

His Majesty, being Determined to take such Measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honor of His Crown, is pleas'd, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, That General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the King of Spain, so that as well His Majesty's Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprizals, or otherwise, by His Majesty's Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and may lawfully seize all Ships, Vessels, and Goods belonging to the King of Spain or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within any the Territories of the King of Spain, and bring the same to Judgment in any of the Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions; and to that End His Majesty's Advocate-General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, authorizing the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or any Person or Persons by them empowered and appointed, to issue forth and grant Letters of Marque and Reprizal to any of His Majesty's Subjects, or others whom the said Commissioners shall deem fitly qualified in that Behalf, for the apprehending, seizing, and taking the Ships, Vessels, and Goods belonging to Spain, and the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or any inhabiting within his Countries, Territories, or Dominions; and that such Powers and Clauses be inserted in the said Commission as have been usual, and are according to former Precedents: And His Majesty's said Advocate-General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are also forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, authorizing the said Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to will and require the High Court of Admiralty of Great Britain, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the said Court, his Surrogate or Surrogates, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions, to take Cognizance of and judicially proceed upon, all and all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes and Reprizals of all Ships and Goods that are or shall be taken, and to hear and determine the same; and according to the Course of Admiralty, and the Laws of Nations, to adjudge and condemn all such Ships, Vessels and Goods as shall belong to Spain, or the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or to any others inhabiting within any of his Countries, Territories and Dominions; and that such Powers and Clauses be inserted in the said Commission as have been usual and are according to former Precedents; and they are likewise to prepare and lay before His Majesty at this Board, a Draught of such Instructions as may be proper to be sent to the Courts of Admiralty in His Majesty's Foreign Governments and Plantations, for their Guidance herein; as also another Draught of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes aforementioned.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 16th of June, 1779,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS Their late Majesties King William the Third and Queen Mary, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, bearing Date the Eighth Day of March, in the Sixth Year of their Reign, did demise and grant unto Craven Howard, John Harrington, Hugh Marchant, and Huntley Bigg, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, for the Term of Ninety nine Years from the Date thereof, the Use of all such Waters as run down the Common Sewers within the Bills of Mortality, except the Waters that run down the Common Sewers within the City and Liberties of London, and such Waters as are invested in the Lord Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of London by Act of Parliament, for the driving Mills to be erected for the more convenient serving of several Places of the Town with Thames and other

Waters: In which Letters Patent it was provided, that the said Letters Patent, or any Thing therein contained, should not extend, or be continued to extend, to give Privilege to the said Grantees to make any other Use of the said Waters than for the Purposes aforesaid, or such others as should not be any ways prejudicial to the natural Use of the said Sewers; and that the said Grantees should not, by any Use of the said Sewers, bring any extraordinary Charge upon the Inhabitants for repairing and amending the said Sewers oftener than formerly; And it was also provided, that if at any Time thereafter, during the Term thereby granted, it should be made appear unto Their said Majesties, Their Heirs or Successors, or any Six of Their Privy Council, that the said Grant or Demise was or should be prejudicial or inconvenient to Their Majesties Subjects in general, that then it should and might be lawful for Their said Majesties, Their Heirs or Successors, by Advice of Their Privy Council, to determine the said Letters Patent. And whereas by subsequent Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of England, bearing Date the Second Day of May, in the Eighth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King William the Third, His said late Majesty did grant unto the several Persons in the said former Letters Patent named, their Executors, Administrators and Assigns, Liberty, Power and Authority to erect and build, upon their own Ground, Overshot Mills and Water-works, and lay Pipes in and to the River Thames, and to convey Water from thence for the Supplying the Inhabitants therewith; and also to lay Pipes from the said Water-works in the Publick Streets; to have, hold and exercise the same during the Term of Years by the said former Letters Patent granted. And whereas the Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of Westminster, and Part of the County of Middlesex, have, by their Petition to His Majesty at this Board, (after reciting the aforesaid two Letters Patent) set forth, That the said Grantees, in Pursuance of the said Letters Patent, did erect an Overshot Mill and Water-works in and upon a Piece of Ground lying on the West Side of a Street or Lane, formerly called Hartshorne Lane, and since called Northumberland street, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields in the Liberty of Westminster and County of Middlesex, and therewith did serve the Inhabitants in that Part of the City and Liberty of Westminster with Water from the River Thames for a great Number of Years; but for these Six Years last past, and upwards, the said Mill and Works, so turned and worked with the Water of the Sewers, has been converted into a Corn-mill, and is and has been constantly used for the Purpose of a Grist-mill, and no Water whatsoever has been raised thereby from the Thames, for the Use of the Inhabitants; which the Petitioners state to have been the principal Motive that induced His said late Majesty to make the said Grant:— That the Owners or Occupiers of the said Mill have not only, from Time to Time, placed Trunks and Pipes of a considerable Size, in the Sewers of St. Martin's Lane and the Strand, but have laid and made Dams therein, in order to stay and prevent the Currency of the Water in the said Sewer to the Thames, and to force the Water down to their said Mill; and in particular have erected such Dams to the Height of several Feet, quite across the main Sewer in the Strand, near Northumberland Street aforesaid, to turn and force the Water down a private Sewer there that runs under Northumberland Court to their said Mill; by which Means the Water in the said publick Sewer is frequently stopped, and made to rise several Feet in Height; whereby the Sewer is damaged, and the Water is forced into the Cellars and Kitchens of many of the Inhabitants in the Parts adjacent, to their great Annoyance and Damage; and that the said Commissioners have been at very great Expence to repair such Damages, which must fall upon the Publick, the Petitioners not having been able to prevail on the Owners or Occupiers of the said Mill to make any Satisfaction for the same, though occasioned by their aforesaid Works in the said Sewers, and though frequently applied to for that Purpose; Wherefore and in regard the Water in the said Sewers, or the said Mills