

Lib. C. B. Marque and Reprisal, for arming and fitting out private Ships of War, against the Ships Goods and Subjects of the King of Spain. And It is his Majestys Pleasure, that you should be very rigorous and severe, in preventing any Ammunition, or
 p. 48 Stores of any kind, from being carried to the Spaniards; and you are to use all proper Methods, that may be most effectual for this Purpose

I am Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

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Deputy Governor of Maryland, or Commander in Chief for the time being

George R:

Trusty and Welbeloved We Greet you well.

Whereas several unjust Seizures have been made, and Depredations carried on in the West Indies by Spanish Guarda Costas, and Ships acting under the Commission of the King of Spain, or his Governors, contrary to the Treaties Subsisting between Us and the Crown of Spain, and to the Law of Nations to the great Prejudice of the lawful Trade and Commerce of Our Subjects; and many Cruelties and Barbarities have been exercised on the Persons of such of Our Subjects whose Vessels have been so seized by the said Spanish Guarda Costas; And whereas frequent Complaint has been made to the Court of Spain of these unjust Practices, and no Satisfaction or Redress been procured; And whereas a Convention for making Reparation to Our Subjects for the Losses sustained by them, on Account of the unjust Seizures and Captures above mentioned, 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 specified in the said Convention, as a Ballance due, on the Part of Spain, to the Crown and Subjects of Great Britain; which Term did expire on the 25th day of May last, and the Payment of the said Sum, agreed by the said Convention, has not been made, according to the Stipulation for that Purpose, by which Means the Convention abovementioned has been manifestly violated and broke by the King of Spain. and Our Subjects remain without any Satisfaction or Reparation for the many great and grievous Losses sustained by them; We have thought fit for
 p. 49 the vindicating the Honour of Our Crown, and for procuring Reparation, and Satisfaction for Our injured Subjects, to order Reprisals to be made upon the Crown and Subjects of Spain; And we do therefore by Virtue of these Presents, authorise