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BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION,
For a Public Thanksgiving for the many signal and important Naval Victories obtained in the present War.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into our most serious consideration the indispensable duty which we owe to Almighty God for the manifold and inestimable blessings which these kingdoms have received at his hands, and desiring to manifest to our faithful and loving subjects, and to the whole world, the deep and devout sense which we entertain of his great mercies vouchsafed unto us, by prostrating ourselves before his Divine Majesty, and offering up, in the most public and solemn manner, our praise and thanksgiving for the interposition of his good Providence, in the many signal and important victories obtained by our navy in the course of the present war, have thought fit, by the advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our royal proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that a public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these his mercies, be observed throughout that part of our kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Tuesday the nineteenth day of December next: And we do strictly charge and command, that the said public thanksgiving be reverently and decently observed by all our loving subjects in Scotland on the said nineteenth day of December next, at they tender the favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his wrath and indignation, and upon pain of such punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn or neglect the performance of so religious a duty. Our will and pleasure is therefore, and we charge, that this our proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other places needful, and there, in our name and authority, make publication thereof, that none

pretend ignorance: And our will and pleasure is, that our Solicitor do cause printed copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to see the same published: And we appoint them to send copies thereof to the several parish churches within their bounds, that upon the Lord's day immediately preceding the day above-mentioned the same may be published and read from the pulpits immediately after divine service.

Given at our Court at St James's, the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the thirty-eighth year of our reign: GOD SAVE THE KING.

BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION,
For giving currency to a new coinage of seven shilling gold pieces.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we have thought fit to order, that certain pieces of gold money should be coined, which should be called "Seven Shilling Pieces," each of which should be of the value of seven shillings, and three of which should be of the value of one guinea; and that each piece should be of the weight of 1 pennyweight 19 grains $\frac{1468}{10000}$ Troy weight, of standard gold, being one third of the weight of a guinea; and that three of such pieces should be of the weight of 5 pennyweights 9 grains $\frac{4382}{10000}$ Troy weight, of standard gold, being the weight of a guinea, according to our weights approved and confirmed by us in our Council, in pursuance of an act made in the fourteenth year of our reign, intituled, "An act for regulating and ascertaining the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this kingdom." And we have further thought fit to order, that every

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such piece of gold money, so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, should have, on one side thereof, our effigies or portraiture, with our name, and the words Dei Gratia, and on the reverse, the regal crown of England, with the following legend, Mag. Bri. Fr. et Hib. Rex. And whereas pieces of gold money of the above description have been coined at our Tower of London, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders which we have given for that purpose, we have therefore, with the advice of our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this our royal proclamation; and we do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of gold money so coined and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful money of our kingdom of Great Britain, and shall be called Seven Shilling Pieces, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of our said kingdom; and every of such pieces shall pass and be received as of the value of seven shillings of our lawful money of our said kingdom, and three of such pieces shall pass and be received as of the value of one guinea of our lawful money of our said kingdom, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at our Court at St James's the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the thirty-eight year of our reign.
GOD SAVE THE KING.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 2.

Copy of a letter from the Right Hon. Admiral Lord BRIDPORT, K.B. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated Cricket, the 29th November 1797.

SIR,

You will herewith receive two letters from Captain Keats, of his Majesty's ship Boadicea, acquainting me with the capture of Le Raillieur privateer, of 20 guns with 160 men; also of the recapture of an American brig of some value. I have the honour to be, &c.

BRIDPORT.

MY LORD,

Boadicea, at Sea, Nov. 27.

I have the honour to inform your Lordship, that Le Raillieur, a ship privateer of 20 guns (most of which were thrown overboard in chace), and 160 men, quite new coppered, and one day from La Rochelle, was this morning captured by his Majesty's ships Boadicea and Anson. I have the honour to be, &c.

R. G. KEATS.

To the Right Hon. Admiral Lord
Bridport, K. B.

MY LORD,

Boadicea, at Sea, Nov. 21.

Having recaptured a brig, of some consequence from her cargo, and the Anson beginning to be rather short of water, I hope under these circumstances my sending the Anson to England will meet with your Lordship's approbation. I have the honour to be, &c.

R. G. KEATS.

To the Right Hon. Admiral Lord
Bridport, K. B.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 2.

Extract of a letter from Rear-Admiral Sir ROGER CURTIS Bart. to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated on board his Majesty's ship Prince, in Torbay, Nov. 28.

