

PROCLAMATION  
issued by  
THOMAS BOYLE, ESQ.



COMMANDER of the CHASSEUR &c

Whereas

It has been customary with the Admirals of Great Britain commanding the small fleet on the Coast of the United States, particularly with Sir John Bontine Harrison and Sir Alexander Cochrane, to declare the coast of the said United States, in a state of strict and rigorous blockade, without possessing the power to justify such a declaration or stationing an adequate force to maintain such blockade.

I do therefore, by virtue of the Power and Authority in me vested (possessing sufficient force) declare all the Ports, Harbours, Bays, Creeks, Rivers, Inlets, Cullies, Lighthouses, and Sea Coasts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in a state of strict and rigorous blockade.

And I do further declare, that I consider the force under my command adequate to maintain strictly, rigorously, and effectually, the said blockade.

And I do hereby require the respective officers, whether Captains, Commanders, or Commanding Officers under my command, employed or to be employed on the coasts of England, Ireland and Scotland, to pay strict attention to this my PROCLAMATION.

And I do hereby caution and forbid the SHIPS and VESSELS of all and every Nation in Amity and Peace with the United States from entering, or attempting to enter, or from passing, or attempting to come out of any of the said Ports, Harbours, Bays, Creeks, Rivers, Inlets, Cullies, Lighthouses, or Sea Coasts, or in under any pretence whatever.

And that NO PERSON may bear IGNORANCE of this my Proclamation I have ordered the same to be made public in England.

Given under my hand, on board the Chasseur.

Thomas Boyle.

By Command of the Commanding Officer J. S. Mackay, &c.