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## Her Majesties Most Gracious DECLARATION, Concerning Ships Stopt before the Declara- tion of War.

**ANNE R.**  
HER Majesty being informed, That several Ships and Vessels, with their Loadings, were Stopt in the Ports of Her Majesties Dominions, and others Seized before the Declaration of War against France and Spain; And it being Her Majesties Royal Intention to Observe Strictly all Treaties in Force between Her Majesty and other Princes and States, and particularly the Treaty of Ryswick, and the Laws of Nations, in Relation to Inter-course and Commerce; Doth hereby Re-quire and Command all Her Officers therein Concerned, to send forth with an Account of all Ships and Vessels so Stopt, to One of Her Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, setting forth what they are, to whom they belong, what Burden, when and where they were and are now and Detained, to the End that the Necessary Orders may be given for their Discharge, and being Dealt with as in said Treaties, and the Laws of Nations, Direct and

Our Court at St. James's the First Day of June, 1702. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.  
**GOD Save the QUEEN.**

## Her Majesties Most Gracious DECLARATION, For the Encouragement of Her Ships of War and Privateers.

**ANNE R.**  
HER Majesty, for Maintaining the Publick Faith, for Vindicating the Honour of Her Crown, and for Preventing the Mischief which all Europe is Throated with, Finding Her Self obliged to Declare War against France and Spain, is pleased in so Just and Necessary an Undertaking, in Conjunction with Her Allies, Vigorously to Prosecute the same. And being most Graciously inclined to give all due Encouragement to the Valour and Fidelity of Her Subjects serving Aboard any of Her Majesties Ships of War or Privateers, hath thought fit, by the Advice of Her Council, to Publish and Declare, That if any Ship or Goods belonging to the Enemy, or otherwise liable to Confiscation, shall be Seized or Taken at any of Her Majesties Ports, Havens, or Rivers, by any of Her Majesties Ships of War, or Merchant Ships employed in Her Service, and shall be Condemned, or adjudged as Lawful Prize to Her Majesty, the same (so far as conveniently may be, shall be Appraised, and after Due and Publick Notice, Openly Sold; by Inch of Ounce to the best Advantage, and after Satisfying the Duties and Customs payable by Law, other than the Rates and Duties imposed on French Wine, Brandy, Sugar, and other Goods of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture of France, by an Act of the late King William the Third, Made in the seventh Year of His Majesty, An Act for Granting to His Ma-

esty, an Additional Duty upon all French Goods and Merchandize, and the Legal and Necessary Charges thereupon, One Half-part of the Net Proceed of such Prize shall be Answered and Paid to the Flag-Officers, Captains, Officers and Company of Her Majesties Ships of War, or Merchant Ship in Her Service, Surprizing and taking the same, or Assisting in the Taking thereof, to be Distributed in such manner as is hereafter Directed: Provided the Assisting Ships shall have no greater Shares thereof than has been Accustomed: But all such Ships of War of France and Spain, or Privateers of either of those Nations, which may be fit for Her Majesties Service, are not to be Disposed of, till such time as Her Majesty shall leave the Refusal thereof: And in Case Her Majesty shall Take any such Ship into Her Service, the Captors shall have Ten Pounds per Gun, and Ten Pounds per Ton for the Ships of War, and the whole of all Privateers taken, as aforesaid, according to Appraisement, except one Tenths Part thereof, to the Lord High Admiral of England. That the Rewards before Given for Prizes Taken from the Enemy, by any of Her Majesties Ships of War, or Merchant Ships employed in Her Service, shall be Divided to and amongst the Flag-Officers, Captains, Officers and Company of such Ships so taking the same, as followeth, viz. To the Captain Three Eighth Parts, unless the Prize be Taken by a Man of War under a Flag or Flag, in which case the Flag-Officers or Flag-Officers shall have One Eighth Part to be equally Divided between them, and the Captain or Captains that Took her, the Remaining Two Eighth Parts among them; To the Lieutenant and Master, One Eighth Part; To the Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Masters Mates, Chirurgion and Chaplain, One Eighth Part, to be equally Divided amongst them; To the Midshipmen, Carpenters Mates, Boatswains Mates, Gunners Mates, Corporal, Yeoman of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter-masters, Quarter-masters Mates, Chirurgens Mates, Yeomen of the Powder Room, One Eighth Part to be equally Divided amongst them; To the Trumpeter, Quarter-Gunner, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gun-Smith, Cooper, Sweeper, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, Able Seamen, Ordinary Seamen, Two Eighth Parts to be equally divided amongst them. That to prevent the Defrauding of any Seaman or other Person of his Share of the Prize, according to the foresaid Division, Her Majesty doth hereby Enjoin, and ever the Captains and Commanders of any of Her Majesties Ships of War, who shall Take any Prizes, as soon as may be after the Taking thereof, to Transmit, or cause to be transmitted, to the Commissioners of Her Majesties Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers and Company of such Ship of War under his Command; which were on Board her at the Taking of such Prize; which List shall contain the Number of each Person, as he stands upon the Ships Book, and the Quality of his Service; and the same shall be Subscribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and Three or more of the Chief Officers on Board; and after Condemnation of the Prize, Her Majesties said Commissioners of the Navy, or any Three or more of