

Subjects for the Losses sustained by them, on Account of the unjust Seizures and Depredations committed by the Spaniards in America, and in Order to prevent for the future all the Grievances and Causes of Complaint therein taken Notice of, and to remove absolutely and for ever, every thing which might give Occasion thereto, was concluded between Us, and the King of Spain, on the fourteenth Day of January last N.S. by which Convention it was stipulated, that a certain Sum of Money should be paid at London, within a Term therein specified, as a Ballance admitted to be due on the Part of Spain to the Crown and Subjects of Great Britain; which Term expired on the 25th Day of May last, and the Payment of the said Sum was not made according to the Stipulation for that purpose; by which Means the Convention above mentioned was manifestly violated and broken by the King of Spain, and Our Subjects remained without any Satisfaction, or Reparation for the many grievous Losses sustained by them; and the Methods, agreed upon by the said Convention, in Order to the obtaining future Security for the Trade and Navigation of Our Subjects, are, contrary to good Faith, frustrated & defeated; in consequence of which, We found Our selves obliged, for vindicating the Honour of Our Crown, and for procuring Reparation, and Satisfaction for Our injured Subjects, to order that general Reprisals should be granted against the said King of Spain, his Vassals and Subjects, and their Ships Goods & Effects. And whereas the Court of Spain has been induced to colour the open Violation of the Convention aforesaid by Reasons and Pretences, which are void of all Foundation, and at the same time has not only published an Order, signed by the said King, for seizing the Ships, Goods and Effects belonging to Us, and Our Subjects, wherever they shall be met with, but has caused Seizures to be actually made of the Goods and Effects of Our Subjects residing in his Dominions, and has also ordered Our said Subjects to depart out of the Spanish Dominions, within a short limited Time, contrary to the express Stipulations of the Treaties between the Two Crowns, even in case of all War actually declared: We have taken into Our Royal and most serious Consideration these Injuries, which have been offered to Us, and Our Subjects, and the manifest Violation of the several Treaties subsisting between the