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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Altering the Stamp for Hides and Skins to be Imported.

GEORGE R.

Whereas the Commissioners of the Customs in England, of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, did provide a Mark or Stamp for the marking or stamping all the Hides or Skins, and Pieces of Hides and Skins, that should be imported into England, the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick on Tweed, during the continuance of Two several Acts of Parliament, the one made in the Ninth, and the other in the Tenth Year of Her said late Majesty's Reign; whereby several Duties were laid upon the said Hides and Skins, and Pieces of Hides and Skins, so to be imported during the continuance of those Acts; which Mark or Stamp hath been found to be insufficient for stamping Hides and Skins imported in the Hair, in regard the same is taken off and defaced by the dressing thereof, so the great Hazard and Prejudice of the Dealers in Leather, whose Goods remain liable to Seizure for want of the appearing of such Stamp; for Prevention whereof for the future, we have thought fit, That the said Mark or Stamp shall be altered: We do therefore, by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, by this our Royal Proclamation, in Execution of the Power vested in us by several Acts of Parliament, direct, publish, and declare; That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of December next ensuing, the Mark or Stamp newly provided by our Command (the Impression whereof is here made in the Margin) and no other, shall be made use of by the Officers of our Customs for the marking or stamping all Hides and Skins, and Pieces of Hides and Skins, that shall, after the said Twenty fifth Day of December next ensuing, be imported into England, the Dominion of Wales, or the Town of Berwick on Tweed, upon Payment of the said Duties due thereon. And we do hereby further direct and declare, That the Mark or Stamp now used for stamping Hides and Skins, and Pieces of Hides and Skins imported, shall not be used for that Pur-

pose from and after the said Twenty fifth Day of December: And hereof the Commissioners, and other the Officers of our Customs, and all others, whom it may concern, are hereby required to take Notice.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Eleventh Day of November, 1721. In the Eighth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

Madrid, Dec. 1. On the 25th past at Noon, the Duke of St. Simon Ambassadour from the most Christian King had publick Audience of his Catholick Majesty: Don Gaspar Giron, Majordomo for the Week, in one of the King's Coaches, fetched him from his House, together with the Marquis de Maulevrier (who that Day took upon him the Character of Ambassadour, only for assisting the next Day at the signing of the matrimonial Conventions, and has since laid it down.) They passed to the Court, preceeded by 12 Pages, and 17 Footmen, in rich Liveries, and followed by six of the Ambassadour's Coaches. Their Excellencies had Audience of the King, the Queen, the Infanta, and the Princes. At Night a Firework was let off in the lesser Court of the Palace. On the 26th past in the Evening their Majesties went publickly to the Chapel of our Lady of Atocha; and in their Return passed through the Plaza Major, where by Order of the Corregidor all the Windows were illuminated with Wax-Tapers. On the 27th in the Forenoon, the Infanta, the Prince of Asturias, and the Infante Don Ferdinand, set out from hence, and at Four in the Afternoon were followed by the King and Queen, to lie at Alcalá; from whence they will proceed by easy Days Journeys to Lerma.

Paris, Dec. 20. It is said the Duke d'Orléans being perfectly satisfied with the Reception he has met with at this Court, has desired the King his Master to let him continue here some time in the Quality of Ambassadour Extraordinary, and upon the same Foot as did formerly the Duke of Alva; 'tis also said, he will make a Turn to Madrid, and return hither shortly with his Lady. The Duke of Montfort having retired to the Seminary of Issi, in order to spend the remainder of his Life