

from or to the said Countries or Colonies, together with all Goods and Merchandize on board, and all Articles of the Produce or Manufacture of the said Countries or Colonies, shall be captured, and condemned as Prize to the Captors.

But although His Majesty would be fully justified, by the Circumstances and Considerations above recited, in establishing such System of Restrictions with respect to all the Countries and Colonies of His Enemies, without Exception or Qualification; yet His Majesty, being nevertheless desirous not to subject Neutrals to any greater Inconvenience than is absolutely inseparable from the carrying into effect His Majesty's just Determination to counteract the Designs of His Enemies, and to retort upon His Enemies themselves the Consequences of their own Violence and Injustice; and being yet willing to hope that it may be possible (consistently with that Object) still to allow to Neutrals the Opportunity of furnishing themselves with Colonial Produce for their own Consumption and Supply; and even to leave open, for the present, such Trade with His Majesty's Enemies as shall be carried on directly with the Ports of His Majesty's Dominions, or of His Allies, in the Manner hereinafter mentioned:

His Majesty is therefore pleased further to order, and it is hereby ordered, That nothing herein contained shall extend to subject to Capture or Condemnation any Vessel, or the Cargo of any Vessel, belonging to any Country not declared by this Order to be subjected to the Restrictions incident to a State of Blockade, which shall have cleared out with such Cargo from some Port or Place of the Country to which she belongs, either in Europe or America, or from some Free Port in His Majesty's Colonies, under Circumstances in which such Trade from such Free Ports is permitted, direct to some Port or Place in the Colonies of His Majesty's Enemies, or from those Colonies direct to the Country to which such Vessel belongs, or to some Free Port in His Majesty's Colonies, in such Cases, and with such Articles, as it may be lawful to import into such Free Port;—Nor to any Vessel, or the Cargo of any Vessel, belonging to any Country not at War with His Majesty, which shall have cleared out under such Regulations as His Majesty may think fit to prescribe, and shall be proceeding direct from some Port or Place in this Kingdom, or from Gibraltar or Malta, or from any Port belonging to His Majesty's Allies, to the Port specified in her Clearance;—Nor to any Vessel, or the Cargo of any Vessel, belonging to any Country not at War

with His Majesty, which shall be coming from any Port or Place in Europe which is declared by this Order to be subject to the Restrictions incident to a State of Blockade, destined to some Port or Place in Europe belonging to His Majesty, and which shall be on her Voyage direct thereto; but these Exceptions are not to be understood as exempting from Capture or Confiscation any Vessel or Goods which shall be liable thereto in respect of having entered or departed from any Port or Place actually blockaded by His Majesty's Squadrons or Ships of War, or for being Enemies' Property, or for any other Cause than the Contravention of this present Order.

And the Commanders of His Majesty's Ships of War and Privateers, and other Vessels acting under His Majesty's Commission, shall be, and are hereby, instructed to warn every Vessel which shall have commenced her Voyage prior to any Notice of this Order, and shall be destined to any Port of France, or of her Allies, or of any other Country at War with His Majesty, or to any Port or Place from which the British Flag as aforesaid is excluded, or to any Colony belonging to His Majesty's Enemies, and which shall not have cleared out as is hereinbefore allowed, to discontinue her Voyage, and to proceed to some Port or Place in this Kingdom, or to Gibraltar or Malta; and any Vessel which, after having been so warned, or after a reasonable Time shall have been afforded for the Arrival of Information of this His Majesty's Order at any Port or Place from which she sailed, or which, after having Notice of this Order, shall be found in the Prosecution of any Voyage contrary to the Restrictions contained in this Order, shall be captured, and, together with her Cargo, condemned as lawful Prize to the Captors:

And whereas Countries, not engaged in the War, have acquiesced in these Orders of France, prohibiting all Trade in any Articles the Produce or Manufacture of His Majesty's Dominions; and the Merchants of those Countries have given countenance and effect to those Prohibitions, by accepting from Persons styling themselves Commercial Agents of the Enemy, resident at Neutral Ports, certain Documents, termed "Certificates of Origin," being Certificates obtained at the Ports of Shipment, declaring that the Articles of the Cargo are not of the Produce or Manufacture of His Majesty's Dominions, or to that Effect:

And whereas this Expedient has been directed by France, and submitted to by such Merchants, as Part of the new System of Warfare directed against