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A Proclamation for prohibiting the Importation of Commodities of Europe into any of His Majesties Plantations in Africa, Asia, or America, which were not Laden in England; and for putting all other Laws relating to the Trade of the Plantations, in effectual execution.

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W Hereas by one Act of Parliament made in the Fifteenth Year of His Majesties Reign, Entituled, (An Act for the Encouragement of Trade) it is Enacted, That from and after the Twenty fifth day of March, 1664. No Commodities of the growth, production or manufacture of Europe, shall be Imported into any Land, Island, Plantation, Colony, Territory or Place to His Majesty belonging, or which shall belong unto, or be in the possession of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, in Asia, Africa, or America, (Tanger only excepted) but what shall be bona fide, and without fraud Laden and Shipped in England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and which shall be carried directly thence to the said Lands, Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Territories and Places, and from no other place whatsoever, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding, under the Penalty of the Loss of all such Commodities of the growth, production or manufacture of Europe, as shall be Imported into any of them, from any other place whatsoever, by Land, or by Water; and if by Water, of the Ship or Vessel also in which they were Imported, with all her Guns, Tackle, Furniture, Ammunition and Apparel, the said Forfeitures to be disposed as by the said Act is directed: Provided, that it shall be lawful to Ship and Lade in such Ships, and so Navigated, as in the said Act is expressed, in any part of Europe, Salt for the Fisheries of New-England and New found-land; and to Ship and Lade in the Maderas, Wines of the growth thereof; and Ship and Lade in the Western Islands, or Azores, Wines of the growth of the said Islands; and to Ship and Take in Servants or Horses in Scotland or Ireland; and to Ship or Lade in Scotland, all sorts of Victual of the growth or production of Scotland; and to Ship or Lade in Ireland, all sorts of Victual of the growth or production of Ireland, and the same to transport into any of the said Lands, Islands, Plantations, Colonies, Territories or Places; Any thing in the foregoing Clause to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas His Majesty is well informed, That notwithstanding the said Act of Parliament, great quantities of other Commodities of the growth, production and manufacture of Europe, (then what are by the said Act permitted) have been, and are daily Imported into several of His Colonies, Plantations and Territories, in Asia, Africa and America, (besides Tanger;) and that His Majesties Subjects of some of His Colonies and Plantations, have not only supplied themselves with such Commodities not Shipped in England, Wales or Berwick, but have conveyed them by Land and Water, to other of

His Majesties Colonies and Plantations, to the great prejudice of His Majesties Customs, and of the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdom: His Majesty therefore for the prevention thereof for the future, doth by this His Royal Proclamation, (with the advice of His Privy Council) Require and Command all and every His Subjects, that they do not for the future presume to Import any Commodities of the growth, production or manufacture of Europe, (except what may be Imported by vertue of the Proviso aforesaid) by Land, or Water, into any Land, Island, Plantation, Colony, Territory or Place, to His Majesty belonging, or which hereafter shall belong unto, or be in the possession of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, (Tanger only excepted) but which shall be bona fide, and without fraud Laden and Shipped in England, Wales, or the Town of Berwick, and carried directly from thence, according to the true meaning of the said Act; whereof all persons concerned are to take notice, and yield due obedience thereunto. And His Majesty doth further strictly direct and require all Governours of His Colonies and Plantations, and of all Lands, Islands and Places in His possession in Asia, Africa, and America, (Tanger only excepted) to take care that this His Royal Proclamation be put in due Execution: And also that one Act made in the Twelfth Year of His Majesties Reign, Entituled, (An Act for the Encouraging and Increase of Shipping and Navigation) and one Act made in the Two and twentieth and Three and twentieth Years of His Reign, Entituled, (An Act for the Regulating the Plantation Trade) and also one other Act made in the Five and twentieth Year of His Majesties Reign, Entituled, (An Act for the better Securing the Plantation Trade) together with all other the Laws of this His Kingdom of England, relating to the Trade of His Plantations, be duly observed and put in execution in their respective Governements: And His Majesty doth further require all His said Governours, and that they Command all Officers, Civil and Military, under their respective Commands, to be aiding and assisting therein, and to the Collectors and other Officers of His Majesties Customs under them, in the execution of their respective Offices in order thereunto, as they and every of them will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the 24th day of November, in the 27th year of Our Reign.

Naples, Nov. 12. Two dayes since arrived here two Vessels laden with Corn from Apuglia, one of which met the 9th instant off of Cape Spartavento with the Prince of Mantisarchio, who had only then with him eight Men of War, the rest being separated from him in bad weather, as the Prince himself told this Master; who adds, that passing through the Fare of Messina in the night, he saw a great ship on fire, which having burnt some time, was blown up by her own Powder; and therefore it is believed to have been a Man of War, but whether French or Spanish knows not.

Florence, Nov. 19. Our last Letters from Sicily advise,