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AT the Court at St. James's, the 22d Day of March, 1747.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS in pursuance of the Powers vested in his Majesty by an Act passed in the Nineteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign, 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, under the Penalties thereby inflicted; which Act is explained and continued by another Act passed in the last Session of the last Parliament; His Majesty hath thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, to make and establish, from Time to Time, such Rules, Orders and Regulations as were judged to be the most proper and effectual to put a Stop to the said Distemper; And whereas his Majesty was pleased by his Order in Council of the 8th of September last, to require and direct, (amongst other Things) That a Prohibition should be laid on the Buying, Selling and Removing of all lean Horned Cattle in that Part of this Kingdom called England, for the Space of three Calendar Months, which Prohibition has been since continued by several subsequent Orders, and is still in Force: And whereas it hath been represented to his Majesty, That for the better enabling his Subjects to stock their Grounds with a fresh Supply of Cattle, it will be expedient at this Season of the Year, to permit lean Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Calves, Steers and Heifers, to be driven, removed, bought and sold; His Majesty taking the same into his Consideration, and being desirous to comply with every Thing that may be for the Ease and Convenience of his Subjects, as far as the present Circumstances of the said Distemper will permit, hath therefore thought

fit, and doth, by this his Order in his Privy Council, declare and order, That the several Rules and Regulations relating to the Distemper'd Cattle now subsisting, and which will expire on the 24th of this Instant March, be continued and remain in full Force from the said 24th of this Instant March, to the 8th Day of April next, and no longer; and that all the said Rules and Regulations do from thenceforth cease and determine: And his Majesty doth hereby establish in Lieu thereof, the following Rules, Orders and Regulations, to be observed and obeyed from the said 8th Day of April next, by all his Majesty's Subjects, as they will answer the contrary; Provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall extend to indemnify such Persons as have been guilty of any Offence or Offences against any of the said former Orders of Council, during the Time of their Continuance in Force, from the Penalties inflicted by the said Acts.

That all Cowkeepers, Farmers and Owners of any Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Calves, Steers and Heifers, do, as soon as any of the said Cattle shall appear to have Signs or Marks of the said Distemper, immediately remove such Cattle to some Place distant from the Rest, and cause the same to be shot dead, or otherwise killed, (with as little Effusion of Blood as may be) and the Bodies to be buried with the Skins and Horns on, within Twenty-four Hours at farthest, from and after the said Cattle were first respectively seized with the said Distemper, at least four Feet deep, and the Earth covered in, having first cut and slashed the Hides from Head to Tail, and in other Parts of the Body, so as to render the same of no Use; and in case any such Cattle shall happen to die, that they do bury the Bodies thereof, and cut and slash their Hides in the Manner above-mentioned, within the Space of Eight Hours at most after such Death.

That the Overseers of the Poor in every Parish, Township or Place throughout the Kingdom

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