

just Consideration of Her own true Interests; and to a Sense of Her own Dignity as an Independent Nation.

Westminster, December 18, 1807.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 18th of *December* 1807,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty having taken into Consideration the injurious and hostile Proceedings of the Emperor of all the Russias, as set forth in the Declaration of this Date, issued by His Majesty's Command; and being determined to take such Measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honour of His Crown, and procuring Reparation and Satisfaction, His Majesty therefore is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the Emperor of all the Russias, (save and except any Vessels to which His Majesty's Licence has been granted, or which have been directed to be released from the Embargo, and have not since arrived at any Foreign Port,) 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 Reprizals, 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 Emperor of all the Russias, or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within the Territories of the Emperor of all the Russias, 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 Reprizals to any of His Majesty's Sub-

jects, 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 Russia, and the Vassals and Subjects of the Emperor of all the Russias, or any inhabiting within his Countries, Territories, or Dominions, (except as aforesaid;) 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 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 Reprizals 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 Russia, or the Vassals and Subjects of the Emperor of all the Russias, or to any others inhabiting within any of his Countries, Territories, and Dominions, (except as aforesaid;) 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 Purpose abovementioned.

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