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At the Court at St. James's, the 17th of August 1803.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in the Countries styling themselves the Ligurian and Italian Republics, Measures of Hostility have been adopted against His Majesty's Subjects; and whereas the said Countries cannot but be considered as absolutely dependent on, and under the Controul of, the Government of France; His Majesty is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that General Reprisals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the said Countries styling themselves the Ligurian and Italian Republics, so that as well His Majesty's Fleets and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned, by Letters of Marque, or General Reprisals, or 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 Persons inhabiting the Countries styling themselves the Ligurian and Italian Republics, 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, and the Advocate of the Admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the Draft of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, authorising 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 Reprisals 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 the Persons inhabiting the Countries styling themselves the Ligurian

and Italian Republics; 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 Draft of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, authorising 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 which shall be duly commissioned to take Cognizance of, and judicially proceed upon all and all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprisals of all Ships and Goods that are or shall be made, 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 the Persons inhabiting the Countries styling themselves the Ligurian and Italian Republics; and that such Powers and Authorities 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 Draft of such Instructions as may be proper to be sent to the said several Courts of Admiralty in His Majesty's foreign Governments and Plantations for their Guidance herein; as also another Draft of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes afore-mentioned.

From the Court at St. James's, the Seventeenth Day of August One thousand eight hundred and three.

Portland, P.
 Chatham.
 Castlereagh.
 Hobart.
 Hawkebury.
 C. F. Greville, V. C.