

choose, on that account, to allow the smallest indulgence to the violators of the law, nor permit that, through ignorance, they should be taken by surprize—authorising me by these presents to declare that all English property will be confiscated whenever it is found on board a vessel, although a neutral, if the consignment belongs to Spanish individuals. So likewise will be confiscated all merchandize which may be met with, although it may be in neutral vessels, whenever it is destined for the ports of England or her isles.

And finally his majesty, conforming himself to the ideas of his ally, the emperor of the French, declares in his states the same law, which, from principles of reciprocity and suitable respect, his imperial majesty promulgated under date of the 21st November, 1806.

The execution of this determination of his majesty belongs to the chiefs of provinces, of departments, and of vessels, (baxeles) and communicating it to them in the name of his majesty, I hope they will leave no room for the royal displeasure.

God preserve you many years,

(Signed)

THE PRINCE GENERALISSIMO OF THE MARINE,
Aranjuez, 19th February, 1807.