

the Congress of the United States, by virtue of the Constituted Authority vested in them, have declared by their act, bearing date the eighteenth day of the present Month, that a War exists between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the several Colonies and the United States of America and their territories: Now, therefore, I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the same to the public concern; and I do specially enjoin on all persons holding offices, civil or military, in the United States, that they be vigilant and zealous in discharging the duties incumbent thereon: And I do moreover exhort all the good people of the United States, in their country: as they value the precious heritage derived from the virtue and valor of their ancestors, as they feel the wrongs which have forced on them the last resort of injured nations; as they feel the best means, under the blessing of Divine Providence, of abridging its calamities, they exert themselves in preserving order, in promoting concord, in maintaining the efficacy of the laws, and in supporting and invigorating all the measures which are proposed by the Constituted Authorities, for obtaining a speedy, a just, and an honorable

termination whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed to these presents.

Witness my hand at the City of Washington, the nineteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty-sixth.

(Signed)

JAMES MONROE

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JAMES MONROE, Secretary of State