

tries, and I earnestly hope that it will be found to be of a temporary nature.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

I continue to receive from foreign Powers the strongest assurances of their friendly disposition towards this country.

It is My most anxious wish that advantage should be taken of this season of peace to secure and advance our internal prosperity; but the successful prosecution of this object must essentially depend on the preservation of domestic tranquillity.

Upon the loyalty of the great body of the people I have the most confident reliance; but it will require your utmost vigilance and exertion, collectively and individually, to check the dissemination of the doctrines of treason and impiety, and to impress upon the minds of all classes of His Majesty's subjects, that it is from the cultivation of the principles of Religion, and from a just subordination to lawful authority, that We can alone expect the continuance of that Divine Favour and Protection which have hitherto been so signally perienced by this kingdom.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

#### A PROCLAMATION,

*Requiring Passes, formerly granted to Ships and Vessels trading in the way of the Cruizers belonging to the Governments on the Coast of Barbary, to be returned into the Office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and other Passes of different Forms to be issued.*

GEORGE, R.

**W**HEREAS by Our Royal Proclamation, bearing date the third day of November, in the forty-third year of Our reign, We did charge and command all Our loving subjects who then were, or should be, possessed of any passes for ships and vessels belonging to Our subjects trading to Portugal, the Canaries, Guinea, the Indies, into the Mediterranean, or elsewhere, in the way of the cruizers belonging to the Governments on the Coast of Barbary (except such passes as had been granted to ships gone or going to the East Indies, or other remote voyages where they could not be timely furnished with new passes), that they should, before the thirty-first day of December

one thousand eight hundred and three, return the same and furnish themselves with passes of a new form, under the hands and seals of the Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their several ships and vessels, in such manner as by the said recited Proclamation was directed: and whereas it hath been humbly represented unto Us; that there is the greatest reason to believe that many of Our passes may, either by accident or undue means have fallen into the hands of foreigners, who by the clandestine use of such passes may carry on their trade; We, taking the premises into Our Royal consideration, and judging it necessary to put a speedy stop to all such indirect practices, which do not only tend to the prejudice of Our trading subjects, but may occasion a misunderstanding between Us and the Governments on the Coast of Barbary, for preventing thereof have thought fit, by the advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby declare, that the passes of the present form shall continue in force for all vessels sailing from the ports of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland during the present year, in order to give sufficient time to Our trade to be furnished with passes of the new form, and that after the expiration of that time, no passes but those of the new form shall be considered as valid, except in the case of vessels returning from foreign voyages, where they cannot be timely furnished with new passes; and We do hereby further declare, that in the case of vessels returning from foreign voyages, passes of the present form shall continue in force during the terms hereinafter mentioned, that is to say.

For vessels returning from the ports to the northward of the Streights of Gibraltar, or from the ports within the Mediterranean, to the thirty-first of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

For vessels returning from the West Indies, North America, and the western coasts of Africa, to the thirtieth of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

For vessels returning from the East Indies and all other distant parts, to the thirtieth of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

And We do hereby strictly charge and command all Our loving subjects, who are, or shall be possessed of any such passes, that they do, on or before the expiration of the periods herein before mentioned respectively, return the same into the