

Port Towns, or in any other Places on the Coasts of this Kingdom, whether they may themselves be liable to Quarantine or otherwise, as they tender the Preservation of their own Lives, and the Safety and Welfare of all the Inhabitants of this Kingdom, most scrupulously to observe all the Laws of Quarantine which now are or may hereafter be in Force, and all Orders made by Us, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, or by Our Privy Council, under the Authority thereof; and particularly most carefully to avoid any Communication with any Ship or Vessel, or with any Person or Persons coming therein, from or through the Mediterranean, or from the West Barbary, on the Atlantic Ocean, or from Cadiz, or other Parts of Spain without the Straights, lying to the Southward of Cape St. Vincent, or from any Place to which, by Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, or by Our Orders in Council, the Laws of Quarantine are; or may hereafter, be extended; or with any Boat or Person therein, coming from or having been on board any such Ship, until such Ship, Vessel, or Boat, with the Crews and Persons on board, and the Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes imported therein, shall have performed their Quarantine, in such Places and Manner as are or shall hereafter be directed in that Behalf, and until they respectively shall have been duly discharged therefrom: And We do further strictly exhort, enjoin, and command all Magistrates and Persons in Authority, and all others Our loving Subjects, without Loss of Time, to give Information to Us, through Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, or to Our Privy Council, of any Persons that they may know or believe to have offended against any of the said Laws or Orders; and We do hereby warn all Persons whom it may concern, that We have given the strictest Orders for enforcing, with the utmost Rigour, the most punctual Observance of the Laws of Quarantine, and all the Orders, Rules, and Regulations relating thereto, it being Our firm Determination, upon serious Consideration of the great Extent of Misery and Calamity which a single Instance of improvidently neglecting any of these Regulations may bring upon Our loving Subjects, to cause the several Penalties which the Law has provided, or may provide, to be inflicted upon all those who may be guilty of any Offence against the same:

And whereas it is also necessary to take the utmost Precaution to prevent the spreading of Infection, in case the said malignant Disease, or any other of a contagious Nature, (which God, in His Mercy, avert!) should unhappily manifest itself in any Part of Our United Kingdom, notwithstanding the Precautions taken to guard against the Introduction thereof, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our said Council, to take Measures for the Establishment of a Board of Health, to consist of Men able, learned, eminent, and experienced in the Study and Practice of Physic, together with Persons most capable, from their Knowledge of the Ports of Our Kingdoms, to afford Assistance in the forming of Regulations respectively applicable to the local Circumstances of the said Ports; such Board to be authorized and directed to prepare and digest the best Rules and Regulations for the speedy and effectual Adoption of the most approved Methods of guarding against the Introduction and spreading of Infection, and for purifying any Ship or House,

or any Place in which any contagious Disorder may have manifested itself, and to communicate the same to all Magistrates, Medical Persons, and others of Our loving Subjects, who may be desirous, and may apply to be made acquainted therewith; and We most strictly enjoin and command all Magistrates and Persons in Authority, all Medical Persons, and others Our loving Subjects, especially those within the Maritime Counties, to give immediate Notice to Us, through Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, or Our Privy Council, in case any Person or Persons should be attacked with any Fever; attended with new and uncommon Symptoms, such as to afford Ground for Apprehension that such Fever is of the same Nature as the Disorder prevailing in several Parts of Spain, and in Gibraltar, in order that the most immediate and effectual Measures may be taken, as well for affording due and necessary Assistance and Relief to those afflicted with the same, as for preventing the Contagion from spreading amongst Our loving Subjects.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's Palace, the Sixth Day of February, One thousand eight hundred and five, and in the Forty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Westminster, February 22, 1805.*

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honorable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honorable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read*; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

An Act for raising the Sum of Three Millions by Loans or Exchequer Bills for the Service of Great Britain for the Year One thousand eight hundred and five.

An Act for explaining and amending an Act made in the Forty-third Year of His present Majesty for consolidating certain of the Provisions contained in any Act or Acts relating to the Duties under the Management of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, and for amending the same so far as relates to the Power of acting as Commissioners in certain Districts.

An Act to continue, until Six Weeks after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament, an Act made in the last Session of Parliament, for continuing an Act to empower the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland, to apprehend and detain such Persons as he or they shall suspect for conspiring against His Majesty's Person and Government.

An Act to indemnify such Persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments, and for extending the Times limited for those Purposes respectively until the Twenty-fifth Day of December One thousand