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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 27th Day of  
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P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in  
Council.

**W**HEREAS his Majesty hath received Information, that many Abuses have been committed with regard to the granting Certificates for the Rewards allowed to the Sufferers for their Losses by Infected Cattle killed and buried, by granting Certificates for Infected Cattle as killed pursuant to the Directions of his Majesty's Order in Council of the Eighteenth of June last, (which directs them to be killed immediately, and so soon as any Signs or Marks of the said Distemper shall appear) though in Fact the said Cattle have not been killed, until after they had been long ill of the said Distemper, and till they were near expiring; which is contrary to the Directions and Intention of his Majesty's said Order in Council, and tends greatly to the Spreading the said Contagion—As also with regard to the Burying the said Infected Cattle, many of whom are not immediately buried so soon as they die, or are killed, but are suffered to lie above Ground for a considerable Time after, and others have been only put into the Ground and not cover'd over, but the Ground kept open, in order to put others expected to die soon, into the same Burying-place—And that others have not been buried near the Depth under Ground required by the said Order, under Pretence that they could not bury them that Depth by reason of the Water, and diverse other Pretences, by Means whereof Swine and Dogs have come at and fed upon the said Infected Carcasses, and thereby carried and spread the said Infection to and amongst Herds of Cattle, which were before sound and free from the said Distemper.

And whereas there is great Reason to apprehend, that Frauds may be committed, either by obtaining double Certificates, or by producing forged and counterfeit, or false Certificates, unless due Care be taken to prevent the same; His Majesty taking the Premises into his Royal Consideration, and having a due Regard as well to the Hindering, as far as may be, the Spreading the said Infection, as also to the Preventing any Abuse in the Payment of the Recompences allowed to the said Sufferers, is pleased, by and with the Advice of his Privy-Council, to make the following Variations and Additions to the Orders, Rules and Regulations contained in his Majesty's former Orders in Council of the Eighteenth

of June and Eighth of September last; and his Majesty doth by this his Order in his Privy-Council, accordingly order, require, and command,

That when any Owner or Owners of Infected Cattle apply to any Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, for a Certificate of such Infected Cattle having been killed and buried pursuant to the Directions of his Majesty's Orders in Council, every such Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, is carefully to enquire upon Oath, the Time when the Symptoms of the said Distemper first appeared upon the said Cattle respectively, and the Time when they were respectively killed, and when respectively buried, and where, and how deep, and whether the Earth was cover'd over them, and when, and to have the same verified upon the Oath of the Owner or Owners of the said Cattle, and also of the Inspector or Officer who visited the said Cattle, and where there was no Inspector or Parish Officer, of a credible Witness: And as to such of the said Cattle as shall not, upon such Examination, appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, to have been killed and buried within Twenty-four Hours at farthest from and after the said Cattle were first respectively seized with the said Distemper, at least four Feet deep, and the Earth cover'd in, the said Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, are hereby strictly charged and commanded not to grant, on any Pretence whatsoever, any Certificate for such Cattle, as killed and buried pursuant to the Directions of the said Order in Council: And as to such Cattle, as upon such Enquiry and Examination, shall appear to have been killed, buried, and cover'd in, within Twenty-four Hours at farthest, from and after their being first seized with the said Distemper, the Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of the Land Tax are hereby required to mention in every Certificate they shall hereafter grant for Infected Cattle killed and buried, that such Examination had been made on Oath, touching the Time the said Cattle were first seized with the said Distemper, and the Time of their being killed and buried.

That the Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, do not, on any Pretence whatsoever, grant any Certificate for the Reward for the Hides or Skins of Cattle that die of the said Infection, unless it be first made appear to him or them, by the Oath of the Owner or Owners of such Cattle, and also by the Oath of an Inspector or Parish-Officer, or, if they cannot be had, of a credible Witness, that the said Cattle were respectively buried immediately

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