

injurious, Our Proceedings in that respect having been perfectly consistent with that good Faith which We have always made the Rule of Our Actions. Lib. C. B.

It is unnecessary to mention the Objections made to the Behaviour of Our Ministers in Foreign Courts since it is notorious that the principal View and Object of the Negotiations of the French Ministers in the several Courts of Europe, have been either to stir up intestine Commotions in the Countries where they resided, or to create differences and Misunderstandings between them and their respective Allies

The Charge of Piracy Cruelty and Barbarity against Our Ships of War, is equally unjust and unbecoming; and We have all such Proceedings in so much Abhorrence, that if any Practices of that Nature had been made appear to Us, We should have taken effectual Care to put a Stop to them and to have punished the Offenders in the severest manner

We being therefore indispensably obliged to take up Arms and entirely 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 French King, and we will in pursuance of such Declaration vigorously prosecute the same by Sea and Land, being assured of the ready Concurrence and Assistance of all Our Loving Subjects in so just a Cause 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 under them by Sea and Land to do and execute all Acts of Hostility, in the Prosecution of this War against the said French King his Vassals and Subjects, and to oppose their Attempts willing and requiring all Our Subjects to take Notice of the same, whom we henceforth strictly forbid to hold any Correspondence or Communication with the Subjects of the French King and We do hereby command Our own Subjects and 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 French King; declaring that whatsoever Ship or Vessel shall be met withall, transporting or carrying any Soldiers Arms Powder Ammunition or other Contraband Goods to any of the Territories Lands Plantations or Countries of the said French King the same being taken, shall be Condemned as good and Lawful Prize And Whereas there are remaining in Our Kingdoms divers of the Subjects of the French King, We do hereby declare Our Royal Intention to be that all the French Subjects who shall demean themselves P. 227