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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 15th of *March* 1809,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient further to encourage the Trade from Malta to Countries under the Restrictions contained in His Majesty's Order in Council dated the Eleventh Day of November One thousand eight hundred and seven, His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Licences be granted by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or other Person having the chief Civil Command at Malta, but in His Majesty's Name, to such Person or Persons as the said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person having the chief Civil Command, shall think fit, allowing such Person or Persons to export from Malta direct to any Port or Ports within the Straights of Gibraltar, any Articles of the Produce or Manufacture of His Majesty's Dominions, and any Articles which shall have been imported into Malta from this Kingdom, or from any Port or Place within the Straights of Gibraltar, (not being Naval or Military Stores,) in any Vessel belonging to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or in any Vessel belonging to any Country not at War with His Majesty, or in any Vessel not exceeding One Hundred Tons Burthen, and being unarmed, belonging to any Country within the said Straights; and also to import in any such Vessel or Vessels as aforesaid, from any Port within the Straights of Gibraltar to Malta aforesaid, (the Port and Destination being specified in such Licence,) any Articles whatsoever, and to whomsoever the same may appear to belong, such Articles to be specified in the Bill of Lading of such Vessel; subject, however, to such further Regulations and Restrictions with respect to all or any of such Articles so to be exported or imported, as to the said Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or other Person having the chief Civil Command at Malta aforesaid for the Time being respectively, shall from Time to Time seem fit and expedient.

And it is further ordered, that in every such

Licence shall be inserted the Names and Residence of the Person or Persons to whom it shall be granted, the Articles and their Quantities permitted to be exported, the Name and Description of the Vessel, and of the Master thereof, and the Port or Ports to which the Vessel shall be allowed to go; and that no Licence so to be granted shall continue in Force for longer Time than Four Months from its Date, nor for more than One Voyage; nor shall any Licence be granted, or acknowledged to be valid if granted, to permit the Clearance of any Vessel to any Port which shall be actually blockaded by any Naval Force of His Majesty or His Allies.

And it is further ordered, that the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships of War and Privateers, and all others whom it may concern, shall suffer every such Vessel sailing conformably to the Permission given by this Order, and having any such Licence as aforesaid, to pass and repass direct between Malta and such Port or Ports within the Straights of Gibraltar as shall be specified in the Licence, in such Manner, and under such Terms, Regulations, and Restrictions as shall be expressed therein.

And it is further ordered, that in case any Vessel so sailing as aforesaid, for which any such Licence as aforesaid shall have been granted, and which shall be proceeding direct upon her said Voyage, shall be detained and brought in for legal Adjudication, such Vessel, with her Cargo, shall be forthwith released by the Court of Admiralty in which Proceedings shall be commenced, upon Proof being made that the Parties had duly conformed to the Terms, Regulations, and Restrictions of the said Licence; the Proof of such Conformity to lie upon the Person or Persons claiming the Benefit of this Order, or obtaining or using such Licence, or claiming the Benefit thereof.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Judges of the Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take the necessary Measures herein as to them shall respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.