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By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For granting the Distribution of Prizes during the present Hostilities.

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WHEREAS by Our Order in Council, dated the Fourteenth of May in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and six, We have ordered that General Reprisals be granted against the Ships, Goods, and Subjects of the King of Prussia, and of the Town of Papenburgh, (save and except any Ships to which Our Licence has been granted, or which have been directed to be released from the late Embargo,) so that as well Our Fleets 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, Vessels, and Goods belonging to the King of Prussia, or the Town of Papenburgh, or any Persons being Subjects of, or belonging to, or inhabiting within the Territories of the King of Prussia, or the Town of Papenburgh, (except as aforesaid,) and bring the same to Judgment in any of Our Courts of Admiralty within Our Dominions, duly authorized and required to take Cognizance thereof: We being desirous to give due Encouragement to all Our faithful Subjects who shall lawfully seize the same, and having declared in Council, Our Intentions concerning the Distribution of all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes, and Reprisals of all Ships and Goods during these Hostilities, 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 and Consent of Our Privy Council, that Our Will and Pleasure is, that the Neat Produce of all Prizes taken, the Right whereof is inherent in Us and Our Crown, be given to the Taker, (save and except the Produce of such

Prizes as are, or shall be taken by Ships or Vessels belonging to, or hired by, or in the Service of Our Commissioners of Customs or Excise, the Disposition of which We reserve to Our further Pleasure; and also save and except as hereinafter mentioned,) 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, or hired by, or in the Service of 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 by any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, (save and except when they shall be acting on any conjunct Expedition with Our Army, in which case We reserve to Ourselves the Division and Distribution of all Prize and Booty taken; and also save and except as hereinafter mentioned,) 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,