

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, P. R.

WHEREAS 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 office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, or to the respective Collectors of Our Customs at the out ports of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the Governors of some of Our foreign plantations or dominions, in order to their being cancelled; and that they do furnish themselves with passes of the new form, under the hands and seals of Our Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in lieu thereof, for their several ships and vessels, according to the Treaties subsisting between Us and the said Governments on the Coast of Barbary, and the regulations made by Our Royal predecessor King George the First, by Order in His Privy Council on the fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, so far as the same remains unaltered, by the regulations made by Us by Our Orders in Council, bearing date respectively on the twenty-eight day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, on the thirty-first day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and the third day of November one thousand eight hundred and two, or Our Order in Council of this day's date, and according to the further regulations then there made, and our instructions given to Our said Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland touching the same: and whereas many ships and vessels belonging to Our loving subjects continue several years trading from port to port in the Mediterranean without returning home, whereby they cannot so conveniently procure their passes to be exchanged: We do hereby, for the ease of Our trading subjects, publish and declare, Our pleasure, that upon the application of any owner of any ship or vessel, or other substantial merchant, to the office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and oath made by him of the property of such ship or vessel, and that three fourths of the company are our subjects, according to an Act made in the twelfth year of the reign of Our Royal predecessor King Charles the Second (intituled "An Act for encouraging and increasing of shipping and navigation)," or such other proportion as may be authorised by Act of Parliament, and upon entering into a bond for the return of such pass at the end of the period therein specified: it shall and may be lawful for Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being, and they are respectively empowered to make