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G E O R G E R.
OUR Will and Pleasure is, That you attend the Proclamation of Our Declaration of War against Spain, that is to be made on Monday next the Fourth Instant, between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Morning, in the usual Places, and with the Solemnities customary on the like Occasion: And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Second Day of January, 1762, in the Second Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
E G R E M O N T.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved
 Servants, the Kings, Heralds,
 and Pursuivants, at Arms.

St. James's, January 4.

The Officers of Arms, with the Serjeants at Arms, and Trumpeters, mounted their Horses in the Stable-yard, St. James's; and proceeding thence to the Palace Gate, Clarenceux King of Arms read His Majesty's Declaration of War, and Somerset Herald proclaimed it aloud: Which being done, a Procession was made as follows: A Party of Horse Grenadier Guards to clear the Way.—Beadles of Westminster with Staves, two and two.—Constables of Westminster.—High Constable of Westminster, with his Staff.—The Officers of the High Bailiff of Westminster on Horseback, with White Wands.—Deputy of the High Bailiff of Westminster.—Knight Marshal's Men.—Knight Marshal.—Drums.—Drum-major.—Trumpets.—Serjeant Trumpeter in his Collar, bearing his Mace.—Bluemantle Pursuivant.—Rouge-Dragon Pursuivant, Rouge-Croix Pursuivant, between two Serjeants at Arms.—Lancaster Herald, between two Serjeants at Arms.—Somerset Herald, between two Serjeants at Arms.—Clarenceux King of Arms, between two Serjeants at Arms.—A Party or Troop of the Horse Guards, commanded by Colonel Carpenter.

At Charing Cross, Somerset Herald read the Declaration, and Lancaster Herald proclaimed it aloud. From thence the Procession was made to Temple-Bar, where the Officers of the City of Westminster retired; and, the Gates being shut, Bluemantle Pursuivant, being conducted by two of His Majesty's Trumpets, after sounding thrice, he knocked at the Gates; and being demanded who was there, replied, The Officers of Arms, who demand Entrance to make Proclamation of His Majesty's Declaration of War against Spain; and, the Gates being opened, he was conducted, by the City Marshal, to the Lord Mayor, who, with the Aldermen, Recorder, and Sheriffs, attended within the Gates; and, having shewed him the King's Warrant, he returned. The Gates were opened, and the Procession entered; and, at the End of Chancery Lane, Lancaster Herald read the Declaration, and Rouge Croix Pursuivant proclaimed it aloud.—At the End of Wood-street, Rouge-Croix Pursuivant read the Declaration, and Rouge-Dragon Pursuivant proclaimed it aloud.—And, lastly, at the Royal Exchange, Rouge-Dragon Pursuivant read the Declaration, and Bluemantle Pursuivant proclaimed it aloud.—The Spectators, which were very numerous at each Place, expressing their Satisfaction by loud Acclamations.

His Majesty's
D E C L A R A T I O N
 Of WAR against the King of Spain.

G E O R G E R.

THE constant Object of Our Attention, since

sible, to put an End to the Calamities of War, and to settle the Publick Tranquillity upon a solid and lasting Foundation. To prevent those Calamities from being extended still farther; and because the most perfect Harmony between Great Britain and Spain is, at all Times, the mutual Interest of both Nations; it has been Our earnest Desire to maintain the strictest Amity with the King of Spain, and to accommodate the Disputes between Us and that Crown in the most amicable Manner. This Object We have steadily pursued, notwithstanding the many Partialities shewn by the Spaniards to Our Enemies the French, during the Course of the present War, inconsistent with their Neutrality: And most essential Proofs have been given of the Friendship and Regard of the Court of Great Britain for the King of Spain, and his Family. After a Conduct so friendly, and so full of good Faith, on our Part, It was Matter of great Surprise to Us, to find a Memorial delivered on the Twenty third Day of July last, by Monsieur Buffy, Minister Plenipotentiary of France, to one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, expressly relating to the Disputes between Us and the Crown of Spain; and Declaring, that, if Those Objects should bring on a War, the French King would be obliged to take Part therein. Our Surprise was increased, when, afterwards, this unprecedented and offensive Step, made by a Power in open War with Us, was avowed, by the Spanish Minister to Our Ambassador at Madrid, to have been taken with the full Approbation and Consent of the King of Spain. But, as this Avowal was accompanied with the most becoming Apologies on the Part of the King of Spain, and with Assurances, that such Memorial never would have been delivered, if it had been foreseen that We should have looked upon it in an offensive Light; and that the King of Spain was at Liberty, and ready, to adjust all His Differences with Great Britain, without the Intervention, or Knowledge, of France; and soon after, We had the Satisfaction to be informed by Our Ambassador at Madrid, that the Spanish Minister, taking Notice of the Reports industriously spread of an approaching Rupture, had acquainted Him, that the King of Spain had, at no Time, been more intent on cultivating a good Correspondence with Us; and as the Spanish Ambassador at Our Court made repeated Declarations to the same Effect; We thought Ourselves bound, in Justice and Prudence, to forbear coming to Extremities. But the same tender Concern for the Welfare of Our Subjects, which prevented Our accelerating precipitately a War with Spain, if it could possibly be avoided, made it necessary for Us to endeavour to know with Certainty, what were the Engagements, and real Intentions of the Court of Spain. Therefore, as We had Information, that Engagements had been lately contracted between the Courts of Madrid and Versailles; and it was soon after industriously spread throughout all Europe, by the Ministers of France, that the Purport of those Engagements was Hostile to Great Britain, and that Spain was on the Point of entering into the War; We directed Our Ambassador to desire, in the most Friendly Terms, a Communication of the Treaties lately concluded between France and Spain; or of such Articles thereof as immediately related to the Interests of Great Britain, if any such there were; or, at least, an Assurance that there were none incompatible with the Friendship subsisting between Us and the Crown of Spain. Our Astonishment and Concern was great, when we learnt, that, so far from giving Satisfaction upon so reasonable an Application, the Spanish Minister had declined answering, with Reasonings, and Inferences,