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AT the Court at *Weymouth*, the 15th of *September*, 1795,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Countries belonging to the United Provinces have, for some Time past, been, and still continue, in the Possession of the Armies of France, and under the immediate Influence and Direction of the Persons who exercise the Powers of Government in France: And whereas divers injurious Proceedings have lately been had in the said United Provinces, in Derogation of the Honour of His Majesty's Crown, and the just Rights of His Subjects; and Ships of War, fitted out from the Ports of the said United Provinces, have received Orders to take and destroy all British Vessels, and some British Vessels have been actually so taken:—His Majesty, therefore, being determined to take such Measures as are necessary for vindicating the Honour of His Crown, and for procuring Reparation and Satisfaction, is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods and Subjects of the United Provinces, so that as well His Majesty's Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprizals, 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 the United Provinces, or their Subjects, or others inhabiting within any of the Territories of the aforesaid United Provinces, and bring the same to Judgment in any of the Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions: 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 Majesty at this Board, authorizing 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 Reprizal 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 the United Provinces, and their Vassals and Subjects, or any inhabiting within the Countries, Territories or Dominions of the aforesaid United Provinces; 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 Majesty at this Board, authorizing 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