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THE King has been pleased to cause it to be signified by the Right Honorable Lord Hawkesbury, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the Ministers of Neutral Powers residing at this Court, that the necessary Measures having been taken by His Majesty's Command for the Blockade of the Entrance of the River Elbe, in consequence of the forcible Occupation of Parts of the Banks of that River by the French-Troops; the said River is declared to be in a State of Blockade; and that from this Time all the Measures authorized by the Law of Nations and the respective Treaties between His Majesty and the different Neutral Powers will be adopted and executed with respect to all Vessels which may attempt to violate the said Blockade. Lord Hawkesbury has been further commanded by His Majesty to signify to the Ministers of the Neutral Powers, that whenever the French Troops will evacuate the Positions which they now occupy on Parts of the Banks of the Elbe, and will remove to such a Distance from them as to leave the Course of that River perfectly free and secure to the Vessels of His Subjects, as well as of other Nations, His Majesty will immediately direct His Ships of War which may be stationed at the Mouth of the River Elbe, for the Purpose of blockading the same, to be withdrawn.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 22d of June 1803,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council,

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the Eleventh Day of May last, prohibiting the transporting into any Parts out of this Kingdom, any Pig-Iron,

Bar-Iron, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Anchors, Cables, Cordage, Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Oars, Oakum, Oker, Sheet-Copper, or other Naval Stores, will expire upon the Eleventh Day of July next: And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, and the Safety of this Kingdom, that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, His Majesty doth, therefore, with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever do at any Time, for the Space of Six Months from the said Eleventh Day of July next, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom any Pig-Iron, Bar-Iron, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Anchors, Cables, Cordage, Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Oars, Oakum, Oker, Sheet-Copper, or other Naval Stores, or do ship or lade any Pig-Iron, Bar-Iron, Hemp, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Anchors, Cables, Cordage, Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Oars, Oakum, Oker, Sheet-Copper, or other Naval Stores, or Ship or lade any of the Articles above-mentioned on board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, without Leave or Permission first being had and obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon pain of incurring the Forfeitures inflicted by an Act passed in the Thirty-third Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to restrain the Exportation of Naval Stores, and more effectually to prevent the Exportation of Salt-Petre, Arms, and Ammunition, when prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council." But it is nevertheless His Majesty's Pleasure, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to any of His Majesty's Ships of War, or any other Ships or Vessels or Boats in the Service of His Majesty, or employed or freighted by His Majesty's Board of Ordnance, or by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy; nor to prevent any Ship or Vessel from taking or having on board such Quantities of Naval Stores as may be necessary for the Use of such Ship or Vessel during the Course of her intended Voyage, or by Licence from the Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or the Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Time being; nor to the Exportation of the said several Articles to Ireland, or to His Majesty's Yards or