

Great Britain and Ireland; that for the more effectual prevention of abuses, and for the diminution of expence it may be convenient, in certain cases, that passes to be granted for the purposes aforesaid should be united with the ship's certificate of registry, Our will and pleasure is, that if any person shall be desirous of having the Mediterranean pass annexed to the certificate of registry of his ship, such pass so annexed may be issued agreeably to the form B, recommended to Us by Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in their memorial as aforesaid; and that such pass shall not be separated from such certificate of registry, but shall be returned at the same time when such certificate of registry shall be delivered up to be cancelled, and as often as any new certificate of registry shall be granted, an annexed pass shall also be granted under the same conditions, if the party shall be desirous thereof.

But whereas the laws for the registry of British shipping do not apply to ships belonging to Gibraltar and Malta, and whereas it is expedient that passes granted to the ships of the said places should be accompanied by some document proving that they belong to His Majesty's subjects in His Majesty's said possessions respectively, it is Our further will and pleasure, that the Governors or Deputy-Governors of the said possessions respectively, who shall be authorised to issue passes, shall issue them only in the form marked C, as recommended to us by Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in their memorial as aforesaid, and that the said Governors or Deputy-Governors shall issue them only to such ships as shall be certified (in such manner as We shall be pleased by any Order or Orders in Council to direct), to belong to Our subjects, and to the possessions under their respective Governments, except that when any ship having a pass issued in the United Kingdom, or in any of His Majesty's Colonies, the time of which pass shall have expired, and which by these regulations ought to be returned, or where the owner or master of a ship having a British certificate of registry shall be desirous of obtaining a Mediterranean pass; the Governors or Deputy-Governors as aforesaid may grant for such ship a pass of the form aforesaid marked C, to be in force to the end of the ships then voyage, and no longer, and to be returned to be cancelled at the end of such voyage as hereinafore directed in other cases respectively; and the said Governors or Deputy-Governors shall sign their names in the margin of all passes issued by them respectively as specified in the said form; and in all cases the Governors or Deputy-Governors issuing such passes shall take a bond (as above directed), for the delivery up of such pass on the first ensuing arrival of such ship in any port of the United Kingdom, or of a British possession, of which the Governor or Deputy-Governor may be authorised to issue passes.

It is Our further will and pleasure, that for the more convenient issue of such passes, 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, shall be authorised to furnish to the Commissioners of Our Customs in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, and to the Governors of Our Colonies, and of Gibraltar and Malta, passes of the necessary forms signed and executed by 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, in blank as to the names of the ship, which passes the Commissioners of Our Customs as aforesaid or their Officers; and the said Governors shall be authorised to fill up and issue on the receipt of the bond required to be taken for the same.

And it is Our further will and pleasure, that it shall 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 hereby empowered to lodge Mediterranean passes of the same form with the new passes for ships and vessels belonging to Gibraltar and Malta, in the hands of Our Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands, and to empower our said Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands to issue and deliver out such passes to any of the inhabitants of the said Islands, to be applied to ships actually belonging to the said Islands, and none other, provided the person or persons applying for the same do comply with and conform to the several rules and regulations now in use, or that may be required to be observed by Our subjects, or that may be directed to be observed by the said inhabitants of the Ionian Islands by 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 We do hereby order, that the Commissioners of Our Customs in Great Britain and Ireland do cause to be carried into execution such parts of the said Order of Council, of the fourteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, concerning passes as relate to themselves and the proper Officers under them, so far as the same remains now in force, and of Our Orders aforesaid made in Council on the twenty-eighth 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, that they do direct their Officers in the several parts of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to demand of the masters of all merchant ships, so soon as they shall return into port from a foreign voyage, all passes granted as aforesaid which shall be in their possession to be produced to the said respective Officers of Our Customs; and if the same shall appear to be of an older date than the periods herein before severally and respectively mentioned for the return of the passes of the pre-