

of a very hostile Tendency: And as, at the same Time, We had Intelligence, that great Armaments were making in Spain, by Sea and Land, We thought it absolutely necessary to try, once more, if a Rupture could be avoided: We therefore directed Our Ambassador to ask, in a Firm, but Friendly Manner, Whether the Court of Madrid intended to join the French, Our Enemies, to act hostily against Great Britain, or to depart from It's Neutrality; and, if he found the Spanish Minister avoided to give a clear Answer, to insinuate, in the most decent Manner, that the Refusing, or Avoiding to answer a Question so reasonable, could only arise from the King of Spain's having already engaged, or resolved to take Part against Us, and must be looked upon as an Avowal of such hostile Intention, and equivalent to a Declaration of War; and that He had Orders immediately to leave the Court of Madrid. The peremptory Refusal by the Court of Spain to give the least Satisfaction, with regard to any of those reasonable Demands on Our Part, and the solemn Declaration at the same Time made by the Spanish Minister, that they considered the War as then actually declared, prove to a Demonstration, that their Resolution to act offensively, was so absolutely and irrevocably taken, that It could not be any longer dissembled, or denied. The King of Spain therefore, having been induced, without any Provocation on Our Part, to consider the War as already commenced against Us, which has in Effect been declared at Madrid; We trust, that by the Blessing of Almighty God on the justice of Our Cause, and by the Assistance of Our Loving Subjects, We shall be able to defeat the ambitious Designs, which have formed this Union between the Two Branches of the House of Bourbon; have now begun a new War; and portend the most dangerous Consequences to all Europe. Therefore, We have thought fit to declare, and do hereby Declare War against the said King of Spain; and We will, in pursuance of such Declaration, vigorously prosecute the said War, wherein the Honour of Our Crown, the Welfare of Our Subjects, and the Prosperity of this Nation, which We are determined at all Times with Our utmost Power to preserve and support, are so greatly concerned. And we do hereby Will and Require Our Generals and Commanders of Our Forces, Our Commissioners for executing the Office of Our High Admiral of Great Britain, Our Lieutenants of Our several Counties, Governors of Our Forts and Garrisons, and all other Officers, and Soldiers, under them, by Sea and Land, to do, and execute, all Acts of Hostility, in the Prosecution of this War, against the said King of Spain, His Vassals and Subjects, and to oppose their Attempts; Willing and Requiring all Our Subjects to take Notice of the same; whom We henceforth strictly forbid to hold any Correspondence, or Communication, with the said King of Spain, or His Subjects: And We do hereby command Our own Subjects, and advertise all other Persons, of what Nation soever, not to transport, or carry any Soldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or other contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations, or Countries, of the said King of Spain; Declaring that whatsoever Ship or Vessel shall be met withal, transporting, or carrying any Soldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or other contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations, or Countries of the said King of Spain, the same being taken, shall be condemned as good and lawful Prize. And whereas there may be remaining in Our Kingdoms divers of the Subjects of the King of Spain, We do hereby declare Our Royal Intention to be, That all the Spanish Subjects, who shall demean themselves dutifully towards Us, shall be safe in their Persons and Effects.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Second Day of January, 1762, in the Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

St. James's, January, 2.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to order, that a Commission should be passed

to empower the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to issue forth, and grant Letters of Marque, or Commissions to Privateers, for seizing and taking the Ships, Vessels and Goods belonging to Spain, or the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or others inhabiting within any of his Countries, Territories, or Dominions, and such other Ships, Vessels and Goods, as are, or shall be, liable to Confiscation, pursuant to the respective Treaties between His Majesty and other Princes, States, and Potentates.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 14th Day of December, 1761,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty Second Day of July last, to promise and declare, (amongst other Things) That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman, should be paid to every such able and ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should, on or before the Twelfth Day of September last, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings should be paid to every able bodied Landman not above the Age of Thirty Five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should, on or before the said Twelfth Day of September, in like Manner voluntarily enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy; and that a Reward of Two Pounds for every able, and Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman, should be paid to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who should secret themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service. And whereas the Time limited for paying the said Bounties and Rewards hath been extended to the Twelfth Day of this Instant December; And it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the same should be continued for some longer Time; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, be prolonged and extended from the said Twelfth Day of this Instant December, to the Thirty First Day of January next inclusive: Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Hen. Fane.

St. James's, January 5.

The following Address of the Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the Borough and Corporation of Denbigh, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Aldermen, Bailiff, and Common Council of the Borough and Corporation of Denbigh, in Common Council assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the ancient Corporation of Denbigh, do, with the greatest Sensibility of Joy, and with Hearts full of the sincerest Gratitude, tender to your Majesty our unfeigned Congratulations upon your Marriage with a Princess, so eminently illustrious by Descent, and so conspicuously amiable for Her Virtues.

Happy in your Majesty's wise Choice, and confident, that you will ever remain the faithful Guardian of the Laws and Liberties of these Kingdoms; we are now induced to take a pleasing View into future Ages, and with great Alacrity assure ourselves, that