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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 28th Day of *October*, 1757,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Intelligence was received of the Plague being broke out at Lisbon, and the Right Honourable William Pitt, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in order to prevent the Infection being brought into these Kingdoms, by the Arrival of any Pacquet Boats from thence, issued an Order to the Postmasters General, that they should forthwith send the necessary Orders to the Agent of the Pacquet Boats at Falmouth, that in Case any Pacquet Boat should arrive from Lisbon, no Mail, Letter, Person, or Thing, of any Kind whatsoever, should be permitted to come, or be sent on shore till further Orders; and that in order to prevent any Communication with such Pacquet Boat, a sufficient Number of Boats should be provided to row continually round her, for which Purpose the Agent should apply to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs at Falmouth for such Assistance as shall be necessary—And whereas before the Order of the said Postmasters General could reach Falmouth, a Lisbon Pacquet arrived at that Port, and landed her Mail, which was brought up from thence, but was stopped in Virtue of the said Order at Staines in the County of Middlesex, where it still remains properly secured till further Orders—And whereas one loose Letter arriving by the Pacquet aforesaid, bearing Date Lisbon, October the 13th, has been brought forward and opened, which takes no Notice of any infectious Distemper whatever being broke out at that Place, and that there is therefrom the strongest Reason to presume, in Case the said Mail were opened and inspected, a further and entire Confirmation would be obtained of the Falseness of the Report relating to the Plague being broke out at Lisbon—His Majesty is therefore pleased, by and with the Ad-

vice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, That one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State do forthwith issue an Order to the Postmasters General, which they are hereby required to obey, directing them to take the said Mail immediately under their Charge, notwithstanding the said recited Order, and to cause the same to be opened, and the Letters contained therein to be inspected, effectual Care being first taken to purify the said Letters, by such proper Methods as are usually practised in the like Cases here, or in other Countries; and that the Mail now detained at Staines do remain there, and not be brought forward until it shall have undergone the Purifications as aforesaid: And after the said Postmasters shall have so inspected the said Mail, they are hereby required to report to His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council the State of Health at Lisbon, as it shall appear to them, upon such Inspection, to have been at the Time of the writing of the said Letters, in order to receive such further Directions, as His Majesty in Council shall judge proper, with regard to the issuing and delivering of the said Letters, as well as with Regard to the Admission of any other Things brought on Board the said Pacquet.

F. Vernon.

AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 20th Day of *September*, 1757,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council, of the Ninth of August last, For paying the respective Bounties therein mentioned, to all Able and Ordinary Seamen, and also to all Able-bodied Landmen, who should voluntarily enter themselves in His Majesty's Royal Navy; and likewise for paying the Rewards to Persons discovering Seamen who should conceal themselves, is near expiring: And whereas it is judged

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