

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 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 Reprizals, 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 hereina; as also another Draught of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes aforementioned.

CHATHAM, P.
DORSET.
PORTLAND.
WESTMORLAND.
SPENCER.
LIVERPOOL.
MACARTNEY.
FALMOUTH.
STOFFORD.
W. PITT.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 23d of November, 1796,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.
HIS Majesty having been pleased to appoint John Graves Simcoe, Esq; Major-General of His Majesty's Forces, to be Governor and Commander in Chief in and over such Parts of the Island of St. Domingo as are or may be in the Possession of His Majesty, he this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Governors of His Majesty's Plantations.

Downing-Street, November 26.

DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received from Robert Craufurd, Esq; by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Head Quarters of His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles of Austria, Offenburg, November 11, 1796.

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that official Accounts were this Day received by the Archduke from General Davidovitch, stating his having beaten the Corps that was opposed to him, and taken a Thousand Prisoners.

His Advanced Guard has taken Possession of Trente, which Place, as well as the strong Position behind it, were abandoned by the Enemy without Resistance.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

ROB. CRAUFURD

*Right Hon. Lord Grenville,
Sec. Sec. &c.*

Head Quarters of His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles of Austria, Offenburg, November 13, 1796.

MY LORD,

I Have the Honor to inform your Lordship, that by a Report received by His Royal Highness the Archduke from Lieutenant-General Neu, Govern-

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