

the same time made by the Spanish Minister, that they considered the War, as then actually declared, proved to a Demonstration, that their Resolution to Act offensively, was so absolutely and irrevocably taken, that it could not be any longer dissembled or denied.

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The King of Spain, therefore, having been induced, without any Provocation on our Part, to consider the War, as already commenced against Us, which has in Effect been declared at Madrid; We trust, that by the Blessing of Almighty God on the Justice of our Cause, and by the Assistance of our Loving Subjects, we shall be able to defeat the Ambitious Designs, which have formed this Union between the two Branches of the House of Bourbon; have now begun a new War; and portend the most Dangerous Consequences to all Europe. Therefore, We have thought fit to declare, and do hereby declare War against the said King of Spain; and we will in pursuance of such Declaration, vigorously prosecute the said War, wherein the honour of our Crown, the welfare of our Subjects, and the Prosperity of this Nation, which we are determined at all times with our utmost power to preserve and support, are so greatly concerned, and we do hereby will and require Our Generals and Commanders of our Forces Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiralty of Great Britain, Our Lieutenants of our Counties, Governors of Our Forts and Garrisons, and all other Officers and Soldiers under them, by Sea and Land, to do and execute all Acts of Hostility, in the Prosecution of this War, against the said King of Spain, 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 said King of Spain or his Subjects: 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 King of Spain, 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 King of Spain, the same being taken, shall be condemned as good and Lawfull Prize. And whereas there may be remaining in our Kingdoms divers of the Subjects of the King of Spain, We do hereby declare our Royal Intention to be, that all the Spanish Subjects, who shall demean themselves dutifully towards us, shall be Safe in their Persons and Effects.

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