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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 17th Day of December 1746.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act to enable his Majesty to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations, more effectually to prevent the spreading of the Distemper which now rages amongst the horned Cattle in this Kingdom;" it is enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors, by and with the Advice of his or their Privy Council, from time to time, to make such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, or to vary or repeal the same; as he or they shall judge most expedient and effectual in Great-Britain, Ireland, and all other his Majesty's Dominions, for putting a Stop to, or preventing the spreading of the said Distemper; and whosoever shall offend against any such Rules, Orders, Regulations, or Variations, being convicted thereof before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for any County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, or Town Corporate, where such Offence shall be committed, are made subject to the Penalty of Ten Pounds; one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish; to be levied by Distress; and in Default of Distress, the Offender to be committed by such Justice or Justices to the House of Correction for three Months; and that such Rules, Orders, and Regulations shall be publicly read upon the next Sunday after the Receipt of the same, and the first Sunday in every subsequent Month, during the Time the same shall continue in Force, immediately after the Prayers, in all Parish Churches, Chapels, and other Places set apart for divine Worship; and every such Order, Rule and Regulation, shall be kept by the Minister of every Parish Church, Chapel, or Place, who shall permit any Person residing

within his Parish, Chapelry, or Place, to read the same, during the Time such Rule, Order, or Regulation shall continue in Force. And it is further enacted by the said Act, That the Removal, Driving, or Sale of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, contrary to any such Rule, Order, or Regulation, shall be deemed a distinct and separate Offence within the Intent and Meaning of the said Act.

And whereas, in pursuance of the Powers thereby vested in the Crown, his Majesty was pleased, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, on the 12th Day of March last, to make several Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the more effectual putting a Stop to the spreading of the said Distemper amongst the horned Cattle: And for the better Notification thereof, his Majesty caused the same to be printed and published, and distributed to every Parish throughout the Kingdom; yet notwithstanding the same, his Majesty hath received Information, that through the Neglect of the Officers, and others appointed to carry the said Order into Execution, divers infected Cattle have been suffered to be drove to Fairs, Markets, and Towns; and that the Hides of infected Cattle have been likewise suffered to be carried thither; by Means whereof the Distemper hath not only been continued, but spread into many Parts of the Kingdom; and that notwithstanding the Justices of the Peace were empowered by the aforementioned Order to appoint proper Persons to be Inspectors of the Cattle, Grounds, &c. in their respective Districts, yet that few or none had been appointed; His Majesty taking the same into Consideration, and being desirous of contributing, as far as in him lies, to the putting a Stop to the spreading thereof, which if not timely prevented, may end in the entire Destruction of the horned Cattle, doth therefore, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, hereby order, require, and command, that for the Space of three Calendar Months, to be computed and begin from the Twenty seventh Day of this Instant December, no Person do send, drive, or remove, or cause to be driven, sent, or removed, any Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, out of