

Lib. C. B. Given under Our hand and Lesser Seal at Arms at London this twenty seventh day of December in the twenty ninth Year of Our Dominion over the said Province Annoq Dni 1743

By his Lordships Command
Jn^o Browning Secretary

8th August 1744

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to the first Tuesday in September next be further prorogued to the last Tuesday in October next being the thirtieth day of the same Month, and Proclamations issued accordingly

George R :

Trusty and Welbeloved We greet you well. It having been represented unto us by Our Minister in Holland that Exception is taken there to that Clause in Our Declarations of War, against the Crowns of Spain and France, whereby It is declared, that the Ships of all Nations carrying Counterband Goods to the Enemies Port, shall be liable to Confiscation; under Colour of which It is apprehended there, that Vessels belonging to the Subjects of Our good Friends and Allies the States General, may come to be confiscated, on pretext of Part of their Cargoes being Counterband Goods, contrary to the express Articles of the Marine Treaty, concluded between Our Crown, & that Republick, at London the first Day of December 1674, confirmed by subsequent Treaties; or that by a larger Interpretation than was meant to be given to the General Words in the said Declarations, (viz^t other Contraband Goods) the Captains and Officers of Our Ships of War, and Others acting under Our Commissions, may make Prize of Dutch Ships, and their Cargoes, as well in Europe, as in America, upon Pretence of their having on board Spanish or French Effects, tho' not Contraband; And It being Our Royal Intention that the said Treaty Marine, and All Engagements, which subsist between Us, and Our said Good Friends and Allies, should be most carefully, and religiously observed; It is therefore Our Will and Pleasure, And We do hereby authorize and empower you to enjoyn all Captains of Ships, to whom you shall grant Letters of Marque, or Commissions for private Men of War, against the King of Spain, and the French King, & their Subjects, to observe carefully and religiously the said Treaty Marine, & give Security, pursuant to the tenth Article, for their due performance thereof. And so We bid