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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 14th Day of December, 1749.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS his Majesty hath received Information, that the many Rules, Orders and Regulations, made from Time to Time by his Majesty at this Board, for putting a Stop to the Spreading of the contagious Distemper amongst the Horned Cattle, have not produced the good Effects intended, the said Distemper having not only spread itself to most Parts of this Kingdom, but doth at this Time rage with a Malignity and Violence very little short of what had appeared at its first Breaking out; and that the principal Cause of the Continuance of the said Distemper, hath been the great Neglect of the Officers appointed to carry his Majesty's aforementioned Rules and Regulations into due Execution, and particularly the suffering Cattle to be bought, sold, removed, and carried to Fairs and Markets, without the proper Certificates of the Health of the Cattle, as required by the said Rules, and the many Frauds and Impositions that have been committed by the Persons entrusted with the said Certificates, so that it is become absolutely necessary, in order to prevent the further spreading of the said Contagion, to put the Liberty of buying, selling and removing of Horned Cattle under other and stronger Rules and Regulations:—And whereas his Majesty hath this Day taken this Matter into his most serious Consideration, and being desirous of doing every Thing in his Power towards putting a Stop to the said Distemper, hath therefore thought proper, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, That after the Fourteenth Day of January next, and before the Fourteenth Day of March following, no Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, within England, whether fat or lean, sick or well, be removed from the Grounds, Lands or Places where they shall be on the said Fourteenth Day of January, excepting only such sound and fat Cattle, fit for Slaughter, as shall be removed

in order to be slaughtered at some uninfected Place within the Distance of two Miles from the Place where they shall be on the said Fourteenth Day of January, by Virtue of a Certificate to be granted by some duly qualified Justice of Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax under his Hand and Seal, expressing the Description and Soundness of such Cattle, the Place from and to which they are to be removed; and which Certificates shall not be granted but on full Enquiry into, and full Satisfaction had by such Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax, on Oath of the Soundness of such Cattle.

And it is hereby further ordered, That the Church-Wardens, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and such other Person or Persons as have been, or shall be appointed by the Justices of the Peace, in Pursuance of any Order made by his Majesty in Council, do stop any such Cattle which shall be driven contrary to this Order, or to any of the Acts of Parliament made in Relation to the distempered Cattle, and carry the Offender or Offenders before some Justice or Justices of the Peace, to be punished according to the aforesaid Acts.

Provided, and it is declared, that this Order is not intended to prohibit the Carriage of Carcasses of any Cattle not infected, without their Hides, to such Places, and in such Manner, as the respective Owners thereof shall think fit; nor to prohibit the Removal of such Cattle, as shall be in Want of Pasture, into other Grounds belonging to or in Possession of the Owner of such Cattle, not above the Distance of Two Miles from the Places where the same shall be on the said Fourteenth Day of January, nor within One Mile of any infected Place.

Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend to prohibit the Removal of any such Cattle, which shall be within the Dominion of Wales, from one Part of the said Dominion of Wales to any other Part thereof; nor to prohibit or restrain the Removal of any such Cattle which shall be in any of Counties of Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, from one Place to another within the said Counties, but without going into any other than the abovementioned Counties, which are all represented to be, not only