

“A Proclamation,

“Declaring the Cessation of Arms as well by Sea as by Land, agreed upon between the United States of America, and his Britannic Majesty; and enjoining the Observance thereof.

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Whereas provisional articles were signed at Paris on the thirteenth Day of November last, between the Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United States of America for treating of Peace, and the Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty, to be inserted in, and to constitute the Treaty of Peace proposed to be concluded between the United States of America and his Britannic Majesty, when Terms of Peace should be agreed upon between their most Christian and Britannic Majesties, were signed at Versailles on the twentieth Day of January last, by the Ministers of their most Christian and Britannic Majesties: And Whereas, Preliminaries for restoring Peace between the said King of Great-Britain and the King of Spain, were also signed at Versailles on the same twentieth Day of January last. p. 404

By which said Preliminary Articles it hath been agreed, That as soon as the same were ratified, Hostilities, between the said Kings, their Kingdoms, States and Subjects, should cease in all Parts of the World; and it was farther agreed, That all Vessels and Effects that might be taken in the Channel and in the North Seas, after the Space of twelve Days from the Ratification of the said Preliminary Articles, should be restored; that the Term should be one Month from the Channel and North Seas as far as the Canary Islands inclusively, whether in the Ocean or the Mediterranean, two Months from the said Canary Islands as far as the Equinoctial or Equator; and lastly, five Months in all other Parts of the World, without any exception or more particular Description of Time or Place: And Whereas it was declared by the Minister plenipotentiary of the King of Great Britain, in the name and by the Express Order of the King his Master, on the said Twentieth Day of January last, that the said United States of America, their Subjects and their Possessions, shall be comprised in the above mentioned Suspension of Arms, at the same Epochs, and in the same manner, as the three Crowns above mentioned, their Subjects and Possessions respectively; upon Condition, that on the Part, and in the Name of the United States of America, a similar Declaration shall be delivered, expressly declaring their Assent to the said Suspension of Arms, and containing an Assurance of the most perfect Reciprocity on their Part: And Whereas the Ministers Plenipotentiary of these United States did, on the same twentieth Day of January, in the Name and by the Authority of the said United States, accept the said Declaration, and declare that the said States should cause all Hostilities to cease against his Britannic Majesty, his Subjects and his Possessions, at the Terms and Epochs agreed upon between his said Majesty, the