There arrived here yesterday evening an American ship, laden with sugar, cotton, &c. which had been taken possession of by a French privateer, and was recaptured by the Cleopatra, off the Hondiorn Bay, on the coast of France, on the 24th instant. The Cleopatra also, on the same day, retook an English brig called the Jane.

The Penelope cutter, commanded by Lieut. Burdwood, arrived here this day with a small French cutter privateer he took on Sunday last off the Start.—The privateer had made no capture.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE, Dec. 2.

Copy of a letter from Captain JOHN DREW, Commander of his Majesty's ship Cerberus, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Cork, the 20th ult.

SIR,

For the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I have to acquaint you, on the 12th instant, in the lat. 49 deg. 48 min. N. long. 22 deg. 18 min. W. I captured the French private ship of war L'Epervier, carrying 16 four-pounders, pierced for 20, and her complement 145 men. On the 13th recaptured the Adelphi, from Quebec, bound to London, taken by the above ship. On the 14th, captured Le Renard, carrying 18 six-pounders, pierced for 20, her complement 189 men; both privateers are copper-bottomed, sail very fast, and are quite new; we likewise chased the Buonaparte, carrying 32 guns and 250 men, but carrying away all our steering sails and main-top-gallant mast, it enabled her to get off, after doing her considerable damage with the bow-chace guns, and I have every reason to believe she is returned to France, from her having thrown every thing overboard.

BERLIN, Nov. 19.

On Thursday last the 16th instant, at nine o'clock in the morning, his Prussian Majesty, Frederick William the Second, died in his palace at Potsdam, after a long and painful illness.

WAR-OFFICE, Dec. 2.

ERRATUM in the Gazette of the 28th ultimo.
Northern Fencible Infantry.

For Capt.-Lieut. Robert Smith to be Captain of a company, vice Gordon, dismissed the service by the sentence of a General Court-Martial—read Capt.-Lieut. Robert Smith to be Captain of a company, vice Gordon, whose services in the Northern Fencibles his Majesty has been pleased to dispense with.

Commission signed by his Majesty for the Army in Ireland.

Mr Allen Kelly to be Ensign, by purchase, in the 54th regiment of foot, vice Fotheringham, promoted; dated Nov. 1. 1797.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERY.

THE Copartnery of WILLIAM and JOHN WARDLAW having been, by mutual consent, Dissolved in February last, the Debts due to and by the Company will be settled by the said JOHN WARDLAW, in his Shop at Dalkeith.
Dalkeith, 30th Nov. 1797.

WM. WARDLAW.
JOHN WARDLAW.

THIRD NOTICE—FIRST TERM.

TO the CREDITORS of DAVID CURRIE, Merchant in London, only Son of William Currie, vintner at Bridgend of Lugton, near Dalkeith.

That in the process of Ranking and Sale, brought at the instance of John Hegg, baker in Dalkeith, with concurrence of his Majesty's Advocate, against the said David Currie, and his Creditors, Lord Meadowbank, Ordinary to the ranking, by interlocutor dated the 17th current, "assigned the 21st day of December next to the whole creditors to produce all their claims, rights, and diligences that were competent to them respectively against the bankrupt, or that were or are now competent to them against his estate; and that for the First Term; with certification as in a Reduction and Improbation; and ordained this interlocutor to be inserted in the newspaper called the Edinburgh Gazette, once every week for three weeks successively immediately after the date hereof, to the end that it may come to the knowledge of all concerned."—Of which intimation is hereby made accordingly.
Edinr. 20th Nov. 1797.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JAMES DAVIDSON, Manufacturer in Glasgow. The trustee requests a general meeting of the creditors, to be held within the Black Bull Inn, Glasgow, upon Tuesday the 12th day of December current, at 12 o'clock mid-day, to accept of his resignation, and to make choice of another trustee in his place, in terms of the 59th section of the statute. At this meeting some other matters will be laid before the creditors, in which their interest is concerned, and it is therefore requested the meeting may be fully attended.
Glasgow, Dec. 2. 1797.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Appointment of JOHN SMITH, Writer in Forfar, to be Trustee on the sequestrated estates of DAVID REID tenant in Cairnleith; THOMAS REID tenant in Kirkstyle of Kingoldrum, ALEXANDER REID tenant in Know, and JAMES REID tenant in Baikie, having been confirmed by the Court of Session, he hereby intimates to their creditors at large, that the Sheriff of the county has fixed Tuesday the 12th and Wednesday the 27th days of December current, at twelve o'clock noon, for the public examination of the bankrupts, within the Sheriff-court Room of Forfar; and that a general meeting of their creditors will be held in the house of Alexander Anderson, vintner in Kirriemuir, on Thursday the 28th day of the said month of December, at the same hour, for naming commissioners, and instructing the trustee as to the management and recovery of their estates. And the trustee does hereby further require such of the said creditors as have not already lodged their claims and vouchers or grounds of debt, with oaths of verity thereon, to lodge the same with him at or previous to the said meeting, or on or before the 12th of August next, being ten months from the date of the application for the said sequestrations; with certification to such of them as shall fail to comply with this requisition, that they shall have no share in the first distribution of the bankrupts' estates.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

