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G E O R G E R.
OUR Will and Pleasure is, that you attend the Proclamation of our Declaration of War against Spain that is to be made on Tuesday the 23d Instant, in the usual Places, and with the Solemnities customary on the like Occasion: And for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given at our Court at Kensington the Nineteenth Day of October, 1739, in the Thirtieth Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,
Holles Newcastle.
To our trusty and well-beloved
Servants, the King's Herald
and Pursuivants of Arms.

St. James's, Oct. 23.

The Officers of Arms, with the Serjeants at Arms and Trumpeters, mounted their Horses in the Stable-Yard, St. James's, and proceeding thence to the Palace Gate, Garter Principal King of Arms read his Majesty's Declaration of War, and Norroy King of Arms, proclaimed it aloud; which being done, a Procession was made to Charing-cross, as follows. A Party of Horse Guards or Grenadiers to clear the Way. Beadles of Westminster bare-headed, with Staves, two and two. Constables of Westminster in like Manner. High Constable of Westminster, with his Staff. The Officers of the High Bailiff of Westminster on Horseback, with white Wands. Clerk of the High Bailiff of Westminster. High Bailiff of Westminster, and on his Right Hand the Deputy Steward. Knight Marshal's Men. Knight Marshal. Drums. Drum-major. Trumpets. Serjeant Trumpeter in his Collar, bearing his Mace. Pursuivants, Bluemantle, Rouge-dragon, Portcullis. Richmond Herald. Windfor Herald. York Herald, between two Serjeants at Arms. Somerset Herald, between two Serjeants at Arms. Norroy King of Arms, between two Serjeants at Arms. Garter King of Arms, between two Serjeants at Arms. A Party or Troop of Horse Guards commanded by Colonel Burton. At Charing Cross Norroy King of Arms read the Declaration, and Somerset Herald proclaimed it aloud. In this Method the Procession was made to Temple Bar, where the Officers of the City of Westminster retired, and within the Gate the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Recorder, and Sheriffs in Scarlet attended; and Bluemantle Pursuivant having presented to his Lordship the Earl Marshal's Warrant, the City Procession followed the Troops commanded by Colonel Burton. At the End of Chancery-Lane Somerset Herald read the Declaration, and York Herald proclaimed it aloud. At the End of Woodstreet, where the Cross formerly stood, York

Herald read the Declaration, and Windfor Herald proclaimed it aloud. And, lastly, at the Royal Exchange Windfor Herald read the Declaration, and Richmond Herald proclaimed it aloud. The Spectators expressed their great Satisfaction by loud Acclamations of Joy at each Place.

His Majesty's
D E C L A R A T I O N
 Of War against the King of Spain.
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WHereas many unjust Seizures have been made, and Depredations carried on, for several Years, in the West Indies, by Spanish Garda Costas, and other Ships, acting under the Commission of the King of Spain, or his Governors, contrary to the Treaties subsisting between us and the Crown of Spain, and to the Law of Nations, to the great Prejudice of the lawful Trade, and Commerce of our Subjects; and great Cruelties and Barbarities have been exercised on the Persons of divers of our Subjects, whose Vessels have been so seized; and the British Colours have been insulted in the most ignominious Manner; and whereas we have caused frequent Complaints to be made to the King of Spain of these violent, and unjust Proceedings, but no Satisfaction or Redress has been given for the same, notwithstanding the many Promises made, and Cédulas issued, signed by the said King, or by his Order, for that Purpose; and whereas the Evils above-mentioned have been principally occasioned by an unwarrantable Claim, and Pretension, set up, on the Part of Spain, that the Garda Costas, and other Ships, authorized by the King of Spain, may stop, detain, and search the Ships and Vessels of our Subjects navigating in the American Seas, contrary to the Liberty of Navigation, to which our Subjects have not only an equal Right with those of the King of Spain, by the Law of Nations, but which is moreover expressly acknowledged and declared to belong to them by the most solemn Treaties, and particularly by that concluded in the Year 1670; And whereas the said groundless Claim and Pretension, and the unjust Practice of stopping, detaining, and searching Ships and Vessels, navigating in the Seas of America, is not only of the most dangerous, and destructive Consequence to the lawful Commerce of our Subjects, but also tends to interrupt and obstruct the free Intercourse, and Correspondence between our Dominions in Europe, and our Colonies and Plantations in America, and by Means thereof, to deprive us, and our Subjects of the Benefit of those Colonies and Plantations; a Consideration of the highest Importance to us, and our Kingdoms; and a Practice which must affect, in its Consequence, all