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From the High Court of Justice,  
King's Bench Division  
(King's Remembrancer).

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Sir Charles E. FitzRoy,  
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Custom House,  
London.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,  
KING'S BENCH DIVISION  
(KING'S REMEMBRANCE).

EDWARD the EIGHTH, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. To all and singular Our Officers and Ministers who now have or hereafter shall have any office, power or authority derived from or under the Commissioners of Our Admiralty or Our Lord High Admiral of Our United Kingdom for the time being; as also all and every Our Vice-Admirals, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Constables, Bailiffs, and all other Our Officers and Subjects whomsoever within every City, Borough, Town and County of England and Wales, and the Islands and Territories thereto belonging; and to every of you; Greeting. Whereas by Commission or Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the 21st day of December in the twenty-sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fifth, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir George Evelyn Pemberton Murray, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Sir William Young, Knight Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Charles Joseph Flynn, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, John Smele Sutton, Esquire and Otto Mundy, Esquire, were constituted, appointed, and assigned to be Commissioners for and during His said late Majesty's pleasure, for the collection and for the management of Our Revenue of Customs

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and Excise in and throughout the whole of Our said United Kingdom; and by the said Commission or Letters Patent is given and granted unto the said Commissioners full power and authority respectively to do and execute all matters, and things, which by any Act or Acts of Parliament, or by any Law, Usage, or Custom for the time being in force, the Commissioners of Our Customs and Excise are or may be authorised and empowered to do, to the end that all and singular the duties of Customs and Excise and also all and every the Sums of Money and other premises may be duly paid and answered.

AND WHEREAS it is provided by the Demise of the Crown Act, 1901, that the holding of any office under the Crown shall not be affected nor shall any fresh appointment thereto be rendered necessary by the Demise of the Crown; and accordingly the said Sir George Evelyn Pemberton Murray, Sir William Young, Charles Joseph Flynn, John Smale Sutton, and Otto Mundy, still hold office by virtue of the said recited Commission or Letters Patent.

WE therefore strictly enjoin and command you and every one of you that, all excuses apart, you and every one of you permit and suffer the said Sir George Evelyn Pemberton Murray, Sir William Young, Charles Joseph Flynn, John Smale Sutton, and Otto Mundy or their Successors in office as Commissioners of Our Customs and Excise and the Deputies, Ministers, Servants and other Officers of them the said Commissioners, or of their Successors in office as aforesaid, from time to time as they shall think proper, as well by night as by day, to enter and go on board any Ship, Boat, or other Vessel, riding, lying, or being within and coming into any port, creek, or haven of England and Wales, or of the Islands or Territories thereunto belonging, and such Ship, Boat, or

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Vessel then and there found to search and survey, and the persons therein being strictly to examine touching and concerning the premises aforesaid, according to the Laws and Statutes in that behalf made and provided; and in the day-time to enter and go into the houses, shops, cellars, warehouses, rooms, and other places, where any goods, wares, or Merchandises lie concealed, or are suspected to be concealed, which are prohibited, or for which the Duties of Customs and other rates and sums of money aforesaid are not or shall not be duly paid and truly satisfied, answered and paid unto Our Collectors or Deputy Collectors, or other person or persons duly appointed for that purpose, or otherwise agreed for according to the true intent of the Laws in force or hereafter to be made; and such houses, shops, cellars, warehouses, rooms, and other places, to search and survey for the said goods, wares and merchandises; and further to do and execute all things which of right and according to the Laws and Statutes in force in this behalf shall be to be done.

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AND WE FURTHER strictly enjoin and command you, and every one of you, that to the said Sir George Evelyn Pemberton Murray, Sir William Young, Charles Joseph Flynn, John Smale Sutton and Otto Mundy, Our said Commissioners, and to all and every person or persons who hereafter shall be constituted, appointed and assigned to collect and manage our Customs and Excise in and throughout England and Wales, and the Islands and Territories thereunto belonging, and to their Deputies, Ministers and Servants, and other Officers, and each of them, you and every one of you, from time to time to be aiding, assisting, and helping in the execution of the premises as is meet, and this you and any of you are in nowise to omit at your perils.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