MESS. DUNCAN and WATSON, Merchants in Dumfries, and of GEORGE DUNCAN and JAMES WATSON, the individual partners of that Company.

At a meeting of the creditors of the said Mess. Duncan and Watson, and of the said George Duncan and James Watson, as individuals, held at Dumfries on the 18th November last, being the day immediately subsequent to the second examination of the bankrupts, an offer was made by the Rev. Mr. George Duncan, on behalf of the bankrupt George Duncan, to the creditors of the said Duncan and Watson, as a company; of a composition of 14s. per pound, upon the principal sums due by the said company at the date of the sequestration, the said composition being payable in three equal portions or instalments, at six, twelve, and eighteen months date, from the time the same should be approved of by the Court of Session; and for payment of the said composition, the said Rev. Mr. George Duncan offered caution to the satisfaction of the creditors then present, upon the partners of the company being discharged of their whole debts, on payment of the said composition, and the said George Duncan, the bankrupt, and his cautioners being vested in the right of the estates of the trustee.—And farther, the said Rev. Mr. George Duncan made an offer to the creditors of the said George Duncan, the bankrupt, as an individual, of 2s. 6d. per pound Sterling, and to the creditors of the said James Watson, as an individual, of the sum of 14s. per pound Sterling, of each principal sum due by them respectively, at the date of the sequestration, payable by the equal portions or instalments, and at the dates before specified, on the bankrupts being discharged, and their estates, as individuals, vested in his person, and also agreed to defray the whole expenses attending the sequestration; and the creditors then present having taken into consideration the offers then made, they unanimously approved of the same, agreed thereto, and to the securities offered by the said Rev. Mr. George Duncan, and requested the trustee to appoint a day for another meeting to decide thereon.

In consequence of which, and in compliance with the statute, the trustee hereby appoints another meeting of the creditors of the said Duncan and Watson, to take place within the Coffeehouse of Dumfries, on Monday the 18th of December next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of deciding on the foregoing offers.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

JOHN LAWSON Junior, Merchant in Dumfries.

John Armstrong, writer in Dumfries, trustee on the sequestrated estate of the said John Lawson, hereby intimates to his creditors, that, at a general meeting, held within the Coffeehouse of Dumfries on the 21st of October last, for the purpose of giving directions as to the recovery and disposal of the bankrupt's estate, Mr. John Thorburn, writer in Edinburgh, came forward and offered full payment to the heritable and preferable creditors at the term of Whitsunday next, and 13s. in the pound of composition to the personal creditors, payable in six months from the said 21st of October, on condition that the trustee should convey the bankrupt's estate and effects, heritable and moveable, to Mess. Robert Lawson and George Lawson, his cautioners. That the creditors present at said meeting thought the composition reasonable, and directed the trustee to advertise another general meeting to be held in the Coffeehouse here, on Saturday the 11th of November last, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to determine on the said offer. That, on this last mentioned day, the said meeting did accordingly take place, when the creditors present were unanimously of opinion that the composition should be accepted of; and it being thought proper to give to such creditors as may not have attended said meeting still further opportunity to judge of the propriety of the said measure, the trustee, for that purpose, hereby intimates, that another general meeting of the said John Lawson's creditors will be held in the Coffeehouse here, on Wednesday the 20th day of December current, at twelve o'clock noon, in order finally to determine whether the aforesaid composition ought to be accepted of or not.—Dumfries, Dec. 1. 1797.

TO THE CREDITORS OF

GEORGE AITCHESON, Farmer and Cattle Dealer at Blackhouse.

