

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.
Montroue.
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,

*For granting the Distribution of Prizes, during the
present Hostilities.*

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS by Our Order in Council, dated the twenty-first day of June instant, We have ordered that general reprisals be granted against the ships, goods, and subjects of France, subject to such exceptions as His Majesty may at any time or times hereafter be pleased to declare, so that as well the fleets and ships of His Majesty as also all other ships and vessels that shall be commissioned by letters of marque or general reprisals, or otherwise by the 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 Government of France, or to any persons being subjects of France, or inhabiting within any of the territories thereof (saving always such exceptions as His Majesty may at any time or times hereafter be pleased to declare), and bring the same to judgment in any of the Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's dominions duly authorised and required to take cognizance thereof, We being desirous to give due encouragement to His Majesty's faithful subjects who shall lawfully seize the same, and having declared in Council by Our Order of the twenty-first of June instant Our intentions concerning the distributions of all manner of captures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships and goods during the present hostilities (subject to the exceptions herein-before reserved), do now make known to all His Majesty's loving subjects, and all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Privy Council, that Our will and pleasure is, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, that the neat produce of all prizes taken (subject to the exceptions herein-before reserved), the right whereof is inherent in His Majesty and His Crown, be given to the takers (save also the produce of such prizes as are or shall be taken by ships or vessels belonging to or hired by or in the service of the Commissioners of Customs or Excise, the disposition of which We reserve to Our further pleasure, and also save and except as herein-after mentioned), but subject to the payment of all such or like customs and duties as the same are now or would have been liable to if the same were or might have been imported as merchandise, and