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AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 13th of
October 1812,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in
Council.

WHEREAS, in consequence of information having been received of a Declaration of War by the Government of the United States of America against His Majesty, and of the issue of Letters of Marque and Reprisal by the said Government against His Majesty and his subjects, an Order in Council, bearing date the thirty-first of July last, was issued, directing that American ships and goods should be brought in and detained till further orders; and whereas His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, forbore at that time to direct Letters of Marque and Reprisal to be issued against the ships, goods, and citizens of the said United States of America, under the expectation that the said Government would, upon the notification of the Order in Council of the twenty-third of June last, forthwith recall and annul the said Declaration of War against His Majesty, and also annul the said Letters of Marque and Reprisal:

And whereas the said Government of the United States of America, upon due notification to them of the said Order in Council of the twenty-third of June last, did not think fit to recall the said Declaration of War and Letters of Marque and Reprisal, but have proceeded to condemn and persisted in condemning the ships and property of His Majesty's subjects as prize of war, and have refused to ratify a suspension of arms agreed upon between Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost, His Majesty's Governor-General of Canada, and General Dearborn, commanding the American forces in the Northern Provinces of the United States, and have directed hostilities to be recommenced in that quarter:

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, is hereby pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that General Reprisals be granted against the ships, goods,

and citizens of the United States of America, and others inhabiting within the territories thereof (save and except any vessels to which His Majesty's licence has been granted, or which have been directed to be released from the embargo, and have not terminated the original voyage on which they were detained and released), so that as well His Majesty's fleets and ships, as also all other ships and vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprisals, 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 Government of the United States of America, or the citizens thereof, or others inhabiting within the territories thereof, 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 Royal Highness the Prince Regent at this Board, authorising 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 Reprisals 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 Government of the United States of America, or the citizens thereof, or others inhabiting within the countries, territories, or dominions thereof (except as aforesaid), 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 Advocate-General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are also forthwith to prepare the draught of a Commission, and present the same to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent at this Board, authorising 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, the Surrogate or Surrogates, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's dominions, to take cognizance of, and judicially proceed upon all and all