

“ His Majesty has now directed his Minister at
 “ Madrid to make a fresh representation on this sub-
 “ ject, and to claim such full and adequate satisfaction
 “ as the nature of the case evidently requires ; and
 “ under these circumstances, his Majesty having also
 “ received information, that considerable armaments
 “ are carrying on in the ports of Spain, has judged
 “ it indispensably necessary to give orders to make
 “ such preparations as may put it in his Majesty’s
 “ power to act with vigour and effect, in support of
 “ the honour of his crown and the interests of his
 “ people : and his Majesty recommends it to his
 “ faithful Commons, on whose zeal and public
 “ spirit he has the most perfect reliance, to enable
 “ him to take such measures, and to make such aug-
 “ mentation of his forces, as may be eventually
 “ necessary for this purpose.

“ It is his Majesty’s earnest wish, that the justice
 “ of his Majesty’s demands may ensure, from the
 “ wisdom and equity of his Catholic Majesty, the
 “ satisfaction which is so unquestionably due ; and
 “ that this affair may be terminated in such a manner
 “ as to prevent any grounds of misunderstanding in
 “ future, and to continue and confirm that harmony
 “ and friendship which has so happily subsisted be-
 “ tween the two Courts, and which his Majesty will
 “ always endeavour to maintain and improve, by
 “ all such means as are consistent with the dignity
 “ of his Majesty’s crown, and the essential interests
 “ of his subjects.

“ G. R.”