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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION,

*For granting the Distribution of Prizes taken from the King of Spain, or His Subjects, subsequent to the Ninth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, the Date of His Majesty's Order in Council for granting General Reprizals against the Ships and Goods of the King of Spain and His Subjects.*

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**W**HEREAS, by Our Order in Council, dated the Ninth Day of November last, We have ordered, that General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the King of Spain, so that as well Our Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that 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 King of Spain or His Subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the Territories of the King of Spain, 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 may have lawfully seized any such Ships, Vessels, or Goods, subsequent to the said Ninth Day of November last, or who shall hereafter seize such Ships, Vessels, or Goods;

and having declared in Council Our Intentions concerning the Distribution of all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprizals, of all such Ships and Goods as aforesaid, which, subsequent to the said Ninth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, have been, or hereafter, during the present Hostilities, shall be seized as aforesaid, 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 as aforesaid, subsequent to the said Ninth Day of November last, or which shall hereafter be taken as aforesaid, 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,