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AT the Council Chamber *Whitehall*, the 11th Day of *August* 1743.

P R E S E N T,

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council.

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council were this Day pleased to order, that the Parliament, which stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-fifth of this Instant August, should be further prorogued to Thursday the Thirteenth Day of October next.

Whereas their Excellencies the Lords Justices, by their Order in Council of the 21st of last Month, did Direct and Require, that all Ships and Vessels coming into any of the Ports of this Kingdom from or through the Mediterranean, and bound to the Rivers Thames and Medway, should perform their Quarantine either in Standgate Creek, Sharpfleet Creek, or the lower End of the Hope: And whereas it hath been this Day represented to their Excellencies at this Board, that the Hope is not a proper Place for that Purpose, in regard great Numbers of Foreign Ships, Coasters, Fishing Vessels, &c. are constantly passing and repassing, insomuch that it is very difficult, or hardly possible to prevent their having Communication with the Ships and People under Quarantine there, and that Standgate Creek is the most convenient Place, as being more retired, and free from the above-mentioned Inconveniencies, as also capable to contain a greater Number of Ships than can be expected to arrive at any one Time; Their Excellencies the Lords Justices in Council are therefore hereby pleased to order, that Standgate Creek, on the South Shore of the River Medway, opposite to the Isle of Grain, be from henceforth the only Place where Ships and Vessels coming from or through the Mediterranean, bound to the Rivers Thames and Medway, are to perform their Quarantine. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

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P L A C A R T.

THE States-General of the United Netherlands, to all who shall see or hear read these Presents, greeting, make known: Whereas we are informed that the contagious Distemper has appeared at Messina, and that already a great Number of People have been carried off by it; that the Contagion has also discovered itself in Calabria, and on the Coast of Barbary, and might spread itself to other Places, and that consequently it is necessary to take due Precaution, to the End the same may not be brought into these Countries:

Therefore, in order to prevent the same, we have found good to order and enjoin, as by these Presents we do order and enjoin, that provisionally for the Time of Six Months, no Ship or Ships, coming from Messina, or any other

Ports and Places on the Island of Sicily, or from any Places situate in Calabria, whether they have taken in their Lading there either entire or in Part, or only touched there, be allowed to come any where into these Countries, on Penalty of such Ships and their Ladings being burnt, or otherwise destroyed, and of the Crew being punished with Death, as likewise of the Owners or Freighters being punished with Death, and also of all those, who after the Publication of these Presents, shall be found to have given any Directions or Orders for letting such Ships come in, or to have had Knowledge of it, directly or indirectly, if they can be seized in these Countries.

Forbidding and prohibiting also most strictly, all Pilots to conduct into the Ports of this Country, Ships coming from Messina, or any other Places on the Island of Sicily, or any Places of Calabria, or to sail out to meet them in order to conduct them in, on Pain of Death; the said Pilots being herewith charged and ordered to warn such Ships that they may not come into these Countries, keeping themselves as much as possible to the Windward.

Farther, that no Ships, coming from the Kingdom of Naples, Apulia, and other Countries and States, Calabria excepted, belonging to the said Kingdom, or from Venice, Zante, Cephalonia, St. Maure, Corfu, Malta, or any other Islands in the Mediterranean, from the Streights of Gibraltar to the Height of the Morea, and the Western Point of the Island of Candia, as also from the Coasts of Barbary, shall enter into any Ports of these Countries, or be there admitted, unless it shall clearly appear from their Documents, that they really took in their Lading in those Places, in order to vend it in these Countries.

And to the End this be the better observed, we forbid all Pilots to go on board of any Ships coming from the aforesaid Places, charging them to sail to meet such Ships as have taken in their Lading to be vended in these Countries, as far as the Places that shall be assigned them by the College of Admiralty, to which Places the said Ships shall come: And we do command and ordain those Pilots, on Pain of Death, not to conduct into any of the Ports of these Countries, nor to facilitate the Entry of any Ships coming from the foresaid Places, which have taken in their Lading to vend it at other Places out of these Countries, but to warn those Ships, that they are not to come into these Countries, nor will be admitted here; keeping themselves always to the Windward.

And in Case it should happen, that any of the last mentioned Ships, by Storm or other Accidents, or on Pretence that they were bound for these Countries to vend their Lading here, should come within one of the Creeks of these Countries, they are to sail out again as soon as possible; and in Case of Refusal, shall be obliged to it by forcible Means, nor shall any body be permitted to come from or go on board, nor any Goods be landed from the said Ships, on

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