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AT the Court at St. James's, the 28th Day
of March 1727.

P R E S E N T,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in
Council.

His Majesty having taken into Consideration the Injuries and Acts of Hostility committed by the King of Spain and his Subjects unto and upon the Ships, Goods, and Persons of His Majesty's Subjects, extending to their grievous Damages, and amounting to great Sums; and that notwithstanding the Complaints made of such Usage to the King of Spain, no Redress or Reparation could be obtained from him: And His Majesty having received Advices that the King of Spain hath actually besieged the Town and Garrison of Gibraltar, belonging to and in the Possession of the Crown of Great Britain:

His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, hath thought fit to order, as it is hereby ordered, That General Reprizals be granted against the Ships, Goods and Subjects of the King of Spain; so that as well his Majesty's Fleet and Ships, as also all other Ships and Vessels that shall be commissioned by Letters of Marque or General Reprizals, 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 King of Spain, or his Subjects, or others inhabiting within any the Territories of the King of Spain, 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 Majesty at this Board, Authorizing the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to issue forth and grant Letters of Marque and Reprizal 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 Spain, and the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or any inhabiting within his Countries, Territories or Dominions, 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 said Advocate General, with the Advocate of the Admiralty, are also forthwith to prepare the Draught of a Commission, and present the same to His Majesty at this Board, Authorizing the said Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to Will and Require the High Court of Admiralty of Great

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Britain, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the said Court, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within His Majesty's Dominions, to take Cognizance of and judicially proceed upon all and all Manner of Captures, Seizures, Prizes and Reprizals of all Ships and Goods that are or shall be taken, and to hear and determine the same, and according to the Course of Admiralty, and the Laws of Nations, to adjudge and to condemn all such Ships, Vessels and Goods, as shall belong to Spain, or the Vassals and Subjects of the King of Spain, or to any others inhabiting within any of his Countries, Territories and Dominions; and that such Powers and Clauses be inserted in the said Commission as have been usual and are according to former Precedents. And they are likewise to prepare and lay before His Majesty at this Board a Draught of such Instructions as may be proper to be sent to the Courts of Admiralty in His Majesty's Foreign Governments and Plantations, for their Guidance herein; as also another Draught of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes aforementioned.

St. James's.

The following humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, has been presented to His Majesty by George Pitt, Jun. Esq; one of the Knights of the Shire for the said County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bolton Lord Lieutenant of the said County. Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the High-Sheriff, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen of the County of Dorset, assembled at the Assizes held for the said County, the 16th Day of March 1726.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE should think ourselves unworthy of the many inestimable Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's gracious and happy Government, should we not at this Time joyn with our fellow Subjects in expressing our just Abhorrence of the injurious Treatment your Majesty has received from those Powers from whom it was least deserved.

The unparalleled Ingratitude of his Imperial Majesty, in disturbing the Peace of this Kingdom, whose victorious Arms once saved the Imperial Diadem; his setting up a Company at Ostend to ruin our Trade; his joyning with Spain (till now his most inveterate Enemy) to invade those Rights, and rob us of those Places which were yielded up by that

Crown

