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RETURN to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons,
dated 15 February 1811;—for

Copies of any LETTERS, that were written, from the Secretaries of the
Treasury to the Commissioners of the Customs, in 1782 and 1783; com-
municating Directions from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, for
enforcing the Laws against the Exportation of COIN;—Viz.

Copies of Letters, dated { 12 September 1782.
9 August 1783.
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1.

Gentlemen,

Treasury Chambers,
September 12, 1782.

IT having been represented to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's
Treasury, that there is great reason to believe large quantities of the current
Coin of the Kingdom are frequently exported, in violation of the Laws existing,
and their Lordships having taken into their serious consideration the ill conse-
quences which may attend such practices, think it of great importance that
effectual means should be used to prevent the same in future.

I am therefore commanded by their Lordships, to desire you will give im-
mediate directions to your Officers at the several Ports, diligently and strictly to
search all Ships or Vessels on their passage out of any Port, in order to see whe-
ther there is any Gold or Silver of the current Coin of the Kingdom on board such
Ships or Vessels; and if any such Gold or Silver Coin shall be found on board
the same, to make seizure thereof, pursuant to the several Laws enacted for that
purpose.

The Ports of Margate, Dover, and others on that part of the Coast, will prob-
ably require the most immediate examination at; but you will of course call the
attention of your Officers at all the Ports to this business, in a particular manner,
and take care that the directions shall be given with such secrecy and dispatch,
that they may reach the Ports before the alarm is taken.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) George Rose.

Comm^r Customs.

2.

Gentlemen,

Treasury Chambers,
9 August 1783.

THE Directors of the Bank of England having represented to this Board,
that the Coin of this Kingdom has been of late clandestinely exported in large
quantities, and that they have good reason to think the practice is likely, for some
time to come, not only to continue but to increase, and that to such a degree as to
make them apprehensive of serious consequential inconvenience, and have therefore
desired this Board would give Orders for putting the Laws against the Exportation
of Coin in force; and the more effectually so to do, that some reward may be
offered to the seizing Officer: And my Lords having taken into their consideration
an Order in Council of the 12th of June 1728, wherein it is ordered, that the
Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury do grant and allow to such
Officer or other Person whatsoever, who shall discover or seize any sum or sums
of

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of the Gold or Silver Coin of this Kingdom, which shall be exported or put on board any Ship or Vessel in order to be exported, or shall be in keeping of any Person passing out of this Realm, one moiety of such Gold or Silver which shall be so seized or discovered, as a reward to such Person for his diligence in making such discovery or seizure: I am commanded by their Lordships to direct you will signify to your Officers, that my Lords will grant the Reward stated in the said Order of Council, to such of them as shall seize any Coin under the authority of the Laws now in force against the Exportation of Coin; but previous thereto, my Lords think it expedient that you should make it known at the several Ports, in such manner as you shall think fit, that it is intended to put those Laws into execution.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. B. Sheridan.

Comm^r Customs.

3.

Treasury Chambers,
13 August 1783.

Sir,
I HAVE it in command from my Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, to signify to you their desire, that the name of the Bank may not appear in the Notices which may be sent in consequence of my Letter to the Commissioners of the Customs of the 9th instant, in regard to the exportation of the Coin of this Kingdom.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. B. Sheridan.

W^m Stiles, Esq.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers,
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R^d Wharton.

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