

and displays, with less than ordinary Reserve, the Arrogance and Injustice of that Government. The universal Spanish Nation is described by the degrading Appellation of "the Spanish Insurgents;" and the Demand for the Admission of the Government of Spain as a Party to any Negotiation, is rejected as inadmissible and insulting.

With Astonishment as well as with Grief His Majesty has received from the Emperor of Russia a Reply, similar in Effect, although less indecorous in Tone and Manner. The Emperor of Russia also stigmatises as "Insurrection," the glorious Efforts of the Spanish People in Behalf of their legitimate Sovereign, and in Defence of the Independence of their Country; thus giving the Sanction of His Imperial Majesty's Authority to an Usurpation which has no Parallel in the History of the World.

The King would readily have embraced an Opportunity of Negotiation which might have afforded any Hope or Prospect of a Peace compatible with Justice and with Honour. His Majesty deeply laments an Issue, by which the Sufferings of Europe are aggravated and prolonged. But neither the Honour of His Majesty, nor the Generosity of the British Nation, would admit of His Majesty's consenting to commence a Negotiation, by the Abandonment of a brave and loyal People, who are contending for the Preservation of all that is dear to Man; and whose Exertion in a Cause so unquestionably just, His Majesty has solemnly pledged Himself to sustain.

*Westminster, December 15, 1808.*

AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 14th of December 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

IT is this Day ordered by His Majesty in Council, that the Parliament, which was to meet on Monday the Sixteenth Day of January next, be further prorogued to Thursday the Nineteenth Day of the same Month, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business: And the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of that Part of the United Kingdom called Great Britain is to cause a Commission to be prepared in the usual Manner for proroguing the Parliament accordingly.

AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 14th of December 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that those

Ports and Places of the Island of St. Domingo, which are not in the actual Possession of France, and from which the British Flag is not excluded, shall be considered as not being in a State of Hostility with His Majesty, and that His Majesty's Subjects and others are at Liberty freely to trade thereat, in the same Manner as they may trade at Neutral Ports and Places;

Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any Question now depending in His Majesty's Tribunals respecting the Character of the said Ports and Places; but such Question shall be decided in the same Manner as if this Order and Declaration had not issued:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and the Judges of His Majesty's Courts of Vice-Admiralty, are to take Notice of His Majesty's Pleasure hereby signified, and govern themselves accordingly. *W. Faulkner.*

*Foreign Office, December 16, 1808.*

The King has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable William Pitt Lord Amherst to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of His Sicilian Majesty.

*Whitehall, December 14, 1808.*

The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto Robert Smith, of Worcester College, Oxford, Bachelor of Arts, third Son of Thomas Smith, of Foel-All, in the County of Cardigan, in the Principality of Wales, Esq; who was the only Son of John Smith, of the City of London, Merchant, whose elder Brother, George Smith, of East Stoke, in the County of Nottingham, Esq; was created a Baronet in October 1757, His Royal Licence and Authority that he and his Issue may, in compliance with an Injunction contained in the last Will and Testament of Sir George Pauncefoot, of Upper Norton-Street, in the Parish of St. Mary-le-Bone, in the County of Middlesex, Baronet, deceased, assume and take the Surname and bear the Arms of Pauncefoot only; such Arms being first duly exemplified according to the Laws of Arms and recorded in the Heralds' Office:

And also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

*Admiralty-Office, December 17, 1808.*

*Extract of a Letter from Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies, to the Honourable William Wellesley Pole, dated on board His Majesty's Ship Culloden, off Point de Galie, 10th of June 1808.*

YOU will be pleased to acquaint the Board that His Majesty's Ship Culloden, on her Passage from Bombay to Madras, this Morning fell in with and captured L'Union French Privateer, of Eighty Guns and Eighty Men.