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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 11th of *January* 1805,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty has received Information that the King of Spain has issued a Declaration of War against His Majesty, His Subjects, and People; His Majesty, therefore, being determined to take such Measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honor of His Crown, and for the vigorous Prosecution of the War in which He finds himself engaged, 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 King of Spain, 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 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 Draft 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 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 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 Com-

mission, 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, 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 Reprisals 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 Draft 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 herein; as also another Draft of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes afore-mentioned.

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W. Grant.
Charles Morgan.
Evan Nepean.