

Two Crowns, all which have been in many Particulars. Usur'd, or waied by the unwarrantable Behaviour of the Court of Spain, and their Officers, — not withstanding the repeated Instances We have given of Our Desire to cultivate a good Understanding with the King of Spain, and the essential Proofs of Our Friendship and Regard for him and his Family, which We have demonstrated to all the World; and being fully satisfied, that the Honour of Our Crown, the Interest of Our Subjects, and that Regard which ought to be had to the most solemn Treaties, call upon Us to make Use of the Power which God has given Us for vindicating Our undoubted Rights, and securing to Our loving Subjects the Privileges of Navigation and Commerce to which they are justly entitled; We therefore, relying on the Help of Almighty God, who knows the Rightness of Our Intentions, have thought fit to declare, and do hereby declare War against the said King of Spain, and We will, in pursuance of such Declaration, vigorously prosecute the said War, being assured of the ready Concurrence and Assistance of all Our loving Subjects in so just a Cause, wherein the Honour of Our Crown, the Maintenance of Our solemn Treaties and the Trade and Navigation of Our Subjects (which are so essential to the Welfare and Prosperity of this Nation, and which We are determined, at all times, with Our utmost Power to preserve and support) are so greatly concerned: And We do hereby will and require Our Generals and Commanders of Our Forces, Our Commissioners for executing the Office of high Admiral of Great Britain, Our Lieutenants of Our several Counties, Governours of Our Forts and Garrisons, and all Other Officers and Soldiers under them, by Sea and Land, to do and execute all Acts of Hostility in the Prosecution of this War against the said King of Spain his Vassals and Subjects, and to oppose their Attempts; And We do hereby command as well Our own Subjects, as advertise all other Officers of what Nation soever, not to transport, or carry any Soldiers, Arms, Powder Ammunition, or other contraband Goods, to any of the Territories, Lands, Plantations, or Countries of the said King of Spain; declaring, that whosoever Ship or Vessel shall be met withall, transporting, or carrying any Soldiers, Arms, powder, Ammunition