

Countries, Territories, or Dominions; 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, 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.

*Eldon, C.
Montrose.
Camden.
Melville.
Sidmouth.
Castlereagh.
Mulgrave.
Hawkesbury.
Ellenborough.
W. Pitt.
W. Grant.
Charles Morgan.
Evan Nepean.*

By the KING.

A. P. R. O. C. L. A. M. A. T. I. O. N.

For a General Fast.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary War in which We are engaged; and putting Our Trust in Almighty God that He will graciously bless Our Arms, both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a public Day of Fasting and Humiliation be observed throughout those Parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Wednesday the Twentieth Day of February next ensuing, that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins, and in the most devout and solemn Manner send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and for imploring His

Blessing and Assistance on our Arms for the Restoration of Peace, and Prosperity to Us and Our Dominions: And We do strictly charge and command, that the said Public Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty: And, for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England and Ireland, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Public Worship, and to take Care that the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses.

Given at Our Court, at the Queen's Palace, this Second Day of January One thousand eight hundred and five, in the Forty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING.

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