

been first duly aired, either in an old Man of War or Lighter, which is to lie at a proper Place, pursuant to the Direction of the Colleges of Admiralty, or on Shore, in such Manner and Place as shall be appointed by the Colleges of Admiralty in their respective Jurisdictions, upon Deliberation, and with the Consent of the Councillors deputed from the Quarter where the Ships shall happen to come in.

And that after the landing of the unpermitted or suspected Goods, which are to be aired, the Ships may sail up to the Places of their Destination; with this express Order, that the Sailing of the Ships to the Place of their Destination, after having ended their Quarantine, or the Removal of permitted Goods and Merchandize, or the Removal of unpermitted or suspected Goods and Merchandize, which are to be aired, from the larger Ship into the Lighters or other Vessels, may not be performed but after having obtained a Permission in Writing of the College of Admiralty of that Jurisdiction, such Permission being to be solicited for every Lighter, expressing at the same Time the Name of the Lighterman, the Lading he is to take in, and the Name of the larger Ship and of her Commander.

Neither shall the Men from the said Lighters and Vessels enter into the Ships which they unlade, nor the Men out of the Ships into the Lighters or other Vessels.

Farther, that the airing of the foresaid unpermitted or suspected Goods, shall not be performed otherwise than by an Order in Writing of the College of Admiralty of the respective Jurisdiction; that the same shall be continued for as long a Time, and such Persons be employed in it, and such farther Precautions used, as shall be regulated by the said College, and be expressed in the foresaid Permission.

That during the airing of the unpermitted or suspected Goods, no body shall go, or come from on board of the Lighters or Men of War, or come to the Places where the Airing is performed, or come away from thence; and that neither during the Airing, nor after the same is finished, any of the aired Goods shall be transported, otherwise than by Permission in Writing of the College of Admiralty of the respective Jurisdiction, with a Designation of the Persons, Lighters, Men of War, and Places, as also of the aired Goods that are to be transported. All this on Pain of Confiscation of the Ships, Vessels, or Lighters, and Goods, and Pain of Death, without any Connivance, to the Commanders, and Pilots of the Ships and Vessels or Lighters: Also all those shall be punished with Death, who without Permission shall have come from, or gone on board of the Ships, Lighters, Men of War, or are come into the Places prepared for the Airing, or are gone away from thence.

That in general, as to all that is aforesaid, the Commanders shall be answerable for their Ship's Company and Passengers.

That the Commanders, giving in their Declarations, any Certificates in writing, or other Vouchers, shall be obliged to steep them in Vinegar, before they deliver them in, on pain of arbitrary Correction.

And to the End that what is aforesaid, be the more strictly executed, and the Contagion not be brought into these Countries by any indirect Way, we forbid all Commanders, Mates, Pilots, Fishermen, and all others, to take in at Sea, any Persons or Goods on board their Ships or Vessels of whatsoever Denomination, from Ships coming from the infected and suspected Places and Countries above-mentioned, and to bring them into these Countries, on pain of

Confiscation of Ships, Goods, and Vessels, and of Death against the Offenders.

And lastly, all the Confiscations and Fines, to be decreed by Virtue of this Placart, shall be divided and be, one Third for the Advocate Fiscal, one Third for the Commissary General residing in the Quarter where the Case shall happen, and the Third for the Informer.

And to the End that no body may pretend Ignorance of these Presents, we charge and require the States, Commissions of Council, and Deputies of the States of the respective Provinces, and all other Justiciaries and Officers of these Countries, that they forthwith do every where proclaim, publish, and post up this our Placart, in all Places where it shall be necessary, and where such Publication and posting up is usual; and we farther charge and command the Councillors of Admiralty, the Advocates Fiscal, and Commissaries General, together with all Admirals, Vice-Admirals, Captains, Officers and Commanders, to observe, and cause to be observ'd, this our Placart, proceeding and causing to be proceeded against the Transgressors thereof, without any Favour, Connivance, Dissimulation, or Composition, for as much as we have judged it to be for the Service of our Country, and for the Welfare of the good Inhabitants thereof.

Done and resolved at the Hague, &c. on the 7th of August 1743.

T. Fagel.

*Bastia, July 18.* On the 14th Instant was held a general Assembly of the Male-contents in Corsica, to consider of the Conditions lately offered to them by the Republick of Genoa, and which are as follow.

The Republick grants them Permission to keep Fire Arms, on Condition that those who have them shall take out a Licence.

The Annual Tribute is to remain upon the same Foot as in the Year 1727.

That in the Kingdom of Corsica, there shall be four Corsican Lieutenants.

That if it should be necessary to lay any Imposition, it is to be done by the Consent of the People.

A Rank of Nobility is to be established with the same Priviledges as those of the other Cities on the Continent subject to the Republick.

A General Pardon, from the Year 1729, to the Date of the Conclusion of these Articles.

With regard to the Bishoprick of Aleria, the Republick promises to use its good Offices with the Pope to engage him to confer it upon Natives of Corsica only.

*Petersbourg, July 19.* On Saturday last Baron Gerdsorff arrived here from Dresden with the Character of Minister Plenipotentiary from the King of Poland as Elector of Saxony. Tomorrow he is to have a private Audience of her Imperial Majesty at Peterhoff; and on Saturday next, being the King of Poland's Birth Day, and the Anniversary of the Institution of the Order of the White Eagle, he is to present to his Imperial Highness the Great Duke that Order richly adorned with Diamonds, which he has brought along with him.

*Florence, July 23, N. S.* By the late Accounts which this Government has received of the Plague at Messina, the Violence of it began to abate, and some of the few Inhabitants that were left alive had recovered. This is attributed to their being now attended with Care, and supplied with Necessaries, of which till lately there was a total Want; so that a very considerable Number is supposed to have died of Famine.