

no ballot or enrolment for the local militia do take place for the space of one year from and after the date hereof, but that the ballot and enrolment for the local militia be suspended for the space of one year from the date of this Order.

Jas. Buller

AT the Council-Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 17th of July 1823,

PRESENT,

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

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for making further provision for the effectual performance of quarantine," it is, among 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 merchandises on board the same; and all such Orders so made by the Lords or 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 a malignant yellow fever is prevalent at Sierra Leone, and also at the Island of Ascension, and that it is reported to have proved very fatal to a vessel recently arrived from Sierra Leone; it is hereby ordered in Council, that all ships and vessels coming from, or having touched at, any port or place on the western coast of Africa, or at the Island of Ascension, or having received any person or persons, goods, wares, or merchandise, packets, pack-

ages, baggage, wearing apparel, books, letters, or any other articles whatever from out of any such ship or vessel, shall, on their arrival on the coasts of this kingdom, or of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark and Man, come to anchor at such place or places as have been or shall be appointed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, within or without the port to which such ships or vessels shall be bound, in order that the state of health of the crew and persons on board may be duly examined into and ascertained, prior to such ships and vessels being permitted to enter the port of their destination, and that, in the mean time, no intercourse with any other ship or vessel, or boat, or with the shore, shall be permitted, nor any of the crew or persons on board such ships or vessels be suffered to come or be brought on shore:

And it is hereby further ordered, that in case, upon such examination, it shall appear to the Superintendent or other principal Officer of the Customs, employed in the quarantine service, that such ships or vessels have the said contagious fever actually on board, or that any of the crew or persons on board have been ill, or have died of such contagious fever within the space of forty days, prior to the arrival of such ships or vessels on the coasts of this kingdom, or of the Islands aforesaid, or that in the event of any death, occasioned by such contagious fever, having taken place on board at an earlier period of the voyage than forty days prior to their arrival on the coasts of this kingdom, or of the Islands aforesaid, the clothes and bedding and all personal effects, susceptible of infection, worn by or belonging to the persons so deceased, were not thrown overboard and sunk immediately upon such decease, or as soon after as possible; or in case it shall appear that such ships had, within the space of forty days prior to arrival on the coasts of this kingdom, or of the Islands aforesaid, received any person or persons, or any of the articles herebefore mentioned, from out of any ship, vessel, or boat coming from any port or place on the western coast of Africa, or from the Island of Ascension, then and in such case every such ship and vessel, with their cargoes and persons on board, shall perform a quarantine of fifteen days (or of such further time as may be afterwards directed by any Order or Orders of three or more of the Lords or others of His Majesty's Privy Council), at the several places appointed for the performance of quarantine by ships subject and liable thereto, and bound to the said several ports respectively:

And it is hereby further ordered, that notwithstanding the ships and vessels arriving or to arrive from any port or place on the western coast of Africa, or from the Island of Ascension, may not be found liable to the performance of quarantine as above directed, no goods, wares, or merchandise enumerated in the first class of His Majesty's said Order in Council, bearing date the fifth of April one thousand eight hundred and five, concerning quarantine, which may be imported in any of the said ships from any port or place on the western coast of Africa, or from the Island of Ascension, nor any packages of good, which packages may consist wholly or in part of any of the said articles