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AT the Court at the *Queen's House*, the 11th of February, 1793,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS divers injurious Proceedings have lately been had in France in derogation of the Honour of His Majesty's Crown, and of the just Rights of His Subjects: And whereas several unjust Seizures have been there made of the Ships and Goods of His Majesty's Subjects, contrary to the Law of Nations, and to the Faith of Treaties: And whereas the said Acts of unprovoked Hostility have been followed by an open Declaration of War against His Majesty, and His Ally the Republick of the United Provinces; His Majesty, therefore, being determined to take such Measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honour of His Crown, and for procuring Reparation and Satisfaction for His injured Subjects, is pleased, 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 France, 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 France, or to any Persons being Subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the Territories of France, 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 France, or to any Persons being Subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the Territories of France; 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

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