

lick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, on Thursday the Thirteenth Day of March next; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgements which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity, to Us and Our Kingdoms: And we do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favor of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty, Our Will is therefore, and We charge, That this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published; and We appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be published, and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fifth Day of February, One thousand eight hundred, in the Fortieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For granting the Distribution of Prizes taken from the Persons inhabiting the Coasts and Ports of Genoa, and the Territories of the Pope, subsequent to the Twenty-eighth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, the Date of His Majesty's Order in Council for granting General Reprisals against the Ships and Goods of the said Persons, then subject to the pretended Authority of Governments styling themselves the Ligurian and Roman Republics.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS, by Our Order in Council dated the Twenty-eighth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, We have ordered that General Reprisals should be granted against the Ships and Goods belonging to the Persons inhabiting the Coasts and Ports of Genoa and the Territories of the Pope, then subject to the pretended Authority of Governments styling themselves the Ligurian and the Roman Republics, so that, as well Our Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprisals, or otherwise, by Our Commissioners for executing Our Office of Lord

High Admiral of Great Britain, shall and may lawfully seize all Ships and Goods belonging to the said Persons, and bring the same to Judgment in any of Our Courts of Admiralty within Our Dominions: We, being desirous to give due Encouragement to all Our faithful Subjects who may have lawfully seized any such Ships or Goods subsequent to the said Twenty-eighth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, or who shall hereafter seize such Ships or Goods (save and except as to such Ships and Goods belonging to Persons inhabiting the Territories of the Pope, which may have been seized subsequent to the Twenty-seventh Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, or which shall hereafter be seized,) and having declared in Council Our Intentions concerning the Distribution of all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprisals of all such Ships and Goods already seized, or which shall be seized as aforesaid, do now make known to all Our loving Subjects, and all others whom it may concern, by this Our Proclamation, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, that Our Will and Pleasure is, that the neat Produce of all such Ships and Goods already taken or which shall be taken as aforesaid, the Right whereof is inherent in Us and Our Crown, be given to the Takers (save and except as aforesaid); and also, save and except the Produce of such Prizes as are or shall be taken by Ships or Vessels belonging to Our Commissioners of Customs or Excise, the Disposition of which We reserve to Our further Pleasure, but subject to the Payment of all such or the 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 Merchandize; and that the same may be so given in the Proportion and Manner hereinafter set forth; that is to say, That all Prizes taken by Ships and Vessels having Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisals, (save and except such Prizes as are or shall be taken by the Ships or Vessels belonging to Our Commissioners aforesaid,) may be sold and disposed of by the Merchants, Owners, Fitters, and others, to whom such Letters of Marque and Reprisals are granted, for their own Use and Benefit, after final Adjudication, and not before; and We do hereby further order and direct, That the neat Produce of all Prizes which are or shall be taken as aforesaid by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, shall be for the entire Benefit and Encouragement of Our Flag Officers, Captains, Commanders, and other Commissioned Officers in Our Pay, and of the Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, on board Our said Ships and Vessels at the Time of the Capture; and that such Prizes may be lawfully sold and disposed of by them and their Agents, after the same shall have been to Us finally adjudged lawful Prize, and not otherwise. The Distribution shall be made as follows; the Whole of the Neat Produce being first divided into Eight equal Parts:

The Captain or Captains of any of Our said Ships or Vessels of War, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, shall have Three Eighth Parts; but in case any such Prize shall be taken by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers, being actually on board