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By His Royal Highness GEORGE Prince of Wales, Guardian of the Realm of Great Britain, and His Majesties Lieutenant within the same,

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

For Prohibiting His Majesties Subjects from Trading to the East-Indies, contrary to the Liberties and Privileges of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East-Indies, Granted to them by Act of Parliament.

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W Hereas the United Company of Merchants Trading to the East Indies, by and under an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Third, of Glorious Memory, Intituled, An Act for Raising a Sum not exceeding Two Millions, upon a Fund for Payment of Annuities after the Rate of Eight Pounds per Centum per Annum, and for Settling the Trade to the East-Indies, and by and under several other Acts of Parliament, Letters Patents, and Indentures, are Entitled to have, use, and enjoy the whole and sole Trade and Traffick, and the only Liberty, Use, and Privilege of Trading, Trafficking, and Exercising the Trade or Busines of Merchandize to and from the said East-Indies, in the Countries and Parts of Asia and Africa, and to and from such Places of Asia, Attica, and America, or any of them, beyond the Cape of Bona Esperanza, to the Streights of Magellan, where any Trade or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used or had, the Trade whereof is Appropriated to them by the said Acts of Parliament, or One of them; By which Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Third, it is Provided, That if any of the Subjects of His said late Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, of what Degree or Quality soever, other than such as might, or may lawfully go and Trade to the East-Indies, and other the Parts in the same Act mentioned, by Virtue thereof, and their Factors, Agents, and Servants respectively Employed, according to the true Meaning of the said Act, should directly or indirectly Visit, Haunt, Frequent, Trade, Traffick, or Adventure into or from the said East-Indies, or other the Parts aforesaid, contrary to the true Meaning thereof, all and every such Offender and Offenders should incur the Forfeiture and Loss of all the Ships and Vessels which should be employed in such Trade, with the Guns, Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture thereunto belonging, and also all the Goods and Merchandizes laden thereupon, and all the Proceed and Effects of the same, and also Double the Value thereof, to be Recovered as therein is particularly mentioned; And it is also provided by the same Act, and by subsequent Laws, That all the Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, and Commodities to be Laden upon any Ship or Ships bound from the said East-Indies, or Parts within the Limits aforesaid, are to be brought, without breaking Bulk, to some Port of Great-Britain, and there to be Unladen and put on Land; notwithstanding which just and reasonable Provisions and Restrictions, several of His Majesties Subjects, not Entitled under the said Acts of Parliament, have (as hath been humbly Represented unto Us) presumed to Trade into and Visit the said East-Indies in Foreign and other Ships, intending there to Load Goods, and to bring them into Europe, and Land them in Foreign Parts out of His Majesties Dominions, to the great Diminution of His Majesties Customs, and to the Injury of the said Company in their said Liberty and Franchize of sole Trading to the East-Indies, and other the Places aforesaid: We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesties most Honourable Privy-Council, to Issue this Proclamation; and We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all His Majesties Subjects whatsoever, who do Serve in, or are on Board any Foreign Ship or Vessel,

in, or Bound to or from the said East-Indies, or any the Parts or Places aforesaid, and also all Merchants and other Subjects of His said Majesty, who are now in the said East-Indies, or any of the Places aforesaid, Trade, or intending to Trade there, contrary to the Privilege of the said Company, that they and every of them do forthwith desist and forbear to Serve, or to be concerned in any such Unlawful Trade; and that they and each of them do forthwith return to their Native Country. And further We do hereby strictly Prohibit and Forbid all His Majesties Subjects to Serve on Board any Foreign or other Ships, with Foreign Commissions or Colours, Bound to or from the East-Indies, or any the Parts aforesaid, or directly or indirectly to Visit, Haunt, Frequent, Trade, Traffick, or Adventure into or from the said East-Indies, or other the Parts before mentioned, under any Pretence whatsoever, contrary to the Privileges of the said United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East-Indies; to all which We expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And We do hereby Publish and Declare, That the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur His Majesties just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for such their Contempt and Offences, according to the utmost Severities of Law.

Given at the Court at Hampton-Court, the Eighteenth Day of October, 1716. In the Third Year of His Majesties Reign. God save the King.

East-India House in Leadenhall-Street, London, October 26. 1716.

Whereas by the Act referred to in the above Proclamation, it is (amongst other Things) Enacted, that if any of the Subjects of his late Majesty King William the Third, his Heirs or Successors, should, contrary to the Tenour of that Act, trade or adventure in or to the East-Indies, or other the Places therein mentioned, such Offenders should incur the Forfeiture of the Ships and Vessels employed in such Trade, and the Goods laden thereon, the Proceed of the same, and double the Value thereof.— One quarter Part of which Forfeitures is by the said Act given to such Persons as should seize, inform, or sue for the same. The Court of Directors of the United East-India Company taking into their Consideration, that diverse Persons have presumed, contrary to the said Act, to trade and adventure to the East-Indies, and Places aforesaid, in Foreign and other Ships, under Pretence of Foreign Commissions, and otherwise; do therefore declare, that they will over and above the quarter Part of the Forfeitures given by the said Act, pay to such Persons as shall discover any such unlawful Trade, one quarter Part more of the said Forfeitures, and will moreover be at the whole Charge of the Prosecution.

Madrid, Oct. 19. It has been judged proper to defer, for some Time, the intended Reform among the Walloon Troops; and the Prince de Robec dying suddenly a few Days after he was made Colonel of the Walloon Guards, in the Room of the Duke d'Avré, 'tis believed that Duke will be received into Favour again, and restored to his Post: The said Duke has already obtained Leave to return from Guadalaxara to Vallecas, within a League of this Place; and the like Permission is granted to several Officers of the Walloon Troops, who, for remonstrating as he had done, against the Reform of those Troops, had been obliged to retire to Segovia. The Council for naval Affairs have represented, that the building of Men of War in the Ports of Spain is yet impracticable, Workmen