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AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 21st of June 1815,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty is engaged, in concert with His Allies, in a just and necessary war against France; His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, is therefore pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that 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.

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