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AT the Court at St. James's, the 12th Day of March, 1745.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS a Contagious Distemper now rages in several Parts of this Kingdom amongst Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Calves, Steers, and Heifers, which if not timely prevented, may end in the entire Destruction of such Cattle: And whereas by an Act of Parliament passed this present Session, intituled, "An Act to enable his Majesty to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations, more effectually to prevent the spreading of the Distemper which now rages amongst the horned Cattle in this Kingdom;" it is enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council, from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders and Regulations, or to vary or repeal the same, as he or they shall judge most expedient and effectual in Great-Britain, Ireland, and all other his Majesty's Dominions, for putting a Stop to, or preventing the spreading of the said Distemper; and whosoever shall offend against any such Rules, Orders, Regulations, or Variations, being convicted thereof before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for any County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, or Town Corporate, where such Offence shall be committed, are made subject to the Penalty of Ten Pounds; one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish; to be levied by Distress; and in Default of Distress, the Offender to be committed by such Justice or Justices to the House of Correction for three Months; and that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be publicly read upon the next Sunday after the Receipt of the same, and the first Sunday in every subsequent Month, during the Time the same shall continue in Force, immediately after the Prayers, in all Parish Churches,

Chapels, and other Places set apart for Divine Worship; and every such Order, Rule, and Regulation, shall be kept by the Minister of every Parish Church, Chapel, or Place, who shall permit any Person residing within his Parish, Chapelry, or Place, to read the same, during the Time such Rule, Order, or Regulation shall continue in Force.—And it is further enacted by the said Act, That the Removal, Driving, or Sale of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, contrary to any such Rule, Order, or Regulation, shall be deemed a distinct and separate Offence within the Intent and Meaning of the said Act.—His Majesty being desirous of doing all in his Power to put a Stop to the spreading of the said Distemper, has thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council (who have consulted Physicians and Surgeons thereupon, and they have given it as their Opinion, that all the Methods of Cure which have been put in Practice, both at Home and Abroad, have proved so unsuccessful, that they have rather contributed to propagate than stop the Infection; for while Means are using to save the Sick, the Disease spreads amongst the Sound, and is increased more and more, in Proportion to the Number seized with it) to make and establish the Rules, Orders, and Regulations following, which his Majesty does, by this his Order of his Privy Council, requiring and commanding all his Subjects in the several Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and Parishes, and all other Parts of this his Realm, strictly to pursue and observe, during his Royal Pleasure.

*First,* That all Cowkeepers, Farmers, and Owners of any of the said several Sorts of Cattle, in any Place where the said Distemper has appeared, or shall hereafter appear, do, as soon as any of the said Cattle shall appear to have any Signs or Marks of the said Distemper, immediately remove such Cattle to some Place distant from the rest, and cause the same to be shot dead, or otherwise killed, with as little Effusion of Blood as may be, and the Bodies