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AT the Court at the *Queen's Palace*, the 21st of December 1808,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty, in virtue of the Powers reserved to Him by Two certain Acts, passed in the Forty-eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign, the one intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty, until the End of the next Session of Parliament, Duties of Customs on the Goods, Wares, and Merchandises therein enumerated, in furtherance of the Provisions of certain Orders in Council;" the other intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty, until the End of the next Session of Parliament, certain Duties on the Exportation from Ireland of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise therein enumerated;" is pleased, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that, until further Order shall be made herein, the Operation of the aforesaid Acts be suspended as to any Duties on Exportation granted by the said Acts, so far as relates to Articles being the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture of any Country for the Time being in Amity with His Majesty, and from the Ports of which the British Flag is not excluded, which Articles have been or shall be imported direct from such Country into any Port or Place of the United Kingdom, either in British Ships, or in Ships of the Country of which such Articles are the Growth, Produce, or Manufacture:

And His Majesty is further pleased, with the Advice aforesaid, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Operation of the aforesaid Acts be in like Manner suspended as to any Duties on the Exportation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandise which have been or may be condemned as Prize:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary Directions herein accordingly. *W. Falkener.*

By the KING.

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

For a General Fast.

G E O R G E R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary War in which We are engaged, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God that He will graciously bless Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, that a Publick Day of Fasting and Humiliation be observed throughout those Parts of Our United Kingdom called England and Ireland, on Wednesday the Eighth Day of February next ensuing; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins, and, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved, and for imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms for the Restoration of Peace and Prosperity to Us and Our Dominions; And We do strictly charge and command that the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England and Ireland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty: And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England and Ireland, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Publick Worship; and to take care that the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's Palace, this Twenty first Day of December, One thousand eight hundred and eight, in the Forty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.