for carrying this Order into effectual Execution, directing and empowering them to grant Licences for the Importation of such limited Numbers of Slaves as aforesaid, subject to such Regulations as in the said Instructions will be provided:—It is His Majesty's further Order, that such Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or other Officer as aforesaid, shall be, and they are hereby respectively authorized and empowered to grant such Licences, upon such Terms and Conditions, and subject to such Regulations, as, in Conformity to, and in Furtherance of, the Object of such Instructions, may, from Time to Time, be required;—and it is hereby further ordered, that the Prohibition hereinbefore contained shall not extend to prevent the importing and landing of any Slaves which shall be imported into the said Colonies, Islands, and Plantations by Licence first had for importing the same, under the Hand and Seal of His Majesty's Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Officer administering the Government of the Colony, Settlement, or Plantation into which such Slaves are to be imported, specifying the Ship or Vessel permitted to import the same, in Conformity with the Instructions to be received from One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as aforesaid; but that all Slaves, except such Slaves as may form Part of the Crew of any Vessels, or may be Household Servants to the Passengers therein, which shall be landed without such Licence as aforesaid, and without conforming to such Regulations as shall be contained therein, shall, together with the Vessels bringing the same, or from which the same shall be landed, and their Cargoes, become forfeited to His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors.