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By the Lords Justices,
A D E C L A R A T I O N,
Appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken
from the *Genoeze*.

Dorset, P. Marlborough, Argyll, Bedford.

WHEREAS His Majesty's Ships of War did, between the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and forty five, New Style, and the entire Cessation of Hostilities, by virtue of the late Treaty of Aix la Chapelle, seize and take several Ships, Vessels, and Goods belonging to the Subjects of the Most Serene Republick of Genoa, the Property whereof, upon their being condemned as lawful Prize, belongs to his Majesty: And whereas the Genoeze did, within the Time aforesaid, take, and seize in the Port of Genoa, on Board a Tartan called the St. Catherine of Padua, Pedro Raffetti Master, divers Bales of Silk, the Property of several Merchants his Majesty's Subjects trading to Italy, to the Amount or Value of Six thousand six hundred eighty two Pounds, four Shillings and eleven Pence, the Prime Cost thereof (that is to say) one Bale belonging to Anthony Noguier, Value One hundred and sixty four Pounds, ten Shillings and five Pence; two Bales belonging to Richard Morhall and Company, Value Three hundred twenty seven Pounds, fifteen Shillings and one Penny; two Bales belonging to William Selwin and Company, Value Three hundred fifty three Pounds, eleven Shillings and eleven Pence; two Bales belonging to Peter Nouaille, and James Frushard, Value Three hundred twenty one Pounds, ten Shillings and four Pence; one Bale belonging to John Delamare and Company, Value One hundred and seventy three Pounds; one Bale belonging to Mary Magdalene Alavoine, Value One hundred seventy two Pounds, twelve Shillings; two Bales belonging to Henry Lonbier, Value Three hundred and seventy one Pounds; eight Bales belonging to John Blaquiere, Value One thousand three hundred seventy seven Pounds, nineteen Shillings and three Pence; five Bales belonging to William Sheldon, Value Eight hundred and seven Pounds two Shillings; four Bales belonging to Roger Hogg, Value Seven hundred thirty nine Pounds, eighteen Shillings and four Pence; three Bales belonging to Noah Titner, Value Five hundred thirty two Pounds, fourteen Shillings and eleven Pence; three Bales belonging to Joseph Poinhan, Value Five hundred and twenty Pounds; three Bales belonging to John Logier Lamotte and Company, Value Four hundred eighty five Pounds, fourteen Shillings and ten Pence; and two Bales belonging to William Wigget, Value Three hundred thirty four Pounds, fifteen Shillings and ten Pence; and afterwards proceeded to Condemnation thereof: And whereas a Commission did issue, by virtue of his Majesty's Order in Council, published in the Gazette of the Thirteenth of February, One thousand seven hundred and forty seven, to empower his Majesty's Courts of Admiralty to try and condemn the several Ships, Vessels, and

Goods, belonging to the Genoeze, which had been, or should be taken by his Majesty's Ships of War, as the Ships and Effects of his Majesty's Enemies; and several of such Ships and Effects so taken have been condemned as lawful Prize; but several Appeals have, by, or by the Orders of Signior Gastaldi, Minister of the Most Serene Republick of Genoa, being interposed to the Lords Commissioners of Appeals in Prize Causes from those Sentences: And whereas a Petition has been presented to his Majesty in Behalf of the Officers and Seamen concerned in the taking of the said Prizes from the Genoeze, setting forth, That from his Majesty's known Generosity and Bounty they had Reason to hope, that his Majesty would be graciously pleased to give up his Right in such Prizes as had or might be thereafter condemned, in their Favour; in Confidence whereof they had come to an Agreement with Signior Gastaldi, Minister of the Most Serene Republick of Genoa, acting in Behalf of the Genoeze Subjects, to take Place in case his Majesty should be graciously inclined to give his Royal Assent thereto, and which they prayed his Majesty would be pleased to do: And whereas a Memorial has been also presented by the said Signior Gastaldi, Minister of the said Republick of Genoa, setting forth, That for avoiding the great Expence of Law Suits, and other Causes, he did, on the Twentieth Day of September last, conclude such Agreement with the British Captors, in regard to the Prizes made upon the Genoeze Subjects, or Inhabitants of the State of Genoa, and hoping his Majesty would vouchsafe to give his Royal Assent to the said Agreement, and put thereby a perpetual Silence to future Disputes: And whereas a Petition has been also presented in Behalf of the said Merchants his Majesty's Subjects trading to Italy, setting forth their aforesaid Loss, and praying, That his Majesty would be graciously pleased to order, That, before any Distribution be made of the Produce of the said Ships and Effects that had been taken from the Genoeze, they should be reimbursed thereout the Amount of their said Effects, that had been so seized and condemned by the Genoeze; We having taken the Premises into our Consideration, do, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Privy Council, hereby publish and declare, That the net Produce, arising from the Sale or Disposal of all the Ships, Vessels, Goods, Monies, Wares, Merchandizes and Effects, belonging to the Genoeze, which have been seized and taken by his Majesty's Ships of War, between the said First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and forty five, New Style, and the Time of the Cessation of Hostilities as aforesaid, either upon Genoeze, or Neutral Bottoms, and which have been, or shall be condemned (and have not by the Sentence of any of his Majesty's Courts of Admiralty, or Vice Admiralty, or otherwise, been already restored to the Genoeze) upon Signior Gastaldi's withdrawing or releasing, or causing to be withdrawn or released, all Appeals interposed before the Lords Commissioners of Appeals, from any Sentences condemning any