

fortune Arrival of the Party, would have been pillaged.

The Waggon conveying this Treasure may be expected here To-morrow. Those with the Royal Treasure, and that of the Philippine Company, arrived some Time since, and is already embarked.

The Honorable Major Deane, who is the Bearer of these Dispatches, will give any further Information to His Majesty's Ministers that they may desire; and I beg to recommend him as an Officer deserving of any Mark of Favour that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to bestow on him.

PROCLAMATION

By William Carr Beresford, Major-General commanding in Chief His Britannic Majesty's Forces employed on the East Coast of South America, and Lieutenant-Governor of Buenos Ayres and all its Dependencies.

THE Town of Buenos Ayres and its Dependencies being now subject to His Britannic Majesty by the Energy of His Majesty's Arms, the Major-General, with a View of establishing a perfect Confidence in the Liberality and Justice of His Majesty's Government, and quieting the Minds of all the Inhabitants who are now in the City, or who from the Apprehension of the general Casualties of War may have quitted it, thinks it necessary to proclaim without a Moment's Loss of Time, That it is His Majesty's most gracious Intention that the People of Buenos Ayres, and such other Provinces in the Rio de la Plata, as may eventually come under His Protection, shall enjoy the full and free Exercise of their Religion, and that every Respect shall be shewn to its holy Ministers.

That the Courts of Justice shall continue the Exercise of their Functions in all Cases of Civil or Criminal Procedure, with such References to the Major-General as were had to the Viceroy on former Occasions, and the Major-General pledges himself that as far as depends on him every Thing shall be done to bring those Processes to an immediate and just Issue.

All Private Property of every Description shall receive the most ample Protection, and whatever may be required by the Troops, either of Provisions or other Articles, shall be immediately paid for at such Prices as may be fixed on by the Cabildo.

The Major-General therefore calls upon the most Illustrious Bishop, his Coadjutors, and all Ecclesiastical Orders, Foundations, Colleges, Heads of Corporate Bodies, Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, to explain to the Inhabitants in general that they are ever to be protected in their Religion and Property; and until the Pleasure of His Britannic Majesty is known, they are to be governed by their own Municipal Laws.

The Major-General thinks it necessary to acquaint the General and Commercial Interest of the Country, that it is His Majesty's most gracious Intention that a free Trade shall be opened and permitted to South America, similar to that enjoyed by all others of His Majesty's Colonies, particularly the Island of Trinidad, whose Inhabitants have felt peculiar Benefits from being under the Government of a Sovereign powerful enough to protect them from any Insult, and generous enough to give them

such Commercial Advantages as they could not enjoy under the Administration of any other Country.

With the Promise of such rigid Protection to the Established Religion of the Country and the Exercise of its Civil Laws, the Major-General trusts that all good Citizens will unite with him in their Exertions to keep the Town quiet and peaceable, as they may now enjoy a free Trade, and all the Advantages of a Commercial Intercourse with Great Britain, where no Oppression exists, and which he understands has been the only Thing wanting by the rich Provinces of Buenos Ayres, and the Inhabitants of South America in general, to make it the most prosperous Country in the World.

The Major-General has now only to call upon the Magistrates to send to the different Farmers in the country, and induce them to bring into the Markets Provisions and Vegetables of every Description, for which they shall be immediately paid, and any Complaints which may be made shall be redressed without Delay.

It having been represented to the Major-General, that some of the existing Duties bear too hard on the Enterprize of Commerce, he has determined to take the earliest Opportunity of informing himself on that Subject, from the best Commercial Authorities, and he will then make such Reductions in the overbearing Duties as may seem most conducive to the Interest of the Country, until the Pleasure of His Britannic Majesty is known.

(Signed) W. C. BERESFORD,
Maj. Gen. and Lieut. Gov.

(A correct Copy)

GEO. W. KENNETT, Mil. Sec.

PROCLAMATION

By the Commanders in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Forces by Land and Sea.

Although the Laws of War give all Ships, Barges, Vessels, Boats, and Craft of every Description in Harbours, Rivers, and Creeks, to the Captors, yet the Commanders in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Forces by Land and Sea feeling that such Captures will distress the Owners of small Vessels, as they may be the only Means by which they gain their Livelihood, and anxiously wishing to give every Encouragement to real Industry, and every Accommodation to the Inhabitants of South-America, do by this Proclamation give up all such small Vessels as shall appear to be really Vessels-carrying on the coasting Trade of the River. And they at the same Time call upon all the Owners of those Vessels, and the Inhabitants in general, to see that no Imposition is practised on the Captors by the Vessels claiming this Act of Grace, that are not intitled to it. The Captors trust they merit this Attention from their liberal Conduct to the Inhabitants of South America, and their Desire to do every Thing in their Power to promote the Happiness of the Country.

The Description of Vessels included in this Proclamation, are to be named by Captain Lajunor, and Captain Thompson, Captain of the Port.

Given under our Hands, in the Castle of Buenos Ayres, the 30th Day of June, 1806.

(Signed) W. C. BERESFORD,
HOME POPHAM.

A true Copy,

GEO. W. KENNETT, Mil. Secretary.