

gratitude the paternal care and prudence of your Royal Highness in assembling the Parliament. We look forward with confidence to its decisions, whether judicial or legislative; and we trust that, with the aid of its deliberations, your Royal Highness will (by the blessing of Almighty God) successfully defend against the machinations of daring and desperate adventurers, that Government which has stood the test of so many ages; and which, in our own age, your Royal Highness has been the happy instrument, under Providence, of rescuing from the greatest perils both external and internal, by unparalleled and ever-glorious victories, and by firmness, justice and moderation in Council.

Given under our common Seal, the 24th day of November 1819.

To which Address His Royal Highness was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:

“ I return you my warmest thanks for this loyal and dutiful Address.

“ It is peculiarly gratifying to me to receive, at this time, such a testimony of your zealous and unabated attachment to the civil and religious establishment of your Country; and I am fully persuaded that you will ever consider it as your indispensable and first duty to cherish and inculcate that reverence for our holy religion, and that firm adherence to the true principles of the Constitution in Church and State, on which the preservation of all that is most valuable to us must wholly depend.

“ At this important conjuncture, I rely with confidence on the wisdom of Parliament, and on the active and cordial co-operation of the great body of His Majesty's Subjects to enable me to arrest the progress of infidelity and sedition; to frustrate the designs of the disaffected, and, under the favour of Divine Providence, to restore tranquillity to the Nation.”

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