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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 16th of April 1806,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty has received Advice that His Majesty the King of Prussia has taken Possession of His Majesty's Electoral Dominions in a forcible and hostile Manner; and has also caused it to be notified to His Majesty's Minister at the Court of Berlin, that all British Ships were thenceforth to be excluded from the Ports of the Prussian Dominions, and from certain other Ports in the North of Europe under the forcible Controul of Prussia, in Violation of the just Rights and Interests of His Majesty and His Dominions, and contrary to the established Law and Practice of Nations in Amity with each other: And whereas His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, has been pleased to cause an Embargo to be laid upon Vessels belonging to the Subjects of Prussia now within, or which hereafter shall come into any of the Ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, together with all Persons and Effects on board the said Vessels: And whereas there is just Reason to apprehend that the Neutrality of the Rivers Elbe, Weser, and Ems, and the free Navigation thereof, will not, under these Circumstances, be duly respected by His Majesty's Enemies, but will be rendered subject to the hostile Measures above described; His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that a General Embargo or Stop be made in like Manner, until further Order from this Board, of all Ships and Vessels belonging to Persons residing in any Ports or Places situate upon the said Rivers Elbe, Weser, and Ems, save and except Vessels under the Danish Flag, and also save and except; that in respect to the Goods and Effects on board such Ships and Vessels which shall have been laden in, or are coming consigned to any Ports of the United Kingdom, the same shall be forthwith liberated and delivered up

to the said Laders or Consignees respectively: And it is hereby further ordered, that no Property or Freight-Money appearing to belong to any Subject of Prussia, or to any Persons residing as aforesaid, respecting which, Proceedings are now depending, or shall hereafter depend in any of His Majesty's Courts of Prize, shall be decreed to be restored, nor shall the Proceeds of any Property or Freight-Money belonging as aforesaid, which hath already been decreed to be restored, be paid to, or on Behalf of the Claimants, but the same shall be kept in safe Custody until His Majesty's further Order herein; And it is further ordered, that no Person residing within His Majesty's Dominions do presume to pay any Freight-Money due or payable to, or on Behalf of any Person or Persons being Subjects, or residing within the Dominions of the King of Prussia, or in the Ports or Places aforesaid, for the Freight of Merchandize laden on board any Ship which is detained under the said Embargo, or which shall hereafter be brought into any of the Ports of His Majesty's Dominions, but that such Freight-Money shall be forthwith paid into the Registry of the High Court of Admiralty, there to remain until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be further known, or until other Provision shall be made by Law: And whereas it has been represented to His Majesty, that the Goods on board several of the Prussian Vessels so detained, or to be detained by the Embargo, are the Property of His Majesty's Subjects, or the Property of Persons not being Subjects of Prussia: It is further ordered, that all Goods on board any Vessels detained under the said Embargo, which were laden in, or coming consigned to Ports of the United Kingdom, shall be delivered to the Disposal of the Owners or their Agents, upon Affidavit being made and produced in the High Court of Admiralty, that the said Goods were not, at the Time of Shipment, nor are now, the Property of Subjects of Prussia, and upon paying the Freight due upon such Goods into the Registry of the said Court, and upon giving sufficient Bail to abide Adjudication in case any Proceedings should