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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter received by him from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle One of his Majestys Principal Secretarys of State, as also his Majestys Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual, in the following Words.

Whitehall June 15th 1739

Sir

As it was stipulated by the Convention, concluded between His Majesty and the King of Spain, on the 14th of January p. 47 last N: S: That the Sum of Ninety five Thousand Pounds Sterling should be paid at London, within the Term of four Months, to be reckoned from the Day of the Exchange of the Ratifications of the said Convention, as a Ballance due, on the Part of Spain, to the Crown and Subjects of Great Britain, and as the said Term of Four Months, from the Exchange of the Ratifications of the Convention, did expire on the 25th Day of May last, and the Payment of the said Sum of Ninety five thousand Pounds Sterling, agreed by the said Convention, has not been made, according to the Stipulation for that Purpose, by which means the Convention abovemention'd has been manifestly violated and broke, and his Majestys Subjects remain without any Satisfaction, or Reparation for the many, great and grievous Losses sustained by them, His Majesty has thought himself obliged to take such Measures, on his Part, as are necessary for the Support of the Honour & Dignity of his Crown, the Security of the just Rights of his Subjects, and the Good and Safety of his Dominions, and has therefore ordered the Ships and Effects of the King of Spain and his Subjects, to be seized and taken wherever they shall be met with; with which I am commanded to acquaint you, that you may cause the same to be made known in all Places under your Governm^t to the End that his Majestys Subjects, in those Parts, may be upon their Guard, to prevent any Mischief they might otherwise suffer from the Spaniards, in Revenge for the Measures, which his Majesty is obliged to take to do himself and his Subjects Justice; And that they may, in their several Stations annoy the Subjects of Spain, in the best manner they are able: And I send you herewith, by the Kings Order, his Majestys Warrant, under his Royal Sign Manual, authorising and empowering You to grant Commissions of