In CONGRESS.

The DELEGATES of the United States of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina and Georgia, TO ALL unto whom these Presents shall come, SEND GREETINGS.

KNOW YE,

THAT we have granted, and by these Presents do grant Licence and Authority to the Mariner, Commander of the Vessel called the Anna, of the Burthen of 70 Tons, or thereabouts, belonging to the Thirteen United States of America, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, and navigating by Fifty Men, to fit out and to be armed in a warlike Manner, and by and with the said Vessel, and the Crew thereof, by force to attack, subdue and take all Ships and other Vessels whatsoever carrying Soldiers, Arms, Gunpowder, Bullets, money, provisions, or any other contraband Goods to any of the British Armies or Ships of War employed against the United States, or to attack, seize and take all Ships or other Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants of Great-Britain, or Subjects thereof, with their Tackle, Apparel, Furniture and Lading, on the High Seas, or between water Marks, (the Ships or Vessels, together with their Cargoes, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitant of the United States, or of the Bahamas Islands, and such other Ships and Vessels belonging to Persons with Intent to settle in any of the United States, or bringing Arms, Ammunition, or Warlike Stores to the said States, or the said Ships or Vessels you shall suffer to pass unmolested, the Commanders thereof permitting a peaceable Search of the Contents of the Ladings and Definition of the Voyages, only excepted.) And if any Vessels or Armed Vessels be apprehended as aforesaid, and as Prize taken, to carry into any Port or Harbour within the Dominions of any neutral State willing to admit the fame, or into any Port within the said United States, in Order that the Captain of the Vessel and the Commanders of the same may be heard and determine Causes Civil and Maritime, may proceed in due Form to condemn the said Captain and his Crew, and adjudged lawful Prize, or otherwise, according to the Usage in such Cases at the Port or in the State where the said Vessel shall arrive.

The said Mariner, Commander, or any of his Officers, Marines or Company thereof, contrary to the Usages and Customs of Nations, and that he shall not exceed or trespass the Powers and Authority of this Commission. And we will and require all our Officers whatsoever in the Service of the United States, and Affiants to the said Vessel, in the Premises. This Commission shall continue in Full Force and Effect, until the Congress shall give Orders to the contrary. DATED at Providence the 27th Day of July, in the Fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

By Congress,

ATTEST,

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John Jay.