The Trustee upon the sequestrated estate of the said George Aitcheson hereby intimates, that there is to be a meeting of the said creditors held within the house of John Craig, vintner in Dunfermline, upon Wednesday the 20th day of December current, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of choosing Commissioners under the sequestration awarded against the said George Aitcheson; of which this intimation is given to all concerned in terms of the statute.

NOTICE.

JOHN M'CAUL, Merchant in Glasgow, trustee on the sequestrated estate of JAMES and ARCHIBALD BUCHANAN, Merchants there, hereby gives notice, that states of the affairs of that Company, and a scheme of division, are made up agreeably to the statute, and which will lie in his office for the inspection of the creditors of the said James and Archibald Buchanan until the 2d of January next, on which day a dividend will be paid by him.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUBSCRIPTION AT LLOYD'S.

On account of the Glorious and Important VICTORY gained by the Fleet under the command of Admiral LORD VISCOUNT DUNCAN, on the 11th of October 1797.

THOUGH the Committee have every reason to believe, from the generous Emulation which pervades, on this Occasion, all Ranks of Society, that considerable sums will be added to those already received, yet they have determined, without farther Delay, to commence the Distribution; and, in taking this Step, they flatter themselves that they anticipate the Wishes of a great Majority of the Subscribers, and render a Relief, not inconsiderable, to many who have suffered by the Events of that memorable Day.

In order to prevent Impositions, and to put those Persons as little Inconvenience as possible, the following Regulations have been adopted.

I. The Commissioned and Warrant Officers wounded in the Engagement are desired to transmit, to Mr. THOMAS WHITE, Secretary to this Committee, at LLOYD'S Coffeehouse, an Account of the Nature of their Wounds, and to specify the Place of their Abode, or the Ship they belong to, that the Committee may be enabled to evince to them the High Sense entertained of their Talents and determined Spirit.

II. The Widows, Children (or their Guardians), Fathers, and Mothers, of those Officers whose fate it was to fall in the Moment of Victory, and to which their Exertions so much contributed, are requested to specify to the Secretary of the Committee their Place of Residence.

III. The wounded Petty-Officers, Seamen, Marines, &c. whose Intrepidity was so eminently conspicuous in that Engagement, are informed, that, on transmitting to Mr. WHITE, the Secretary of the Committee, a Certificate, attested by the Commander or One of the Signing-Officers of the Ship in which they were wounded, or by the Agent of the Royal-Hospital or Sick-Quarters, specifying their Place of Abode, a Share of the Subscription will be forwarded to them. It will not be remitted during their continuance in such hospitals, or at sick-quarters; but, if these Persons wish that any Relief should be afforded to their Families, the Committee will, on proper Representation, direct such Relief to be given as shall be deemed proper.

IV. The Widows, Children, Fathers, Mothers, or near Relatives, of those brave and faithful Seamen, Marines, &c. who fell in the Action, and on whose Assistance such Widows, Children, Fathers, Mothers, or near Relatives, depended for Support, residing at a distance, in any part of Great Britain or Ireland, are informed, that they must, in the first instance, make Application, by Letter, to Mr. BEDINGFIELD, the Inspector, at the Pay-Office of the Navy, who will take such further Steps as may be necessary on their Behalf; and the Persons so described, living in or near the Metropolis, and who may think proper to apply personally to the Committee, must produce a Certificate obtained from him.

V. The Committee particularly request all the Persons above alluded to, to take Notice, that they need not quit their Places of abode; and that the Expence and Interference of any Agent or Attorney on their Behalf, by the Regulations adopted, is rendered perfectly unnecessary, and such Application will not be attended to. CALVERLEY BEWICKE, Chairman.

Lloyd's, Nov. 21. 1797.

Persons residing in Edinburgh or the neighbourhood, and wishing for further assistance, are requested to apply to the Sub-Committee at Edinburgh, consisting of

- Sir WILLIAM FORBES, Bart. of Pitfargo.
- JAMES JACKSON, Esq. Merchant.
- WILLIAM DALRYMPLE, Esq. Merchant.
- WALTER WOOD, Esq. Merchant.
- MALCOLM WRIGHT, Esq. Merchant.
- JOHN WAUCHOPE, Esq. Writer to the Signet.
- Baillie FIFE.
- GEO. SMITH, Master of the Trinity House, Leith—or to
- THOMAS SMITH, Banker in Edinburgh, their Secretary.

