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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION.

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WHEREAS by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for repealing the Act made in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for vesting the Fort of Senegal, and its Dependencies, in the Company of Merchants trading to Africa; and to vest as well the said Fort and its Dependencies, as all other the British Forts and Settlements upon the Coast of Africa, lying between the Port of Sallee and Cape Rouge, together with all the Property, Estate, and Effects of the Company of Merchants trading to Africa, in or upon the said Forts, Settlements, and their Dependencies, in His Majesty; and for securing, extending, and improving the Trade to Africa;" it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That from and after the Twenty-fourth Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, the said Company of Merchants trading to Africa shall be, and they are, thereby, absolutely divested of all and every the Forts, Lands, Castles, Settlements, and Factories, on the Coast of Africa, beginning at the Port of Sallee in South Barbary, and extending from thence to Cape Rouge, inclusive; and all other the Regions, Countries, Dominions, Territories, Continents, Coasts, Ports, Bays, Rivers, and Places, lying and being within the aforesaid Limits, and the Islands near adjoining to those Coasts, and comprehended within the said Limits; and all other the Property, Estate, and Effects whatsoever, which, by virtue of the Acts severally made in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth Years of his late Majesty, or either of them, are now vested in the said Company of Merchants trading to Africa: And that, from and after the said Twenty-fourth Day of June, as well the said Fort of Senegal, and its Dependencies, as all other the Forts, Lands, Castles, Settlements, and Factories, on the Coast of Africa, beginning at the Port of Sallee in South Barbary, and extending from thence to Cape Rouge, inclusive; and all other the Property, Estate and Effects whatsoever, possessed by the said Company of Merchants within the Limits aforesaid, or claimed by them in respect to such their Possessions within the said Limits, be, and they are, thereby, fully and absolutely vested in Us, Our Heirs and Successors: Now We, being desirous of making

Provision for the present Government of the said Forts, Lands, Castles, Settlements, Factories, and Places before mentioned, and securing the Peace and good Order thereof, until We shall establish such other Form and Order of Government therein as to Us, in Our Royal Wisdom, shall seem most for the Honour of Our State, and the Happiness of Our Subjects there, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby order, signify, and declare Our Pleasure, That all Persons who now are, or, at the Time of the Publication of this Proclamation, shall be, lawfully possessed of, or invested in, any Offices or Places of Authority, Government, or Employment, Civil or Military, in the said Forts, Lands, Castles, Settlements, Factories, and Places; and particularly all Governors, Lieutenants, or Deputy Governors, President and Assistants, Councils, and all others, in any Place or Rank of Government, or concerned in the Administration of Government, either inferior or superior, and all other Officers and Ministers holding any Office, Place, or Employment there, under the Authority of the Committee of the said Company of Merchants trading to Africa, shall hold under Us, and be continued in their said several and respective Places, Offices, or Employments, and enjoy the same with the like Salaries, Fees, Perquisites, and Emoluments thereto belonging, which have hitherto been actually paid, until Our Pleasure be further known, or other Provision be made for the due Government and Ordering of the said Forts, Lands, Castles, Settlements, Factories, and Places: And that, in the mean Time, for the Preservation of the publick Peace, good Order, and Tranquillity of the same, We do strictly command all the said Persons, of whatsoever Rank, Degree, or Condition, to proceed in the Execution of their respective Offices, and to perform all the Duties thereunto belonging: And further, We do hereby will and command all and singular Our Subjects in the said Forts, Lands, Castles, Settlements, Factories, and Places, of what Estate or Degree they, or any of them, be, to be obedient to, and aiding, helping, and assisting, the said Officers and Ministers in the Performance and Execution of their said Offices, Places, and Employments, as they tender Our Displeasure, and will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils. All which Matters and Things herein before commanded and directed, We do, by this Our Proclamation, order and direct to be done, performed, submitted

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