

several ships and vessels, according to the Treaties subsisting between Us and the said Governments on the Coast of Barbary, and the regulations made by Our Royal predecessor King George the First, by Order in His Privy Council on the fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-two, so far as the same remains unaltered, by the regulations made by Us by Our Orders in Council, bearing date respectively on the twenty-eight day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, on the thirty-first day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and the third day of November one thousand eight hundred and two, or Our Order in Council of this day's date, and according to the further regulations then there made, and our instructions given to Our said Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland touching the same: and whereas many ships and vessels belonging to Our loving subjects continue several years trading from port to port in the Mediterranean without returning home, whereby they cannot so conveniently procure their passes to be exchanged: We do hereby, for the ease of Our trading subjects, publish and declare, Our pleasure, that upon the application of any owner of any ship or vessel, or other substantial merchant, to the office of the Admiralty of Great Britain, and oath made by him of the property of such ship or vessel, and that three fourths of the company are our subjects, according to an Act made in the twelfth year of the reign of Our Royal predecessor King Charles the Second (intituled "An Act for encouraging and increasing of shipping and navigation)," or such other proportion as may be authorised by Act of Parliament, and upon entering into a bond for the return of such pass at the end of the period therein specified: it shall and may be lawful for Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being, and they are respectively empowered to make out a new pass for such ship or vessel, and send the same to such of Our Consuls in the Mediterranean as the said owner or merchant shall desire, with directions to such Consul, that upon application to him from the master of the ship, for which the pass is made out, and surrendering up his old pass, and entering into bond for the return of such new pass, he shall deliver out the said new pass to such master, and transmit the old one with the bond to the office of the Admiralty of Great Britain.

And in order more effectually to hinder, for the future, any abuses that may be attempted by foreigners, relating to the new passes to be issued as aforesaid, we do hereby further declare Our Royal will and pleasure, that the new form of passes, marked A, as recommended to Us by Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in their memorial, bearing date the eighth day of September last, and approved by Us by Our Order in Council, of this day's date, shall be issued from and after the first day of January next, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,

and as soon after in His Majesty's colonies, as the same may be received at each colony respectively; and that passes issued in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the above-mentioned form, shall be in force during the voyage for which the said passes shall be taken out, and no longer, and shall be returned, at the termination of such voyage, to the Commissioners of our Customs, or to their Chief Officer at one of the outports, provided such voyage shall terminate in the United Kingdom of Great and Ireland, or to the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor in any of the islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, or Man; and in case such voyage shall terminate in any of our possessions abroad, then that such passes shall be delivered up to the Governor or other person having chief authority there; but if such voyage shall terminate at any place out of our dominions, then such pass shall be delivered up to our Consul or his Deputy at such place, or who may be nearest thereto; and that passes to be issued in our colonies or possessions abroad shall, in like manner, be in force during the voyage or voyages for which they shall be taken out respectively, and no longer, and shall be returned at the termination of such voyage or voyages respectively, in the manner hereinbefore directed, according to the port or place in which such voyage or voyages shall terminate respectively; and that in all cases whatever of passes to be issued, such surety, by way of bond, shall be given to secure the due return of the passes, and to guard against any fraudulent or improper use of them, as hath been usual, or as our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or Our High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the time being, may deem necessary to require according to the circumstances of the case.

And whereas it has been recommended to Us, by our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, that for the more effectual prevention of abuses, and for the diminution of expence it may be convenient, in certain cases, that passes to be granted for the purposes aforesaid should be united with the ship's certificate of registry, Our will and pleasure is, that if any person shall be desirous of having the Mediterranean pass annexed to the certificate of registry of his ship, such pass so annexed may be issued agreeably to the form B, recommended to Us by Our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in their memorial as aforesaid; and that such pass shall not be separated from such certificate of registry, but shall be returned at the same time when such certificate of registry shall be delivered up to be cancelled, and as often as any new certificate of registry shall be granted, an annexed pass shall also be granted under the same conditions, if the party shall be desirous thereof.

But whereas the laws for the registry of British shipping do not apply to ships belonging to Gibrat-