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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1816.

A T the Council-Chamber, Whitehall, the 14th of February 1816,

PRESENT,

The Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

THEREAS by an Act, passed in the fortyfifth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled " An Act for making further provisions for the " effectual performance of quarantine," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lords and others of His Majesty's Privy Council, or any three or more of them, to make such Order as they shall sce necessary and expedient upon any unforeseen emergency, or in any particular case or cases with respect to any ship or ships, vessel or vessels arriving and having any infectious disease or distemper on board, or on board of which any infectious disease or distemper may have appeared in the course of the voyage, or arriving under any other alarming or suspicious circumstances as to infection, although such ship or ships, vessel or vessels, shall not have come from any place or places from which His Majesty, His heirs or successors, by and with the advice of His or Their Privy Council, may have adjudged and declared it probable that the plague or any such infectious disease or distemper may be brought, and also with respect to the persons, goods, wares, and merchandise on board the same, and all such Orders so made by the Lords and others of the Privy Council, or any three or more of them as aforesaid, shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all intents and purposes (as well with respect to the Commander, Master, or other per-

son having the charge of any such ship or vessel, and all other persons on board the same, as with respect to any other persons having any intercourse or communication with them, and to the penalties, forfeitures, and punishments to which they may respectively become liable) as any Order or Orders made by His Majesty, His heirs or successors, by and with the advice of His or Their Privy Council concerning quarantine, and the prevention of înfection as aforesaid, and notified by Proclamation, or published in the London Gazette :

And whereas advices have been received that the plague has made its appearance at Noya and along the Coast of the Adriatic, and at Corfu and the territories contiguous to Fiume, and in the Peninsula of Istria, and it appearing by such advices. that all vessels from suspected places have been forced to quit the Neapolitan harbours, and will in all probability take shelter in French or Spanish ports where they will evade the quarantine laws : it is thereupon ordered in Council, that all ships or vessels coming from and through the Mediterranean, within the Streights of Gibraltar (although furnished with clean bills of health), shall, on arrival at any of the ports of the United Kingdom, be treated as vessels arriving with suspected bills; and shall be subject to all the rules, regulations, and restrictions, pains, penalties, forfeitures, and punishments contained in His Majesty's Order in Council, bearing date the fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and five, with respect to vessels arriving with suspected bills of health : And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord-High Admiral of Great