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The Undersigned, Her Britannic
Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary,
has received orders from his
Government to make to His Excellency
the President of the Swiss Confederation,
and to the Federal Council the
following communication.

Her Majesty the Queen of
Great Britain and Ireland, and
His Majesty the Emperor of the
French, being compelled to take up

To: The President of the Swiss Confederation
& The Swiss Federal Council
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arms for the purpose of repelling
the aggression of His Majesty the
Emperor of Russia upon the Ottoman
Empire; and being desirous to
lessen as much as possible the
disastrous consequences to commerce
resulting from a state of warfare;
Their Majesties have resolved, for the
present, not to authorize the issue
of Letters of Marque.

In making this resolution
known, they think it right to announce
at the same time the principles upon
which

which they will be guided, during the course of this war, with regard to the navigation and commerce of neutrals.

Her Majesty, the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland has accordingly published the accompanying Declaration, which is identical with that published by His Majesty the Emperor of the French.

In thus restricting within the narrowest limits the exercise of their rights as Belligerents, the Allied Governments confidently trust

that

That the Governments of Countries
 which may remain neutral during
 this war, will sincerely exert every
 effort to enforce upon their citizens
 the necessity of observing the
 strictest neutrality.

Her Britannic Majesty's
 Government entertains the confident
 hope that the Swiss Federal Government
 will receive with satisfaction the
 announcement of the resolutions
 thus taken in common by the two

Allied

called governments, and that it
will, in the spirit of just
reciprocity, give orders that no
force, under Prussian colours,
shall be equipped or victualled
in the cantons of the Swiss
Confederation; and also that
the citizens of Switzerland shall
rigorously abstain from taking
part in armaments of this nature,
or in any other measure opposed
to the duties of a strict neutrality.

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