

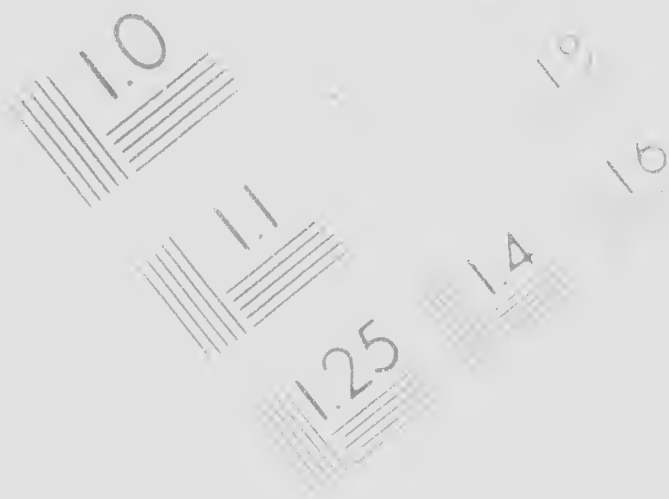


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FROM THE OFFICE OF  
*The Mercantile Advertiser*

SUNDAY, July 11

BY THOMAS JEFFERSON,  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

# A PROCLAMATION

WASHINGTON CITY, July 11

By the wars which for some time, have unhappily raged among the powers of Europe, the United States have been torn from their principles of peace, and peace has been made, by a regular discharge of all their national and social duties, and by every friendly office their laws have admitted, to maintain, with all the belligerents, their accustomed relations of friendship, hospitality and commercial intercourse. Taking no part in the questions which animate these powers against each other, nor permitting themselves to entertain a wish but for the restoration of general peace, they have observed with good faith the neutrality they assumed, and they believe that no instance of a departure from this course can be justly imputed to them by any nation. A free use of their harbours and waters, the means of subsistence and of refreshment, of succour to their fellow-citizens, have, at all times, and on equal principles, been extended to all, and this too amidst a constant recurrence of acts of insubordination to the laws, of violence to the persons, and of trespasses on the property of our citizens, committed by officers of one, of the belligerent parties, received among us. In truth these abuses of the laws of hospitality have, with few exceptions, become habitual to the commanders of the British armed vessels hovering on our coast, and frequenting our harbours. They have been the subject of repeated representations to our government. Assurances have been given that proper orders should restrain them, within the limits of the rights and of the respect due to a friendly nation; but these orders and assurances have been without effect, no instance of punishment for past wrongs has been taken place.

At length, a deed transcending all we have hitherto seen or suffered, brings the public sensibility to a crisis, and our forbearance to a necessary end.

vide for its peace and for the safety of its citizens, and consequently to refuse descriptions, as are inconsistent with these, or with the maintenance of the authority of the laws, I have thought proper in pursuance of the authorities specially given by law to issue this my Proclamation, hereby requiring all armed vessels bearing commissions under the government of Great Britain, now within the harbours or waters of the United States, immediately and without any delay to depart from the same, interdicting the entrance of all the said harbours and waters to the said armed vessels, and to all others bearing commission and the authority of the British government.

And if the said vessels, or any of them, shall fail to depart as aforesaid, or if they or any others, so interdicted, shall hereafter enter the harbours or waters aforesaid I do in that case forbid all intercourse with them or any of them, their officers or crews, and do prohibit all supplies and aid from being furnished to them or any of them.

And I do declare and make known, that if any person from, or within the jurisdictional limits of the United States shall afford any aid to any such vessel, contrary to the prohibition contained in this Proclamation, either in repairing any such vessel, or in furnishing her, her officers or crew with supplies of any kind, or in any manner whatsoever, or if any pilot shall assist in navigating any of the said armed vessels, inlets it be for the purpose of carrying them in the first instance, beyond the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, or unless it be in the case of a vessel forced by distress or charged with public dispatches as hereinafter provided for, such person or persons shall, on conviction, suffer all the pains and penalties by the laws provided for such offenders.

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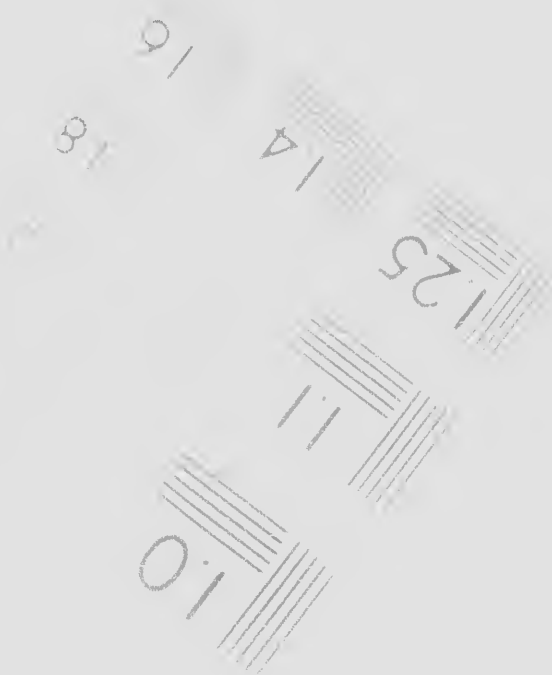
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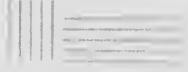
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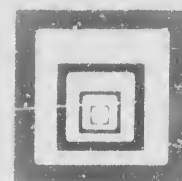
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...crisis, and to afford a necessary pause.  
...the United States trusting to a state of  
...and leaving her harbour on a distant service, she  
...and attacked by a British vessel of super-  
...one of a squadron then lying in our waters  
...covering the transaction, and has been obliged  
...with the loss of a number of men killed  
...wounded. This cruelty was not only without  
...or justifiable cause, but was committed  
...purpose of taking by force, from a  
...of war of the United States, a part of her crew,  
...that no circumstance might be wanting to mark  
...character, it has been previously ascertained that the  
...demanded were native citizens of the United  
...Having effected his purpose, he returned to  
...his quarters within our jurisdiction. His  
...under the circumstances seems to be a day  
...with two uncontrolled slaves  
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...between the two nations. It is  
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It is to be regretted that the British government  
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...to any such vessel, contrary  
...in this Proclamation, or  
...in repairing any such vessel, or in furnishing her  
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...any manner whatsoever, or if any pilot shall find on board  
...of the said armed vessels, unless it be for  
...the purpose of carrying them in the first instance, be-  
...the limits and jurisdiction of the United States, or  
...unless it be in the case of a vessel forced by distress, or  
...charged with public dispatches as heretofore provided  
...such person or persons shall, on conviction, suffer  
...the pains and penalties by the laws provided on such  
...offence.

And I do hereby enjoin and require all persons holding  
...office, civil or military, within the authority  
...of the United States, and all others, citizens or non-  
...there, or being within the jurisdiction, to  
...and promptly to exert their respective authorities,  
...and to be aiding and assisting to the carrying into  
...this Proclamation and every part thereof, into full effect.

Provided nevertheless that if any vessel shall be  
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...of enemies, or shall be a shipwrecked vessel, or the crew  
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