

or Vessels or Boats in the Service of His Majesty, or employed or freighted by His Majesty's Board of Ordnance, or by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; nor to prevent any Ship or Vessel from taking or having on board such Quantities of Naval Stores as may be necessary for the Use of such Ship or Vessel during the Course of her intended Voyage, or by Licence from the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or the Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Time being; nor to the Exportation of the said several Articles to Ireland, or to His Majesty's Yards or Garrisons, or to His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America or the West Indies, or to Newfoundland, or to His Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Coast of Africa, or to the Island of St. Helena, or the British Settlements or Factories in the East Indies: Provided, that upon the Exportation of any of the said Articles for the Purposes of Trade to Ireland, or to His Majesty's Yards and Garrisons, or to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America or the West Indies, or to the Island of Newfoundland, or to His Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Coast of Africa, or to the Island of St. Helena, or the British Settlements or Factories in the East Indies, the Exporters of such Articles do first make Oath of the true Destination of the same to the Places for which they shall be entered outwards, before the Entry of the same shall be made, and do give full and sufficient Security, by Bond, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, to carry the said Articles to the Places for which they are so entered Outwards, and for the Purposes specified, and none other; and such Bond shall not be cancelled or delivered up until Proof be made to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, by the Production, within a Time to be fixed by the said Commissioners and specified in the Bond, of a Certificate or Certificates, in such Form and Manner as shall be directed by the said Commissioners, shewing that the said Articles have been duly landed at the Places for which they were entered Outwards: And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*W. Fawkener.*

AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 11th of May 1803.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this Day ordered by His Majesty in Council, That all Ships and Vessels clearing out for the Coast of Africa for the Purpose of carrying on the

Trade there, be permitted to take on board, as an allotted Part of their Cargoes, as much Gunpowder, and as large a Quantity of Trading Guns, Pistols, Cutlasses, Flints, and Lead Balls, Bars, and Shot as the Exporters shall think necessary, notwithstanding any Thing contained in His Majesty's Order in Council of the Sixth Day of April last; provided that sufficient Security be given to the Principal Officers of His Majesty's Customs of the Port in which the Ships are fitted out, and before they proceed on their respective Voyages, in treble the Value of the Articles exported, that the same shall be expended in Trade upon the Coast of Africa; which Security is not to be cancelled until Proof of such Expenditure has been made by the Oath of the Captain or Master of the Ship or Vessel in like Manner as is practised with regard to Spirits and East India Goods used in carrying on that Trade; and His Majesty is further pleased to order, That all Ships and Vessels trading to the said Coast, be allowed to take on board for their Defence whatever Quantity of Carriage Guns, Swivels, and small Arms, shall be judged proper by the respective Masters thereof; provided that no greater Quantity be taken on board any one Ship for her Defence than Twelve Carriage Guns and Twelve Swivels, together with one Musket or Blunderbuss, one Pair of Pistols and one Cutlass for every Person of which the Ship's Company shall consist, and Ammunition in Proportion; and provided also, that sufficient Security be in like Manner given to the said Principal Officers of the Customs at the Ports where the Ships shall be fitted out, in treble the Value of the Carriage Guns, Swivels, and small Arms so taken on board for the Defence of the said Ships to bring back the said Carriage Guns, Swivels, and small Arms when the Voyage is completed, and to account upon Oath for the Expenditure of the Ammunition: And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary herein accordingly.

*W. Fawkener.*

*St. James's, May 12, 1803.*

This Day Chevalier d'Audunaga, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Spain, had his first private Audience of Her Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Morton, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by Robert Chelster, Esq; Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies.

*St. James's, May 12, 1803.*

This Day Rufus King, Esq; Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America, had his Audience of Leave of Her Majesty:

To which he was introduced by the Earl of Morton Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty, and conducted by Robert Chester, Esq; Assistant-Master of the Ceremonies.