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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
For granting the Distribution of Prizes during the
present Hostilities.

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WHEREAS, by Our Order in Council dated the Eleventh Day of February last, We have ordered that General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of France, so that as well Our Fleets 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 France, or any Persons being Subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the Territories of France, and bring the same to Judgement 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 Eighth of March last, 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, (save and except the Produce of such Prizes as are or shall be taken by Ships or Vessels belonging to Our Commissioners of Customs or Excise, the Disposition of which We

reserve to Our further Pleasure) 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 may 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, (save and except such Prizes as are or shall be taken by the Ships or Vessels belonging to Our Commissioners aforesaid) 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 or 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

[Price One Shilling.]