

the inhabitants of the district committed to our spiritual charge. The education bestowed on the great body of our people, by means of parochial schools under the direction of our ecclesiastical establishment, imbuing their minds with useful knowledge and enlarging their views, has, by the blessing of Heaven, taught them to appreciate the value of that rational liberty, which, as Britons, we enjoy, and, above all, has inspired them with the deepest reverence and veneration for the revealed word of God; it has been our most earnest study, and it shall be our continued endeavour, by cherishing such sentiments among those with whom we are connected, to guard them against the contamination of infidel and revolutionary opinions.

For support in this necessary duty we confidently rely, under Providence, on the paternal care of your Royal Highness, on the wisdom of Parliament, and on the vigorous but temperate exercise of the powers entrusted in the hands of His Majesty's executive Government.

Thos. Gillespie, Moderator.

Annan, December 15, 1819.

[*Transmitted by W. R. K. Douglas, Esq. M. P. and presented by Viscount Sidmouth.*]

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 20th of November 1819,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS the time limited by the Orders of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in Council of the twenty-eighth May and the twelfth July last, for prohibiting the exportation of gunpowder, arms, or ammunition, to the places therein specified, will expire on the thirtieth day of this instant November; and whereas it is expedient, that the said prohibition should be continued for some time longer; His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, doth hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no person or persons whatsoever (except the Master-General of the Ordnance for His Majesty's service) do, at any time during the space of six months (to commence from the thirtieth day of this instant November), presume to transport any gunpowder or salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, to any port or place within the dominions of the King of Spain, or to any port or place on the Coast of Africa, or in the West Indies, or on any part of the Continent of America (except to a port or place, or ports or places in His Majesty's territories or possessions on the Continent of North America, or in the territories of the United States of America), or ship or lade any gunpowder or salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, on board any ship or vessel, in order to transporting the same into any such ports or places within the dominions of the

King of Spain, or into any such ports or places on the Coast of Africa, or in the West Indies, or on the Continent of America (except as above excepted), without leave or permission in that behalf first obtained from His Majesty, or His Privy Council, upon pain of incurring and suffering the respective forfeitures and penalties inflicted by an Act, passed in the twenty-ninth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of salt-petre, and to enforce the law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of gunpowder, or any sort of arms or ammunition, and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying coastwise of salt-petre, gunpowder, or any sort of arms or ammunition;" and also by an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, cap. 2, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to restrain the exportation of naval stores, and more effectually to prevent the exportation of salt-petre, arms, and ammunition, when prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council:"

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain. *Chetwynd.*

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 17th of September 1819,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to direct the distribution of any reward awarded by the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise to the Officers of the Army, Navy, or Marines, for apprehending smugglers, in such manner as His Majesty shall be pleased to appoint," reciting, that by the laws now in force for the prevention of smuggling, it is lawful for the Commissioners of Customs or Excise in England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively, and they are thereby required, in certain cases, to award, to every Officer or other person arresting any person for breach of those laws, so that he shall be convicted or committed to prison on account thereof, any sum not exceeding twenty-pounds for each man so convicted or committed to prison; and that it is expedient that His Majesty should be empowered, in certain cases, to direct the distribution of such reward, by His Order or Orders in Council, or by His Royal Proclamation in that behalf, in such manner as He shall be pleased thereby to appoint; and, therefore, enacting that in all cases wherein the Commissioners of