

The Vice Chancellor of England.
The Lord Chief Baron of His Majesty's Court
of Exchequer.
Sir Archibald Macdonald, Bart.
Sir William Scott.
Sir James Mansfield.
Sir John Nicholl.

By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES,
REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the
Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION,

For recalling and prohibiting His Majesty's natural-born Subjects from serving in the Sea or Land Forces of the United States of America.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS by the ancient law of this realm, founded upon the principles of general law, the natural-born subjects of His Majesty cannot, either by swearing allegiance to other Princes or States, or by any other their own acts, or by the acts of any foreign Princes or States, either alone or concurring with their own, discharge themselves, or be discharged, from the natural allegiance which, from their birth, they owe to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, which natural allegiance being antecedent and paramount to any other claim of allegiance whatsoever, cannot, by these or any other such acts, be withdrawn or cancelled: And whereas it hath been represented to Us, that divers of the natural-born subjects of His Majesty have accepted letters of naturalization, or certificates of citizenship, from the United States of America, and have sworn allegiance to the said States, and professed to renounce the natural allegiance which they owe, and must continue to owe, to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, and have, in violation of such natural allegiance, engaged by sea and land, in hostile and traitorous acts against His Majesty: And whereas some of the said natural-born subjects of His Majesty may have been induced so to act, from an erroneous persuasion and belief, which they may have been led to entertain, that their duty of natural allegiance was capable of being dissolved or withdrawn from His Majesty, His heirs and successors; We have, therefore, thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby warning all the natural-born subjects of His Majesty, that the natural allegiance which they owe, and of right ought to bear and pay, to His Majesty, His heirs and successors, cannot, either by their own acts, or by the acts of any foreign Princes or States, either alone, or concurrent with their own, be dissolved or withdrawn from His Majesty, His heirs or successors: And We have further thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice aforesaid, in consideration that some of the said natural-born subjects of His Majesty, may, through delusion or error, have so acted as aforesaid, by this Proclamation to publish and declare, that all such the said natural-born subjects of His Majesty who, having so acted, shall, within

four months from the date hereof, withdraw themselves from the service of the said United States, shall receive His Majesty's free and gracious pardon: And We do, moreover, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice aforesaid, hereby also publish and declare, that all natural-born subjects of His Majesty who shall hereafter voluntarily enter, or, having entered, shall voluntarily continue to serve in the land forces, or on board any of the ships or vessels of war, of the said United States of America, or in the private ships or vessels of war belonging to the citizens of the said States at enmity with His Majesty, being thereby guilty of high treason, shall be punished with the utmost severity of the law.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the twenty-third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, in the fifty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

Admiralty-Office, September 24, 1814.

Extracts of two Letters from Captain Sir Thomas Troubridge, of His Majesty's Ship Armide, addressed to Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, and transmitted by Rear-Admiral Griffith to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

*His Majesty's Ship Armide, at Sea,
August 15, 1814.*

I HAVE the honour to inform you, that His Majesty's ship under my command (the *Endymion* in company), captured this morning, after a short chase of four hours, the American privateer schooner *Herald*, Captain Miller, of two hundred and thirty tons, seventeen guns (two of which were thrown overboard during the chase), and a complement of one hundred men.

*His Majesty's Ship Armide, at Sea,
August 16, 1814.*

I YESTERDAY had the pleasure to inform you of the capture of the American schooner privateer *Herald*; and to-day I am happy to have it in my power to report the capture of another of the enemy's armed vessels by His Majesty's ship under my command, after a chase of six hours, the ship letter of marque *Invincible* (formerly the *Invincible Napoleon*), Captain Destebecho, of three hundred and thirty-one tons, sixteen guns (ten of which were thrown overboard during the chase), and a complement of sixty men.

Admiralty-Office, September 24, 1814.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Luke, of His Majesty's Sloop Heron, addressed to Rear-Admiral Durham, and transmitted by the latter to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

*His Majesty's Sloop Heron, at the Saintes,
July 26, 1814.*

I BEG leave to inform you, that His Majesty's sloop under my command captured, on the 7th in-