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AT the Court at St. James's the 16th Day
of March 1729-30.

P R E S E N T.

The King's most Excellent Majesty in
Council.

*Whereas there was this Day read at the
Board a Report from the Right Honour-
able the Lords of the Committee of Coun-
cil, dated the Twenty Fifth Day of
February last, which Report is in the
Words following, viz.*

“ YOUR Majesty having been pleased
“ to refer unto this Committee,
“ several Petitions from the Mer-
“ chants, Owners of Ships, and
“ Traders to Parts beyond the Seas, from the
“ Port of London; and also from the Out-
“ Ports of this Kingdom, complaining of the
“ heavy Burthen brought on the Trade of
“ this Kingdom, by the Fees taken upon the
“ frequent Renewal of Mediterranean Passes,
“ and humbly praying to be relieved there-
“ in; the Lords of the Committee have in
“ Obedience to your Majesty's Commands,
“ taken the said Petitions into their Consid-
“ eration, and have been attended by the Pet-
“ tioners, and heard all that they had to of-
“ fer in Support of their said Petitions; and
“ their Lordships have thereupon consulted
“ with the Lords Commissioners of the Ad-
“ miralty, and the Commissioners of your Ma-
“ jesty's Customs, and do agree humbly to re-
“ port to your Majesty; that it appears, that
“ upon a Representation made to your Majesty
“ by the Lords Commissioners of the Admi-
“ ralty, that several Passes of the old Form
“ might have fallen into the Hands of Fo-
“ reigners, who under Colour of such Passes,
“ might carry on their Trade, to the Preju-
“ dice of your Majesty's Subjects; your Ma-

“ jesty was pleased, on the 31st of Decem-
“ ber last, for putting a speedy Stop to such
“ indirect Practices, to issue your Royal Pro-
“ clamation, directing that all Passes of the
“ old Form, should not continue in Force
“ longer than Twelve Months, to be com-
“ puted from the first of March next, except
“ such as had been granted to Ships gone or
“ going remote Voyages; where they can-
“ not be timely furnished with new Passes;
“ and requiring all your Majesty's Subjects,
“ who had any old Passes in their Possession,
“ to return the same within Twelve Months
“ from the said First of March, to the Admi-
“ ralty Office of Great-Britain, or to the
“ Collectors of the Customs at the Out Ports
“ of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the
“ Governors of your Majesty's Plantations,
“ in order to their being cancelled; and
“ that they should furnish themselves with
“ Passes of a new Form in lieu thereof, for
“ their several Ships and Vessels, according
“ to the Treaties subsisting between your
“ Majesty and the Governments on the Coast
“ of Barbary, and the Regulations made by
“ Order of His late Majesty in Council on
“ the 14th of June 1722, and the Instruc-
“ tions given to the Lords Commissioners of
“ the Admiralty thereupon.

“ The Hardships principally insisted on by
“ the Petitioners were these.

1st. “ That the Fee demanded at the Ad-
“ miralty Office for each Pass is Five and
“ Twenty Shillings.

2^d. “ That at the Out-Ports, when the
“ Officers of the Customs have delivered
“ Passes from the Admiralty Office, they have
“ taken additional Fees over and above the
“ said Twenty Five Shillings.

3^d. “ That the like Fee of Twenty Five
“ Shillings had been taken by the Admiralty
“ Office, and the additional Fees by the Of-
“ ficers of the Customs at the Out-Ports, up-
“ on the renewing of any such Passes, altho'
“ no Alteration had been made in the Pro-
“ perty,

[Price Two Pence.]