

Regulations respecting the Trade and Commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope," it is enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be issued from Time to Time, to give such Directions, and make such Regulations, touching the Trade and Commerce to and from the Settlement of the Cape of Good Hope, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, as to His Majesty, in Council, shall appear most expedient and salutary, any of the Acts of Parliament therein referred to, or any Usage, Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding: And whereas the said Act has, by an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, been continued for a further limited Time, and is now in Force: And whereas during the Time the said Settlement, with the Territories and Dependencies thereof, were in the Possession, and under the Government of the States General of the United Provinces, or of the Honourable the General East India Company in the Netherlands, it was usual to admit the Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of Countries in Amity with the said United Provinces into the Ports of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, for Repair and Refreshment, and with that View to permit the said Ships and Vessels to carry on Trade with the Inhabitants of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof: His Majesty is hereby pleased to order, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, in pursuance of the Powers vested in His Majesty by the above recited Act; and it is hereby ordered, that it shall be lawful until further Order, for all Ships and Vessels belonging to His Majesty's Subjects, as well as for all Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of any Country or State in Amity with His Majesty, to enter into the Ports of the said Settlement of the Cape of Good Hope, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, and to carry on Trade and Traffick with the Inhabitants of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, and to import and export, to and from the Ports of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, any Goods, Wares or Merchandize whatsoever, subject to the following Exceptions, and subject also to such Duties, Rules, Regulations and Restrictions, as shall be established by His Majesty, or by the Governor of the said Settlement, and of the Territories and Dependencies thereof, by Virtue of Authority derived from His Majesty; and in the mean Time, subject to such Duties, Rules, Regulations and Restrictions as subsisted and were in Force before

and at the Time of the Conquest of the said Settlement by the Arms of His Majesty, with such Alterations as have been since made under the Authority of the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces at the said Settlement: But it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that no Goods, Wares or Merchandize, which shall be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, from any Part of His Majesty's Dominions, shall be subject to any Duty.

And it is His Majesty's Pleasure, that no Goods, Wares or Merchandize, the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of the Countries to the Eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, except by the United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies; and that no such Goods, Wares or Merchandize be permitted to be exported from them, except for Sea Stores only, or by the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or by their Licence.

But it is His Majesty's Pleasure; that nothing in this Order contained, shall extend to prevent Ships or Vessels employed in the Southern Whale Fishery, from carrying on the same, in such and the same Manner as might have been done; if this Order had not been made.

And it is also His Majesty's Pleasure; that no Arms or Artillery, Gunpowder, or Ammunition of any Sort, be allowed to be imported into the said Settlement, or the Territories or Dependencies thereof, except by the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, or by Licence from His Majesty.

And it is His Majesty's further Pleasure, that the Trade and Commerce to and from the said Settlement, and the Territories and Dependencies thereof, shall be subject to such of the Laws of Trade and Navigation as would have affected the same, if this Order had not been made, except so far as such Laws are contrary to this present Order.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*W. Forrester.*

AT the Court at St. James's, the 24th of January, 1798,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Twentieth of July last, prohibiting the transporting into

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