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By the QUEEN,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

Requiring Quarantain to be performed by Ships coming from the Baltick Sea.

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W Here is several Places on the Baltick Sea have been for some time past, and yet are infected with the Plague; and we, out of our tender Care of our People, and to prevent the Infection that might be by Ships coming into our Ports from thence, did by our several Orders in Council made in the Months of August, September, October, November, December, January and February last, direct and require, that all Ships and Persons coming in the same from the Baltick Sea should perform their Quarantain in such manner, and in such places, as in and by the said Orders are directed: Notwithstanding which it has been represented unto us, That several persons arrived in our Ports in such Ships from the said Sea, have presumed to come on shore, and have appeared in the publick Streets, and mingled themselves with our Subjects; and some of our Subjects have gone on Board such Ships, and received Goods therein imported, to the manifest Danger of infecting our Subjects. For the remedying whereof, and preventing the said Infection being brought into this our Kingdom, and to the intent that no person whatsoever may pretend Ignorance of our Commands herein, we have thought fit, and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, do, by this our Royal Proclamation, give Notice of the said Orders, and do require that all persons do yield exact Obedience to the same, which are as follows.

First, That all Ships or Vessels arriving in any of our Ports from the Baltick Sea, do make their Quarantain for forty Days, which shall be reckoned and commence from the Day each Ship shall come to Anchor in the Place appointed for performing such Quarantain, and not before.

Secondly, That the places for performing Quarantain by such Ships bound to the Rivers of Thames and Medway be Standgate-Creek on the South shore of the River Medway opposite to the Isle of Grain, Sharpshoot-Creek, and the lower End of the Hope; and by such Ships coming into any of our Out-ports, be such places as have been, or shall be appointed by the Officers of our Customs in such Out-ports, who are empowered and required to appoint proper places for the same.

Thirdly, That until, and during the time for making such Quarantain, no Persons coming, or Goods imported in any such Ship, shall come on shore, or be landed in any place within this Kingdom.

Fourthly, That if at the Expiration of the Quarantain hereby directed to be made, there shall appear to the Officers of our Customs in the respective places where such Ships shall be; and the Master, or other Persons taking Charge of such Ships, shall make Oath before the Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of the Place, in or near which such Ships shall be, that all the persons therein are in perfect Health, that then the respective persons coming in such Ships shall be permitted to go on shore; but the Goods imported in such Ships shall be landed, opened and aired, and so remain a Week, and after may be brought to their Places of Discharge; other than Linnen, Polonia Wool, Hogs Bristles, Spruce Tarn, Feathers, Hemp and Flax, which the Officers of our Customs shall cause to remain on Board such Ships, and not permit

to be landed till an Account thereof shall be given unto us in Council, and we shall give Orders concerning the same.

Fifthly, That the place for landing and airing the Goods imported from the Baltick, and designed for the River Thames, shall be the Island of Stowport in the River Medway; and in other our Ports, such places as have been, or shall be appointed by the Officers of our Customs, in conjunction with the respective Chief Magistrates there.

Sixthly, That whatever Ship or Person shall receive any Men or Goods from on Board any Ship or Vessel under Quarantain, shall therefore be compelled to do the like Quarantain.

Seventhly, That such persons as after Quarantain performed shall be employed in the Hold of any such Ships for the taking Iron, Tar, Pipe-Staves, Timber, or other Goods, from Hemp, Flax, Linnen, Polonia Wool, Hogs Bristles, Spruce Tarn or Feathers therein, shall be obliged to perform a new Quarantain.

Eighthly, That the Captains of every of our Ships of War who shall meet any such Ships coming to any of our Ports of this Kingdom, shall take Care to prevent the landing any Goods, Seamen or Passengers therein, until they shall be put under the Direction of the Officers of our Customs.

Ninthly, That the Commissioners and other Officers of our Customs do use their utmost Diligence and Care that the Quarantain before directed be duly performed.

And we do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Persons whatsoever that shall come into any of our Ports in this Kingdom from any parts of the Baltick Sea, that they do make their Quarantain according to our Orders herein before expressed; and that during the time of their Quarantain they do not presume to come or put any Goods out of such Ships on shore, nor permit or suffer any Person to come on Board such Ships; and that all other Persons, other than such as shall be appointed to take Care that the Quarantain be duly performed, do not go on Board, or receive any Goods from such Ships till they shall be discharged from their Quarantain, as herein before directed, upon Pain of being proceeded against with the utmost Severity that the Law will allow of, for disobeying our Commands herein, so necessary for Securing the Health of our Subjects. And we do hereby command our Commissioners of our Treasury, our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Commissioners of our Customs, that they do take care and give the necessary Directions, that our said Orders be put in Execution, and duly observed: And we do likewise strictly Charge and Command the Commanders of our Ships of War, the Commanders of our Forts and Garrisons lying near our Sea Coasts, and all our Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Chief Magistrates, Constables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, and all other Officers and Ministers of Justice, to be aiding and assisting to the Officers of our Customs, and to all other Persons that shall be concerned in stopping Ships coming from the Baltick Sea, and obliging them to perform their Quarantain, and obliging them to perform their Quarantain, in the due Execution of our Commands herein.

Given at our Court at Hampton-Court, the Ninth Day of November, 1710: In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

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