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Sum of Ninety five Thousand Pounds Sterling should be paid at London, within
the Term of four Months, to be reckoned from the Day of the Exchange of the
Ratifications of the said Convention, as a Balance due, on the Part of Spain, to
the Crown and Subjects of Great Britain, and as the said Term of four Months,
from the Exchange of the Ratifications of the Convention, did expire on the 25th
Day of May last, and the Payment of the said Sum of Ninety five Thousand
Pounds Sterling, 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, and his Majesty's Subjects remain
without any Satisfaction, or Reparation for the many, great and grievous
Losses sustained by them, His Majesty has thought himself obliged to take
such Measures, on his Part, as are necessary for the Support of the Honour &
Dignity of his Crown, the Security of the just Rights of his Subjects, and the
Good and Safety of his Dominions, and has therefore ordered the Ships and
Effects of the King of Spain and his Subjects, to be seized and taken wherever
they shall be met with; with which I am commanded to acquaint you, that
you may cause the same to be made known in all Places under your Governm.
to the End that his Majesty's Subjects, in those Parts, may be upon their Guard,
to prevent any Mischief they might otherwise suffer from the Spaniards, in
Revenge for the Measures, which his Majesty is obliged to take to do himself
and his Subjects Justice; And that they may, in their several Stations annoy
the Subjects of Spain, in the best manner they are able: And I send you here
with, by the King's Order, his Majesty's Warrant, under his Royal Sign
Manual, authorising and empowering you to grant Commissions of
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
Majesty's Pleasure, that you should be very rigorous and severe, in prevent-
ing any Ammunition, or Stores of any kind, from being carried to the
Spaniards