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Whitehall, June 23.

THE following is the Translation of the French King's Order to the Duke de Penthièvre, Admiral of France, for allowing all the Ships of his Majesty's Subjects, which were stopped in the Harbours of France upon the Declaration of War, to return to Great Britain; a Copy of which was transmitted by M. Van Hoey, the Dutch Ambassador at Paris, on the 24th Instant, N. S. to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Translation of the French King's Letter to the Duke de Penthièvre. June 1744.

My Cousin,

UPON the Assurance which has been given me, that the Court of England will conform itself to the 19th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, concerning the Ships belonging to my Subjects, which were in the Harbours of Great Britain at the Time of the Declaration of War, and that they shall be allowed to return freely with their Cargoes and Effects into the Harbours of my Kingdom, as soon as the same Permission shall have been given to the English Ships under the same Description here; I write you this Letter to acquaint you, that it is my Intention, that all the English Ships which were detained in my Harbours when War was declared, have Liberty to return into those of Great Britain, with their Cargoes and Effects belonging to the Subjects of his Britannick Majesty, and that I desire that you should give immediately the necessary Orders for allowing them to return thither without being molested by the Privateers fitted out by my Subjects.

AT the Council-Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 22d Day of *June*, 1744.

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

Whereas upon the breaking out of the War with France, his Majesty thought fit, by his

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Order in Council of the 24th of March last, to direct, That a General Embargo or Stop should be made of all French Ships and Vessels whatsoever, that then were or should thereafter come into any of the Ports, Harbours or Roads within the Kingdoms of Great Britain or Ireland, or into the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark or Man, together with all Persons and Effects on board, until further Order. And whereas several Ships and Vessels belonging to his Majesty's Subjects were seized and detained in Dunkirk, and other Ports of France, upon the French King's Declaration of War against his Majesty. And whereas his Majesty has received certain Advice, that the French King has given Orders for the Discharge of all the said Ships, Vessels and Effects so seized and detained, with free Liberty to return to their respective Ports, pursuant to the 19th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, in Confidence that the like Directions would be given for the Discharge of the French Ships and Vessels detained in the Ports of Great Britain or Ireland, or in the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark or Man, under the like Circumstances. His Majesty, taking the same into his Royal Consideration, and being ready on his Part to comply with the said 19th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, hath therefore ordered, as it is hereby ordered in Council, that all Ships and Vessels belonging to the Subjects of France, together with the Persons and Effects on board them, which are now detained by Virtue of the afore-mentioned Order in Council of the 24th of March last, within any of the Ports, Harbours or Roads of Great Britain or Ireland, or the Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark or Man, be forthwith released and discharged, with free Liberty to return to their respective Ports, and that proper Passes be granted them for that Purpose. And his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Governours or Commanders in Chief of the said Isles of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark and Man, are to take Notice of his Majesty's Pleasure hereby signified, and to give the necessary Directions hereint as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Sharpe.