

all other Princes and States of Europe, possessed of Settlements in the West Indies, or whose Subjects carry on any Trade thither; And whereas besides the notorious Grounds of Complaint above-mentioned, many other Infractions have been made on the Part of Spain, of the several Treaties and Conventions subsisting between us and that Crown, and particularly of that concluded in the Year 1667, as well by the exorbitant Duties and Impositions laid upon the Trade and Commerce of our Subjects, as by the Breach of ancient and established Privileges, stipulated for them by the said Treaties; For the Redress of which Grievances, the strongest Instances have been, from Time to Time, made by our several Ministers residing in Spain, without any Effect; And whereas a Convention, for making Reparation to our Subjects for the Losses sustained by them, on account of the unjust Seizures and Depredations committed by the Spaniards in America, and in order to prevent for the future all the Grievances and Causes of Complaint therein taken Notice of, and to remove absolutely, and for ever, every thing which might give Occasion thereto, was concluded between us, and the King of Spain, on the 14th Day of January last, N. S. by which Convention it was stipulated, That a certain Sum of Money should be paid at London, within a Term therein specified, as a Balance admitted to be due, on the Part of Spain, to the Crown and Subjects of Great Britain, which Term expired on the 25th Day of May last, and the Payment of the said Sum was not made, according to the Stipulation for that Purpose; by which Means the Convention above-mentioned was manifestly violated and broken by the King of Spain, and our Subjects remained without any Satisfaction or Reparation for the many grievous Losses sustained by them; And the Methods, agreed upon by the said Convention, in order to the Obtaining future Security for the Trade and Navigation of our Subjects are, contrary to good Faith, frustrated and defeated: In Consequence of which, we found ourselves obliged, for Vindicating the Honour of our Crown, and for procuring Reparation, and Satisfaction for our injured Subjects, to order, That general Reprizals should be granted against the said King of Spain, his Vassals and Subjects, and their Ships, Goods, and Effects: And whereas the Court of Spain has been induced to colour the open Violation of the Convention aforesaid, by Reasons and Pretences, which are void of all Foundation: And, at the same Time, has not only published an Order, signed by the said King, for seizing the Ships, Goods, and Effects belonging to us, and our Subjects, where-ever they shall be met with, but has caused Seizures to be actually made of the Goods and Effects of our Subjects, residing in his Dominions, and has also ordered our said Subjects to depart out of the Spanish Dominions, within a short limited Time, contrary to the express Stipulations of the Treaties between the two Crowns, even in Case of a War actually declared, We have taken into our Royal and most Serious Consideration these Injuries, which have been offered to us and our Subjects, and the

manifest Violation of the several Treaties subsisting between the two Crowns; all which have been, in many Particulars, eluded, or evaded, by the unwarrantable Behaviour of the Court of Spain, and their Officers, notwithstanding the repeated Instances we have given, of our Desire to cultivate a good Understanding with the King of Spain, and the essential Proofs of our Friendship and Regard for him and his Family, which we have demonstrated to all the World: And being fully satisfied, that the Honour of our Crown, the Interest of our Subjects, and that Regard, which ought to be had to the most solemn Treaties, call upon us to make Use of the Power, which God has given us, for vindicating our undoubted Rights, and securing to our loving Subjects the Privileges of Navigation and Commerce to which they are justly entitled: We therefore, relying on the Help of Almighty God, who knows the Uprightness of our Intentions, have thought fit to declare, and do hereby declare War against the said King of Spain; And we will, in Pursuance of such Declaration, vigorously prosecute the said War, being assured of the ready Concurrence and Assistance of all our loving Subjects, in so just a Cause, wherein the Honour of our Crown, the Maintenance of our solemn Treaties, and the Trade and Navigation of our Subjects, (which are so essential to the Welfare, and Prosperity of this Nation, and which we are determined, at all Times, with our utmost Power to preserve and support) are so greatly concerned: And we do hereby will, and require, our Generals and Commanders of our Forces, our Commissioners for Executing the Office of High Admiral of Great Britain, our Lieutenants of our several Counties, Governors of our Forts and Garrisons, and all other Officers, and Soldiers under them, by Sea and Land, to do, and execute all Acts of Hostility in the Prosecution of this War against the said King of Spain, his Vassals, and Subjects, and to oppose their Attempts: And we do hereby command, as well our own Subjects, as advertise all other Persons, of what Nation soever, not to transport, or carry any Soldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or other contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations, or Countries of the said King of Spain: Declaring, that whatsoever Ship or Vessel shall be met withal, transporting, or carrying any Soldiers, Arms, Powder, Ammunition, or other contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations, or Countries of the said King of Spain, the same, being taken, shall be condemned as good and lawful Prize. *Given at our Court at Kensington the Nineteenth Day of October, 1739, in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.*

GOD save the KING.

Custom-House, London, October 20.
For Sale, by Order of the Honourable Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, in the Long Room at the Custom house, on Thursday the 25th of this Instant October, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, Sugars and Cotton in Time. The Goods to be viewed at the New Warehouses at the Custom house, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, to the Time of Sale.

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