

Council of Paisley, most respectfully approach your Serene Highness, with homage of condolence on the afflictive and universally lamented death of the Princess Charlotte of Wales, in whom all the best hopes and future expectations of the nation were concentrated.

We participate most sincerely in the feeling universally expressed on account of an event so very unexpected and so calamitous, and as human power cannot assuage the poignancy of grief, we earnestly implore that Divine consolation which can alone enable your Serene Highness to endure so severe a trial with fortitude and resignation.

We would offer to your Serene Highness sentiments of exalted respect and esteem, and trust that we shall long be enabled to recognise you as a subject and distinguished ornament of the British empire.

Signed in our name and presence, the 16th December 1817, *William Carlile*, Provost.

[Transmitted by the Provost, and presented by Sir Robert Gardiner.]

AT the Court at Brighton, the 30th day of December 1817,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for regulating the trade between the subjects of His Majesty's colonies and plantations in North America and in the West India Islands and the countries belonging to the United States of America, and between His Majesty's said subjects and the Foreign Islands in the West Indies," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty in Council, by Order or Orders to be issued and published from time to time, to authorise, or by Warrant or Warrants under His sign manual, to empower the Governor of Newfoundland for the time being, to authorise, in case of necessity, the importation into Newfoundland of bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, from any of the territories belonging to the said United States, for the supply of the inhabitants and fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the then ensuing season only; provided always, that such bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, so authorised to be imported into the Island of Newfoundland, shall not be imported except in conformity to such rules, regulations, and restrictions as shall be specified in such Order or Orders, Warrant or Warrants respectively, and except by British subjects, and in British-built ships, owned by His Majesty's subjects, and navigated according to law:

And whereas it is expedient and necessary, that provision be made for fully supplying the inhabitants and fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the ensuing season, with bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, His Royal Highness

the Prince Regent doth thereupon, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, hereby order and declare, that for the supply of the inhabitants and fishermen of the Island of Newfoundland, for the ensuing season only, bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, may be imported into the said island from any of the territories belonging to the said United States, by British subjects, and in British-built ships, owned by His Majesty's subjects, and navigated according to law, and which within the space of nine months previous to the time of such importation, have cleared out from some port of the United Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland, or other His Majesty's dominions in Europe, for which purpose a licence shall have been granted by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England or Scotland, or the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue in Ireland, or any other person or persons who may be duly authorised in that kingdom respectively, in the manner and form herein-after mentioned; which licence shall continue and be in force for nine calendar months from the day of the date upon which such licence is respectively granted, and no longer; provided that no such licence as aforesaid, granted after the thirtieth day of September next, shall be of any force or effect: and His Royal Highness is hereby further pleased to order, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, that the master or person having the charge or command of any ship or vessel to whom such licence shall be granted, shall, upon the arrival of the said ship or vessel at the port, harbour, or place in the said Island of Newfoundland where he shall discharge such bread, flour, Indian corn, and live stock, deliver up the said licence to the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs there, having first indorsed on the back of such licence the marks, numbers, and contents of each package of bread, flour, Indian corn, and the number of live stock, under the penalty of the forfeiture in the said Act mentioned; and the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs at Newfoundland, is hereby enjoined and required to give a certificate to the master or person having the charge or command of such ship or vessel, of his having received the said licence so indorsed as before directed, and to transmit the same to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in England or Scotland, or to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Revenue in Ireland respectively, by whom such licence was granted. *Chetwynd.*

#### FORM OF LICENCE.

By the Commissioners for managing and causing to be levied and collected His Majesty's Customs, Subsidies, and other Duties in [where].

WHEREAS [the name of the person] one of His Majesty's subjects, residing at [place where] hath given notice to us the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs [in Great Britain, or Revenue in Ireland] that he intends to lade at [some port of the United States of America] and import into [some port of Newfoundland] in the [ship's name], being a British-built ship [describing the tonnage