

mediately, and at farthest within three Hours after they died, at least four Feet deep, and the Earth cover'd in, and then to mention in the Certificate that such Proof hath been made.

That every Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, do within three Days after the End of every Month, in which any Certificate or Certificates for Infected Cattle shall be granted by him or them, transmit a List or Lists under his or their Hand or Hands, of all such Certificates as shall have been granted and signed by him or them within such Month, mentioning the Date of each Certificate, the Name and Place of Residence of the Person or Persons to whom granted, and the Amount of the Allowance or Allowances in each Certificate, to the Clerk of the Peace for the respective Counties in which such Certificates shall have been signed; which Certificates the said respective Clerks of the Peace are hereby enjoined and required forthwith to transmit to John Sharpe, Esq; the Solicitor of his Majesty's Treasury, at his Chambers N^o 11. in Lincoln's Inn, or to Mr. Thomas Le Heup his Assistant, at his Chambers N^o 13. in Lincoln's Inn, for their Guidance, and as a Cheque in the Payment of the Rewards due on such Certificates: And to the End that these Directions may have their intended Effect, it is hereby further ordered, that the said Recompence shall not be paid upon any such Certificates, until fourteen Days after such List or Lists shall be received by the said Solicitor of the Treasury or his said Assistant; and that no Certificates be paid by the said Solicitor or his said Assistant, but such only as are included in the said Lists.

That every Justice of the Peace, and Commissioner of the Land Tax, before the granting of such Certificates, do examine upon Oath the Person or Persons claiming such Rewards, and applying for such Certificates, very strictly, whether he, she or they, or any other Person or Persons, for or on his, her, or their Behalf, have not before obtained any Certificate or Certificates for such Rewards for the same Cattle, and do thereupon mention in the Certificates, that such Oath hath been made, and such Examination taken: And if the said Justices of the Peace, or Commissioners of the Land Tax, find just Reason to apprehend, that there is any Fraud or Collusion with regard to the said Cattle, or that the Cattle so Infected were brought into any Infected Place contrary to the Intent and Meaning of his Majesty's said former Orders in Council for preventing the Spreading the Infection, or that they had before obtained any Certificate for the same, that then, and in every such Case, they do refuse granting any such Certificates.

And whereas notwithstanding his Majesty did, by his said former Orders in Council, require, that all Persons thereby empowered to grant Certificates for any of the Purposes therein mentioned, should grant the same gratis; yet it hath been represented to his Majesty, that several of the Justices of the Peace and qualified Commissioners of the Land Tax, have suffered their Clerks to take Money of the unfortunate Sufferers for granting such Certificates; His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, and having a tender Regard and Compassion for the said poor Sufferers, doth declare himself highly displeas'd therewith; and doth, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, hereby order and

command, That the said Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax empowered to grant such Certificates, do grant the same gratis, pursuant to the Directions of the Act pass'd in the last Session of the last Parliament; and that they do not suffer their Clerks, under any Pretence whatsoever, to take any Fee or Reward for making out such Certificates, or for any Acts done in relation thereto; and that neither such Clerks, or any other Person or Persons any way employed or concerned in the Issuing such Certificates, do presume to ask, demand, receive or take any Fee, Reward, Gratuity, or Sum of Money whatsoever, under Pretence of making out such Certificates, or for any Act or Thing done in relation thereto; and that the like Directions be observed in granting all other Certificates required to be given by his Majesty's said former Orders in Council relating to the Distemper'd Cattle.

And whereas Information hath been given, that some of the Agents in London, employed by the Sufferers to receive the Rewards payable on such Certificates, have endeavoured to impose upon the said Sufferers, by charging Money as paid to the Clerks of the Solicitor of the Treasury or his Assistant, by way of Recompence or Reward for paying the same, with an Intent to make a fraudulent Gain for themselves; and it having appeared, after due Enquiry made, that the Solicitor of the Treasury, his Assistant, or Clerks, have not, in any case, taken, or received any Fee or Gratuity on Payment of the said Rewards, in any Manner whatsoever;— It is therefore thought proper, for the Information of the said Sufferers, to make the same known to them, as likewise, that all Certificates duly granted by the said Justices and Commissioners of the Land Tax, will be answered and paid in like Manner as they have hitherto been, without any Fee, Deduction, or Gratuity whatsoever.

And for the better preventing the spreading of the said Infection, his Majesty doth hereby order, That no Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, whether fat or lean, nor any Hide or Skin of such Beasts, be suffered to pass the River Mersey Northwards, until his Majesty's Pleasure be further signified; and for that Purpose, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, as also the Commissioners of the Land Tax qualified as aforesaid, of the Counties, Hundreds, Ridings, and Divisions through which the said River runs, are hereby required to cause strict Watch to be constantly kept, to guard all the Bridges, Fords, Boats and Ferries upon the said River, and to carry all Offenders herein before the next Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax as aforesaid, to be dealt with according to Law.

That no Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, either fat or lean, shall be driven or removed but between the Hours of Six in the Morning, and Six in the Evening.

And his Majesty doth hereby strictly charge and command all the Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, to hold a Meeting once a Fortnight at least within their respective Divisions, of the Counties where the said Distemper rages, and strictly and punctually to perform and execute, all and every the Matters and Things required of them by the Acts of Parliament relating to the distemper'd Cattle,