

Shore; but the Goods imported in such Ship or Vessel, together with the Bedding of the Sailors, shall be landed, opened and aired, and so remain a Week, and after may be brought to their Places of Discharge, other than Hemp and Flax, Paper or Books, Silk Raw Thrown or Wrought, Linnen, Cotton Wooll, Cotton Yarn or manufactured, Wooll Raw, or in any wise Wrought, Feathers, Grograin or Mohair Yarn, human Hair, Goats Hair, Carmentia Wooll, Carpets, Camblets, Burdets, or other Manufactures of Silk and Cotton, Kid Skins, and Skins in the Wooll or Hair, Spunges, Wine and Oil in Chests, Thread Stockings, all Goods pack'd with Straw or Cotton, Straw Hatts and Brushes, Matting and Artificial Flowers: Which the Officers of his Majesty's Customs shall cause to remain on Board such Ship or Vessel, and not permit to be landed, till an Account thereof shall be given unto their Excellencies in Council, and Orders shall be given concerning the same.

That the Places for Landing and Airing the Goods imported by such Ships or Vessels as are or shall be liable to the Forty Days Quarantine, shall be such Places as shall be appointed by his Majesty's Officers of the Customs, who are hereby impowered and required to appoint proper Places for the same.

That whatever Ship or Person shall receive any Men or Goods from on board any Ship or Vessel under Quarantine, shall be compelled to perform the like Quarantine.

That such Persons as after Quarantine performed shall be employed in the Hold of any such Ship or Vessel, for the taking any Goods not liable to retain Infection from Hemp and Flax, Paper or Books, Silk Raw Thrown or Wrought, Linnen, Cotton Wooll, Cotton Yarn or Manufactured, Wooll Raw, or in any wise Wrought, Feathers, Grograin or Mohair Yarn, human Hair, Goats Hair, Carmentia Wooll, Carpets, Camblets, Burdets or other Manufactures of Silk and Cotton, Kid Skins and Skins in the Wooll or Hair, Spunges, Wine and Oil in Chests, Thread Stockings, all Goods pack'd with Straw or Cotton, Straw Hatts and Brushes, Matting and Artificial Flowers, shall be obliged to perform a New Quarantine of Forty Days.

That the Captains of every of his Majesty's Ships of War, who shall meet any such Ship or Vessel coming to any of the Ports of this Kingdom, shall take due Care to prevent the Landing any Goods, Seamen, or Passengers from on Board the same, until they shall be put under the Direction of the Officers of his Majesty's Customs.

That the Commissioners, and other Officers of his Majesty's Customs, do use their utmost Diligence and Care, that the Quarantine, before directed, be duly performed.

That the Commanders of his Majesty's Ships of War, as likewise the Commanders of his Majesty's Forts and Garrisons lying near the Sea-Coast, be aiding and assisting to the said Officers of his Majesty's Customs in stopping all such

Ships as aforesaid, and in bringing them to the Places appointed for the Performance of their Quarantine, and in the due Performance thereof. And 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.

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*Naples, July 9, N. S.* The last Letters from the Government of Messina, which are dated the 19th of last Month, bring Advice, That the Plague continues raging there in a most dreadful Manner; that the Confusion and Terrors of the People were not to be described; that the Number of dead Bodies in the Streets and the publick Places was so much increased, that Eight Carts were not sufficient to carry them off; that the Government had released the Galley Slaves, and had appointed them to bury the Dead, but that the greatest Part of them had sicken'd thereupon, and died; that those who had escaped Death, were not able to undergo so dangerous a Fatigue above a Day and a half, declaring they had rather be executed than continue in that Employment, and thereby greatly terrified such as had been able to support the sad Spectacle of so many dead Bodies that were abandoned and mangled by the Dogs; that there were five or six Curiares, and 40 Vicars, dead, who had attended the Sick in their last Moments, and that afterwards several of the regular Priests, who had been willing to succeed them in that Office, had shared the same Fate; that no Religious Services could any longer be performed, and that there were not any Servants, Chaplains or Surgeons left in the Hospitals; in short, that there was not either Spiritual or Temporal Comfort to be had; that the Troops had suffered considerably from the Rigour of the Plague; that the Hospital in the Lazarette had been set apart for them, and that although the Governor had taken all possible Care to redress so many Calamities, yet, in the Confusion in which every Thing was, there daily escaped some Person or other, who had been appointed to execute the Governor's Orders. In this Kingdom two Accidents have lately happened, which have occasioned great Uneasiness. The first is, That in the exterior Calabria, in the Terra de Fossa, which joins the State of Bagnura, from the 25th of the last Month to the 2d Instant, 14 Persons died, and upon some of them very suspicious Marks were found. It was supposed, that some Persons had stolen away privately from Messina, and landed there: As soon as this was known, the Magistrates of Health, and chiefly the President of Cantunzaro, ordered very streight Barriers to be erected there, and set a Guard of 300 of the Inhabitants over them. But upon the 28th a Man escaped, and being pursued by the Guards, ran into a Chapel, in which the Day following he was found dead;