

river into the Hands of the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty of England, his Surrogate, or the Judge of such other Admiralty-Court within Our Dominions lawfully authorized, or others commissioned as aforesaid, all such Papers, Passes, Sea-Briefs, Charter-Parties, Bills of Lading, Cockets, Letters, and other Documents and Writings, as shall be delivered up, or found on board any Ship. The Taker, or one of his chief Officers, or some other Person who was present at the Capture, and saw the said Papers and Writings delivered up, or otherwise found on board at the Time of the Capture, making Oath that the said Papers and Writings are brought and delivered in as they were received and taken, without any Fraud, Addition, Subduction or Embezzlement, or otherwise to account for the same upon Oath, to the Satisfaction of the Court.

Article IV. That the Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, and Effects, taken by Virtue of Letters of Marque and Reprizals as aforesaid, shall be kept and preserved, and no Part of them shall be sold, spoiled, watted, or diminished; and that the Bulk thereof shall not be broken before Judgment be given in the High Court of Admiralty of England, or some other Court of Admiralty lawfully authorized in that Behalf, that the Ships, Goods, and Merchandizes are lawful Prize.

Article V. That if any Ship or Vessel belonging to Us, or Our Subjects, shall be found in Distress, by being in Fight, set upon, or taken by the Enemy, or by Reason of any other Accident, the Commanders, Officers, and Company of such Merchant Ships or Vessels as shall have Letters of Marque and Reprizals as aforesaid, shall use their best Endeavours, and give Aid and Succour to all such Ship and Ships, and shall, to the utmost of their Power, labour to free the same from the Enemy, or any other Distress.

Article VI. That the Commanders or Owners of such Ships and Vessels, before the taking out Letters of Marque and Reprizals, shall make Application in Writing, subscribed with their Hands, to Our High Admiral of Great-Britain, or Our Commissioners for executing that Office for the Time being, or the Lieutenant or Judge of the said High Court of Admiralty, or his Surrogate, and shall therein set forth a particular, true, and exact Description of the Ship or Vessel for which such Letter of Marque and Reprizal is requested, specifying the Burthen of such Ship or Vessel, and the Number and Nature of the Guns, and what other warlike Furniture and Ammunition are on board the same, to what Place the Ship belongs, and the Name or Names of the principal Owner or Owners of such Ship and Vessel, and the Number of Men intended to be put on board the same, and for what Time they are victualled, also the Names of the Commander and Officers.

Article VII. That the Commanders of Ships and Vessels having Letters of Marque and Reprizals as aforesaid, shall hold and keep, and are hereby enjoined to hold and keep a Correspondence, by all Conveniences and upon all Occasions, with Our High Admiral of Great Britain, or Our Commissioners for executing that Office for the Time being, or their Secretary; so as from Time to Time to render and give him or them not only an Account or Intelligence of their Captures and Proceedings by Virtue of such Commissions, but also of whatsoever else shall occur unto them, or be discovered and declared to them, or found out by them, or by Examination of, or Conference with, any Mariners or Passengers of or in the Ships or Vessels taken, or by any other Ways and Means whatsoever, touching or concerning the Designs of the Enemy, or any of their Fleets, Ships, Vessels or Parties; and of the Stations, Sea-Ports, and Places, and of their Intents therein; and of what Ships or Vessels of the Enemy bound out or home, or where cruising, as they shall hear of; and of what else material in these Cases may arrive at their Knowledge; so the end such Course may be thereupon taken, and such Orders given, as may be requisite.

Article VIII. That no Commander of any Ship or Vessel having a Letter of Marque and Reprizal as aforesaid, shall presume, as they will answer it at their Peril, to wear any Jack, Pennant, or other Ensign, or Colours usually borne by Our Ships; but that, besides the Colours usually borne by Merchant-Ships, they do wear a Red Jack, with the Union Jack described in the Canton at the Upper Corner thereof, near the Staff.

Article IX. That no Commander of any Ship or Vessel having a Letter of Marque and Reprizal as aforesaid, shall ransom or agree to-ransom, or quit, or set at Liberty, any Ship or Vessel, or their Cargoes, which shall be seized and taken.

Article X. That all Captains or commanding Officers of Ships having Letters of Marque and Reprizals, do send an Account of, and deliver over, what Prisoners shall be taken on board any Prizes, to the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the Exchange of Prisoners of War, or the Persons appointed in the Sea Port Towns to take Charge of Prisoners; and that such Prisoners be subject only to the Orders, Regulations, and Directions of the said Commissioners; and that no Commander or other Officer of any Ship having a Letter of Marque and Reprizal aforesaid, do presume, upon any Pretence whatsoever, to ransom any Prisoners.

Article XI. Whereas Information has been received, that several of the Seamen belonging to Vessels employed in Our Service have been induced to desert from the said Vessels, and to enter on board Privateers, by the Offer of large Bounties and other Advantages held out to them by the Commanders of such Privateers; in consequence of which, the said Vessels have been detained in Port, to the great Detriment and Distress of our Service: For the avoiding such Inconvenience for the future, We do hereby strictly charge and enjoin all Commanders of Privateers and Merchant Ships, having Letters of Marque, that they do upon no Account receive and detain on board their Ships any Seamen belonging to any of Our Ships of War, or any other Vessels employed in Our Service, either as Transports, Store Ships, or Victuallers; and that if they should at any Time undesignedly have received any such Seaman, they do immediately deliver him up, upon Application made by or on Behalf of the Captain or Commander of such Ship of War, or other Ship employed in Our Service, to which he belonged before he entered on board such Privateer, or commissioned Ship, under Pain of Our highest Displeasure, and such Penalty as by Law may be inflicted.

Article XII. That no Commander of any Man of War or Privateer do upon any Pretence take any French or Spanish Vessel or Vessels belonging to the United Provinces, or to any other Enemies or rebellious Subjects of the Crown of Great Britain, out of any Port belonging to the Ottoman Empire, nor molest, detain, or imprison the Persons of any of the Subjects of the Grand Signor, nor seize or detain as Prize their Ships or Effects, in the Levant Seas, or any other Part of the Ocean, under Pain of Our highest Displeasure, and such Punishment as by Law may be inflicted; and that the Commanders of Men of War and Privateers do carry the Subjects of the Ottoman Empire, and their Effects, which they shall find on board French or Spanish Ships, or Ships belonging to the United Provinces, or to any other Enemies or rebellious Subjects of the Crown of Great Britain, seized in the Levant Seas, bound to or from any Port in Egypt, or to or from one Port to another in the Levant Seas, either to the nearest Port in Turkey or Egypt, or to their destined Port, and there land such Persons and Effects as shall manifestly appear to belong to the Turks; and that no Effects or Merchandize taken on board any French, Spanish, Dutch, or other Enemies or rebellious Subjects Ship, which shall be claimed by any Subjects of the Grand Signor, as being their Property, shall be proceeded against for Condemnation in any other Court but the High Court of Admiralty of England; and that no Proceedings shall be had in the said High Court of Admiralty against any Goods or Effects which shall appear