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AT the Court at St. James's, the 1st Day of January, 1781,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS, by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 18th Day of August last, an Embargo was laid upon all Ships and Vessels laden or to be laden in the Ports of Great Britain, with Black Cattle and Hogs, Beef, Pork, Butter, and Cheese, or any Sort of Provisions, except Fish, Corn or Grain of any Kind, or Pulse; and by the said Order His Majesty was pleased to declare, that the said Embargo should not extend to any Ships or Vessels carrying Provisions to any of the Ports in Europe, except the Ports belonging to France or Spain, under certain Conditions and Restrictions contained in the said Order: And whereas in the present Critical Conjunction of Affairs, it is requisite, that the said Embargo should extend to the Ports belonging to the States General of the United Provinces, as well as to those belonging to France and Spain, and should also, in respect of the Ports belonging to France, Spain, and the States General of the United Provinces, comprehend all Kinds of Provisions, without any Exception: It is therefore hereby ordered by His Majesty in Council, that the said Embargo be forthwith extended to, and laid upon, all Ships and Vessels laden or to be laden in the Ports of Great Britain with Black Cattle and Hogs, Beef, Pork, Butter, and Cheese, or any Sort of Provisions, to be carried to any Ports belonging to France or Spain, or the States General of the United Provinces, and that the said Embargo do continue and remain upon such Ships and Vessels until further Order. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions for carrying this Order into Execution, as far as to them shall respectively appertain.

W. Fawkener.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For granting the Distribution of Prizes during the present Hostilities.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS by Our Order in Council, dated the Twentieth of this Instant December, We have ordered that General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the States General of the United Provinces, so that as well Our Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque, or

General Reprizals, or otherwise, by Our Commissioners for executing Our Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and may lawfully seize all Ships, Vessels, and Goods, belonging to the States General of the United Provinces, or their Subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the Territories of the States General of the United Provinces, and bring the same to Judgment in any of Our Courts of Admiralty within Our Dominions: We, being desirous to give due Encouragement to all Our faithful Subjects who shall lawfully seize the same, and having declared in Council, by Our Order of the Twentieth of this Instant December, Our Intentions concerning the Distribution of all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprizals, of all Ships and Goods, during the present Hostilities, do now make known to all Our loving Subjects, and all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, that Our Will and Pleasure is, That the Neat Produce of all Prizes taken, the Right whereof is inherent in Us, and Our Crown, be given to the Takers, but subject to the Payment of all such or the like Customs and Duties as the same are now, or would have been liable to, if the same were or might have been imported as Merchandize; and that the same be so given in the Proportion and Manner herein-after set forth; that is to say, That all Prizes taken by Ships and Vessels having Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprizals, may be sold and disposed of by the Merchants, Owners, Fitters, and others, to whom such Letters of Marque and Reprizals are granted, for their own Use and Benefit, after final Adjudication, and not before: And We do hereby further order and direct, that the Neat Produce of all Prizes which are or shall be taken by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, shall be for the entire Benefit and Encouragement of Our Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and other Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, on Board Our said Ships and Vessels at the Time of the Capture; and that such Prizes may be lawfully sold and disposed of by them and their Agents, after the same shall have been to Us finally adjudged lawful Prize, and not otherwise. The Distribution shall be made as follows; the Whole of the Neat Produce being first divided into Eight equal Parts:

The Captain or Captains of any of Our said Ships and Vessels of War, who shall be actually on Board at the taking of any Prize, shall have Three Eighth Parts; but in case any such Prize shall be taken by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers, being actually on Board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, shall have One of the said Three Eighth Parts; the

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