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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For granting the Distribution of Prizes taken from the Persons inhabiting the Coasts and Ports of Genoa, and the Territories of the Pope, subsequent to the Twenty-eighth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, the Date of His Majesty's Order in Council for granting General Reprisals against the Ships and Goods of the said Persons, then subject to the pretended Authority of Governments styling themselves the Ligurian and Roman Republics.

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WHEREAS, by Our Order in Council dated the Twenty-eighth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, We have ordered that General Reprisals should be granted against the Ships and Goods belonging to the Persons inhabiting the Coasts and Ports of Genoa and the Territories of the Pope, then subject to the pretended Authority of Governments styling themselves the Ligurian and the Roman Republics, so that, as well Our Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprisals, or otherwise, by Our Commissioners for executing Our Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and may lawfully seize all Ships and Goods belonging to the said Persons, 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 or Goods subsequent to the said Twenty-eighth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, or who shall hereafter seize such Ships or Goods (save and except as to such Ships and Goods belonging to Persons inhabiting the Territories of the Pope, which may have been seized subsequent to the Twenty-seventh Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, or which shall hereafter be seized,) and having declared in Council Our Intentions concerning the Distribution of all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprisals of all such Ships and Goods already seized, or which 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 such Ships and Goods already taken or which shall be taken as aforesaid, the Right whereof is inherent in Us and Our Crown, be given to the Takers (save and except as aforesaid); and also, 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 hereinafter set forth; that is to say, That all Prizes taken by Ships and Vessels having Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisals, (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 Reprisals 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 as aforesaid 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

