

and to administer the Oaths required by Law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their Votes; and immediately after such Election made, and duly examined, to certify the Names of the Sixteen Peers so elected, and sign and attest the same, in the Presence of the said Peers the Electors; and return such Certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We do, by this Our Proclamation, strictly command and require the Provost of Edinburgh, and all other the Magistrates of the said City, to take especial Care to preserve the Peace thereof, during the Time of the said Election; and to prevent all Manner of Riots, Tumults, Disorders, and Violence whatsoever. And We strictly charge and command, that this Our Royal Proclamation be duly published at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns of Scotland, Twenty-five Days at least before the Time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed to such Election.

Witness Ourself at Westminster, the Twenty-fourth Day of October One thousand eight Hundred and six, in the Forty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 8th of October 1806,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act for enabling His Majesty to permit the Importation and Exportation of certain Goods and Commodities into and from the Port of Road Harbour, in the Island of Tortola;" It is enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to permit the Importation into the said Port of Road Harbour, in the Island of Tortola, one of the Virgin Islands, and the Exportation from thence into this Kingdom, of all such Articles, Goods, and Commodities as are permitted by an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to consolidate the several Laws now in force for allowing the Importation and Exportation of certain Goods and Merchandize into and from certain Ports in the West Indies," to be imported into the Port of Nassau, in the Island of New Providence, one of the Bahama Islands, and to be exported from thence to this Kingdom, in the same Manner, on the same Duties and Drawbacks, and subject to the same Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures as are provided in the said last-mentioned Act, respecting the Importation into, and Exportation from the Port of Nassau, and further subject to such Rules, Regulations, Conditions, and Restrictions as shall, from Time to Time be directed by His Majesty, by and with the Advice aforesaid; His Majesty is thereupon pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the Date hereof, and till further

order, it shall be lawful to import into the said Port of Road Harbour, in the Island of Tortola, one of the Virgin Islands, and to export from thence into this Kingdom, all such Articles, Goods, and Commodities as are permitted by the last-mentioned Act, to be imported into the said Island of Nassau, and to be exported from thence into this Kingdom, in the same Manner, on the same Duties and Drawbacks, and subject to the same Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures as are provided in the said last-mentioned Act respecting Importation into, and Exportation from the Port of Nassau, and further subject to the Conditions, Rules, and Regulations hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, that before any Sugar or Coffee, the Produce of Tortola and its Dependencies, shall be permitted or suffered to be shipped or laden on board any Ship or Vessel, each and every Package shall be stamped or marked by the proper Officer of the Customs in Roman Letters, of not less than Two Inches in Length, with the Words BRITISH PLANTATION; provided always, that no such Sugar or Coffee, the Produce of Tortola and its Dependencies as aforesaid, shall be so stamped or marked, except on Application in Writing from the Proprietor of the Plantation, on which such Sugar or Coffee was actually produced, or his or her Agent or Manager, specifying the Quantity of such Sugar or Coffee, and the Number and Weight of the Packages, containing the same respectively, the Name or Description of the Plantation, where the same, and the Year in which the same actually grew, and addressed to the Collector or other principal Officer of His Majesty's Customs, and such Collector or other principal Officer, shall cause the said Packages to be duly weighed and examined, and if the same shall be found to correspond with such Application, and the Sugar or Coffee contained therein shall be proved on the Oath of the Party, or otherwise, to the Satisfaction of such Collector or other principal Officer to be, bona fide, the Growth or Produce of the Plantation mentioned as described in such Application, he shall cause the same to be so stamped or marked in the Order in which such Applications shall have been made, and not otherwise; provided also, that in case Application shall be so made in any One Year, ending the Thirty-first of December, for stamping or marking a greater Quantity of Sugar than 5,880,000 lbs., that Quantity, and no more, shall be so stamped or marked, and the Remainder shall be stamped or marked in the next Year in the Order in which Application shall have been made for the same, successively, unless the Proprietor, &c. shall be willing that such Sugar or Coffee shall be stamped or marked as Foreign, in Manner hereafter-mentioned, and exported as such from the said Island; and that all Sugar and Coffee, not being the Produce of the British Plantations or Territories, shall, upon Importation into the Port of Road Harbour, be laid on Land, and examined, and shall be deposited in safe and secure Warehouses, under the joint Locks of His Majesty, and the Owner or Proprietor of such Sugar and Coffee; and the same shall not afterwards be shipped or laden on board any Ship or Vessel, unless directly from such Warehouses, (upon due Entry thereof being first made,) under the Care and Inspection of the proper Officer of the Customs; and before any such Sugar or Coffee shall be permitted or suffered to be shipped