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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 6th of January 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is expedient in the present State of the Subjects of Her Most Faithful Majesty, and during the Interruption in Commercial Correspondence between Great Britain and Portugal, that Claims should be permitted to be given for Portuguese Property brought in and detained by His Majesty's Ships of War and Privateers; His Majesty is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Claims for Portuguese Property, given by Persons duly authorized by the Owners, or by the Consul or other Person authorized by the Portuguese Minister resident at this Court, shall be admitted in the High Court of Admiralty; and it is further ordered, that immediate Restitution shall pass of all such Property as shall appear by the Bills of Lading or other Documents found on board Portuguese Ships, coming from Portuguese Settlements to the Ports of Portugal, to belong to Her Most Faithful Majesty, or to any of Her Subjects residing at the Date of this Order, in the Brazils, or in any Foreign Settlement belonging to Her Crown, or in England, or in any Country in Amity with His Majesty, upon a general Claim for every such Ship and Goods, given by the Consul under the Authority aforesaid: And it is further ordered, that the Property of the Subjects of Her Most Faithful Majesty, at the Date of this Order, residing in Portugal, either belonging to them separately, or jointly with Subjects residing in the Brazils, or other Places beforementioned, shall be pronounced to belong as claimed, upon a general Claim given for the same on board such Portuguese Ships as aforesaid: And it is further ordered, that the Property last-mentioned, as well as all other Property, under private Claims already given or to be given, and pronounced to be Portuguese Property, and belonging to Persons resident in Portugal at the Date of this Order, shall remain subject to His Majesty's further Orders; and, in the mean Time, shall be put into the Joint Custody of Agents to be named on Behalf of His Majesty, and on Behalf of the Portuguese Minister

resident at this Court, or of any Claimant; and that such Parts thereof as are perishable, or which it may be otherwise expedient to sell, shall be sold by the aforesaid Agents, under Commissions to be issued by the High Court of Admiralty, and the Proceeds thereof deposited in the said Court: — And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Judges of the High Court of Admiralty and Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take the necessary Measures herein as to them shall respectively appertain.

W. Fawcener.

Admiralty-Office, January 30, 1808.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral the Right Honourable Lord Gardner, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Channel, Soundings, &c. to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated the 26th Instant.

S I R,

I ENCLOSE herewith, for the Information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Copy of a Letter which I received from Captain Tower of the *Iris*, at Plymouth, giving an Account of the Capture by that Ship, on the 24th Instant, of the French Lugger Privateer *Marfouin*, of Fourteen Guns, (which with her Anchors, it appears, were thrown overboard,) and having a Complement of Sixty Men.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

GARDNER.

His Majesty's Ship Iris, Plymouth-Sound,
My Lord, 25th January 1808.

IN returning from the Squadron under the Command of Sir Richard King, Bart. I have the Honour to inform your Lordship I fell in Yesterday, off the Lizard, with a French Lugger Privateer *Marfouin*, armed with Fourteen Guns and Sixty Men, which we captured; her Guns and Anchors were thrown overboard during the Chace.

It appears by the Journal of her last Cruise, (dated 28th October, near Cork,) and is corroborated by the Role de L'Equipage, that in attempting to board a Transport, the Troops being con-