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AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th Day of April, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by Order of his Majesty in Council of the Twelfth of March last, Liberty was given to send, drive, or remove, or cause to be sent, driven, or removed, any lean Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer or Heifer, out of any Town, Parish, or Extraparochial Place whatsoever, within that Part of Great Britain called England, to any Fair, Market, or any other Town, Parish, or Extraparochial Place within the same; or to buy, sell, or expose, or offer to Sale in any such Fair, Market, Town, Parish, or Extraparochial Place, any such lean Beast or Beasts as are aforementioned, for and during the Space of three Calendar Months, to be computed and begin from the Twenty-fourth Day of the said Month of March last; which Liberty was granted upon this express Condition, That the Person or Persons selling such Beast or Beasts, should deliver to the Person or Persons who should buy such Beast or Beasts, such proper Certificate or Certificates as are required by the said Order:— And whereas his Majesty hath received Information, that though the Distemper amongst the Horned Cattle is entirely ceased in the County of Middlesex, and is greatly decreased in several other Parts of the Kingdom, yet that it still continues to rage in some other Counties, and hath lately spread itself into several Parts of the Counties of Derby and Nottingham on the North Side of the River Trent, insomuch that there is Reason to apprehend, that the permitting any Horned Cattle to be bought and sold in Fairs and Markets, to be held either in such Places where the Distemper may happen to be, or in any Places in the Neighbourhood thereof, may be attended with bad Consequences, and be a Means of spreading the said Distemper still further: For the better preventing whereof, his Majesty doth, by this his Order in his Privy Council, hereby authorize and empower any four Persons, being Justices of the Peace, or Commissioners of the Land Tax (authorized by Virtue of an Act of this present Session of Parliament, to put the said Act and his Majesty's Orders of Council in Execution) within their respective Divisions, to put a Stop to the holding of any Fairs or Markets, for the buying and selling of such Horned Cattle, where they shall apprehend the holding thereof, may be attended with the Danger of spreading the said Distemper, for and until the Twenty-fourth Day of June next.

And his Majesty doth hereby strictly forbid the sending, driving, or removing, or causing to be sent, driven, or removed, any such Beast or Beasts, to any such Fair or Market. And the said Justices and Commissioners are hereby authorized and required to cause publick Notice to be given of the putting a Stop to such Fairs or Markets, and to issue their Orders to the chief Constable, or Headborough of the Hundred, Lath, Rape, or Wapentake, and to the Petty Constables of the respective Parishes within the same, to prevent the holding such Fair or Market. And if any Person or Persons shall presume to drive, remove, or send, or cause to be driven, removed, or sent, any such Beast or Beasts, to such Fair or Market, contrary to the Orders issued by the said Justices or Commissioners in that Behalf, such Person or Persons so offending, shall be carried before some neighbouring Justice, or Commissioner as aforesaid; to be dealt with according to Law.

And whereas his Majesty was pleased by his Order in Council of the Twelfth of March last; (for obviating any Doubts that might arise about driving Oxen in the Plough, Cart, &c.) to allow of and permit Oxen to be drove in the Plough, Cart, Waggon, and other Carriages; from one Parish to another; upon Condition that no Distemper had been, or should afterwards happen to be amongst the Horned Cattle within Twenty Miles of the Parish or Place from which, or to which such Oxen should be so driven. And whereas it hath been this Day represented to his Majesty, that notwithstanding the said Permission, it hath so happened in several Parts of the Kingdom, that many Farmers and others have not received the Benefit thereby intended, in regard the said Distemper hath in some Counties spread itself within Twenty Miles of every Town and Village thereof; his Majesty taking the same into Consideration, and being desirous to remove any Impediments upon Husbandry, so far as may be done with Safety, is pleased, by this his Order in his Privy Council, to permit and allow, that from henceforward, Ox Teams in any Kind of Carriages may be driven from one Parish, or Place, to another, provided such Teams be not driven nearer than three Miles to any Place where the Distemper is, or shall happen to be amongst the Horned Cattle; and provided also, that before such Oxen shall be permitted to be so driven, a Certificate be obtained under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Riding, Division, City, Liberty, or Town Corporate, or of one or more Commissioner or Commissioners of the Land Tax as aforesaid, or in Case no such Justice of the Peace or Commissioner