

general reprisals be granted against the ships, goods, and subjects of France, subject to such exceptions as His Royal Highness may at any time or times hereafter be pleased to declare, 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 reprisals, 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 France, or to any persons being subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the territories of France, saving always such exceptions as His Royal Highness may at any time or times hereafter be pleased to declare, and bring the same to judgment in such Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's dominions as shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance thereof; and to that end, His Majesty's Advocate-General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the draught of a commission, and present the same to His Royal Highness at this Board, authorising 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 reprisals to any of His Majesty's subjects, 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 France, or to any person being subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the territories of France, saving always such exceptions as His Royal Highness may at any time or times hereafter be pleased to declare; 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 said Advocate-General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are also forthwith to prepare the draught of a commission, and present the same to His Royal Highness at this Board, authorising 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, which shall be duly commissioned, to take cognizance of and judicially proceed upon all and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships and goods that are or shall be made; 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 France, or to any persons being subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the territories of France, saving always such exceptions as His Royal Highness may at any time or times hereafter be pleased to declare, 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 Royal Highness at this Board, such instructions as may be proper to be sent to the said several Courts of Admiralty in His Majesty's foreign governments and plantations, for their guidance herein; as also another draught of instructions for

such ships as shall be commissioned for the purposes abovementioned.

From the Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-first day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

*Frederick.  
C. Cantuar.  
Harrowby, P.  
Westmorland, C. P. S.  
Montrose.  
Cholmondeley.  
Winchester.  
Buckinghamshire.  
Bathurst.  
Liverpool.  
Mulgrave.  
Melville.  
Sidmouth.  
Jocelyn.  
Castlereagh.  
N. Vansittart.  
W. W. Pole.  
C. Bathurst.  
William Scott.*

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

#### A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, P. R.

**W**HEREAS divers marines, now serving in His Majesty's Royal Marine Forces, did, at the time of their respective enlistments, engage to serve His Majesty for the limited period of seven years, provided His Majesty should so long require their service, and also for such further term, not exceeding six months, as should be directed by the Commanding Officer on any foreign station, and not exceeding three years, as should be directed by any Proclamation of His Majesty, provided always, that in the latter case the additional period should determine whenever six months of continued peace, to be reckoned from the ratification of any Definitive Treaty, should have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of the said seven years; and whereas the recommencement of hostilities renders it expedient to exercise the power vested in His Majesty of enlarging such limited period of service, We have therefore thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation; and We do hereby, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, direct, that all marines now serving in His Majesty's Royal Marine Forces, who have been enlisted as aforesaid, shall continue to serve therein for the term of three years after the expiration of such limited period of seven years; provided always, that the said additional period shall determine whenever six months of continued peace, to be reckoned from the ratification of any Definitive