

Ordinance for His Majesty's service) do, at any time during the space of six months (to commence from the said thirteenth day of February instant), presume to transport any gunpowder or salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, to any port or place on the Coast of Africa, or in the West Indies, or on any part of the Continent of America (except to a port or place, or ports or places, in His Majesty's territories or possessions, on the Continent of North America, or in the territories of the United States of America), or ship or lade any gunpowder or salt-petre, or any sort of arms or ammunition, on board any ship or vessel, in order to transporting the same into any such ports or places on the Coast of Africa, or in the West Indies, or on the Continent of America (except as above excepted), without leave or permission in that behalf first obtained from His Majesty, or His Privy Council, upon pain of incurring and suffering the respective forfeitures and penalties inflicted by an Act, passed in the twenty-ninth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of salt-petre, and to enforce the law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of gunpowder, or any sort of arms or ammunition, and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying coastwise of salt-petre, gunpowder, or any sort of arms or ammunition;" and also by an Act, passed in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, cap. 2; intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to restrain the exportation of naval stores, and more effectually to prevent the exportation of salt-petre, arms, and ammunition, when prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council." But it is His Royal Highness's pleasure, that nothing in this Order contained shall be construed to alter or repeal the Order in Council of the twentieth of May one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, for regulating the export of gunpowder and arms to the coast of Africa, under the conditions therein specified. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*J. Butler.*

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

PRESENT,

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

**W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the forty-fifth 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 see 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 person 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 infection 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 *Nova* 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 Straights 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 Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors or Commanders in Chief for the time being of the Isles of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, and *Man*, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*Jus. Butler.*