

former Orders in Council relating to the Distempered Cattle.

And whereas Information hath been given, that some of the Agents in London, employed by the Sufferers to receive the Rewards payable on such Certificates, have endeavoured to impose upon the said Sufferers, by charging Money as paid to the Clerks of the Solicitor of the Treasury or his Assistant, by way of Recompence or Reward for paying the same, with an Intent to make a fraudulent Gain for themselves; and it having appeared, after due Enquiry made, that the Solicitor of the Treasury, his Assistant, or Clerks, have not, in any case, taken, or received any Fee or Gratuity on Payment of the said Rewards, in any Manner whatsoever;—It is therefore thought proper, for the Information of the said Sufferers, to make the same known to them, as likewise, that all Certificates duly granted by the said Justices and Commissioners of the Land Tax, will be answered and paid in like Manner as they have hitherto been, without any Fee, Deduction, or Gratuity whatsoever.

And for the better preventing the spreading of the said Infection, his Majesty doth hereby order, That no Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, whether fat or lean, nor any Hide or Skin of such Beasts, be suffered to pass the River Mersey Northwards, until his Majesty's Pleasure be further signified; and for that Purpose, his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, as also the Commissioners of the Land Tax qualified as aforesaid, of the Counties, Hundreds, Ridings and Divisions through which the said River runs, are hereby required to cause strict Watch to be constantly kept, to guard all the Bridges, Fords, Boats and Ferries upon the said River, and to carry all Offenders herein before the next Justice of the Peace, or Commissioner of the Land Tax as aforesaid, to be dealt with according to Law.

That no Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, either fat or lean, shall be driven or removed but between the Hours of Six in the Morning, and Six in the Evening.

And his Majesty doth hereby strictly charge and command all the Justices of the Peace, and Commissioners of the Land Tax, to hold a Meeting once a Fortnight at least within their respective Divisions, of the Counties where the said Distemper rages, and strictly and punctually to perform and execute, all and every the Matters and Things required of them by the Acts of Parliament relating to the distempered Cattle, and also by his Majesty's Orders in Council of the Eighteenth of June, and Eighth of September last, and also by this present Order; particularly with regard to the killing and burying the Cattle, under Pain of his

Majesty's highest Displeasure: And that they do levy the Penalties inflicted by Law on all such who shall transgress any of the Rules and Regulations contained therein; and do not fail to transmit an Account of their Proceedings from Time to Time, to the Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, as they will answer the contrary.

And for the better notifying of this Order, it is his Majesty's Pleasure that the same be forthwith printed and published, and be also inserted in the next London Gazette, and be likewise read, together with the said former Orders of Council, in all Parish Churches, Chapels and other Places set apart for Divine Worship, on such Sunday in every Calendar Month as the Minister of such Parish shall think proper, agreeable to what is required by an Act passed in the last Session of the last Parliament.

*William Sharpe,*

AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 27th Day of *October*, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS several Petitions have been presented to his Majesty at this Board, in Behalf of Dealers in Welsh and Scots Cattle, setting forth, That they had bought several Drovers of lean Horned Cattle for the Supply of the Graziers in Essex, Kent, Hampshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Sussex, as usual at this Season of the Year, and that they had actually caused all the said Drovers to be driven towards the said respective Counties for Sale, before they had any Intelligence of his Majesty's Order in Council of the Eighth of September last, laying a Prohibition on the buying, selling or removing lean horned Cattle; and that the said Drovers having been lately stopt by the Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of his Majesty's aforementioned Order in Council, the Petitioners are thereby prevented from driving the said Cattle to the said Places intended, and most humbly pray, in regard to their being ignorant of the said Order, and that there hath been no Distemper amongst the horned Cattle either in Wales or Scotland, and that all the Drovers so stopt are in good Health, that they may be permitted to drive them as usual, to the Places intended for Sale:—And whereas several Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of the Land Tax have certified to this Board, that several Herds of Welsh and Scots lean Cattle have