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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 31st Day of *October*, 1757,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS upon Intelligence being received, that the Plague was broke out, at Lisbon, 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, directing, amongst other Things, that in Case any Pacquet Boat should arrive at Falmouth 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; but before the said Order could reach Falmouth, a Lisbon Pacquet arrived at that Port, and landed her Mail, which was brought up from thence to Staines, where it was stopped and properly secured. — And whereas His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 28th of this Instant, to direct, That one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State should forthwith issue an Order to the Postmasters General, directing them to take the said Mail immediately under their Charge, 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 here or in other Countries; and that the said Mail should remain at Staines, and not be brought forward until it should have undergone the Purifications as aforesaid: And that after the said Postmasters should have inspected the said Mail, they were thereby required to report to His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council the State of Health at Lisbon, as it should 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 should 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. And whereas in Pursuance of the aforesaid Order in Council, the said Postmasters General have this Day reported, That they have caused the said Mail to be opened at Staines, and the Letters therein to be inspected, after having first taken such effectual Care to purify the Letters, as to them appeared most adviseable for that Purpose: And that by the best Information they are able to procure from the Inspection of the said Letters, as also from those they have received from their Agents at Lisbon and Falmouth, as well as

from the Master of the Pacquet Boat, who had this Mail in Charge, they do not find the least Notice taken of any Plague, or any Suspicion of a Contagious Distemper being at Lisbon at the Time this Pacquet was dispatched from thence, and therefore the said Postmasters General desire to receive such further Directions as His Majesty in Council shall judge proper to give with regard to the Issuing and Delivery of the Letters, as well as with regard to the Admission of any other Things brought on Board the said Pacquet. — His Majesty taking the said Report into His Royal Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, as it is hereby ordered, That the Right Honourable William Pitt, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do issue an Order to the Postmasters General, to cause all the Letters contained in the said Mail to be forthwith issued and delivered. — And that with regard to all such Orders as have been issued for the Stopping of the said Pacquet or Mail, or of any Ships or Vessels from Lisbon — His Majesty is further pleased to order, That the same be, and they are hereby revoked and discharged. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, The Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, The Master General of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Blair.

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 expedient for His Majesty's Service, That the Bounties and Rewards thereby given, should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years; and of Thirty