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By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,

For encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service; We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation: And We do hereby promise and declare, That all such Able Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, fit for Our Service, who shall, on or before the 31st Day of December next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as shall be employed for raising Men for the Service of Our Navy, shall receive, as Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Five Pounds each Man; and all such Ordinary Seamen, fit for Our Service, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty, in Lieu of all other Bounties mentioned in Our Proclamation dated the 22d Day of March last, and Our Orders in Council of the 1st of May, the 21st of June, and 21st of August following; such respective Sums to be paid them by the respective Clerks of the Cheque residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships, into which they shall be entered, shall be, immediately after the Third Muster of such Seamen: And We do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen so entering themselves as aforesaid, shall be certified by the Captain, Master, and Boatwain of the Ship or Vessel where they shall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuses by any Persons leaving the Vessels to which they shall belong, and entering themselves on Board any other Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money; We do hereby Declare and Command, that such Seamen belonging to any of our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any of the said Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall enter themselves on Board any other of our said Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships or Vessels they shall leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-fifth Day of October, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

St. James's, October 30.

**H**IS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to order that a General Fast should be observed throughout the Kingdom of Ireland, upon Friday the 13th Day of December next, being the Day appointed for the Fast in England; and to that End His Majesty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to cause a Proclamation to be forthwith published in that Kingdom.

Admiralty-Office, November 5, 1776.

**M**Y Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are hereby pleased to give Notice, that Directions have been sent to the Lieutenants who are employed on or about the River Thames in procuring Men

for His Majesty's Ships which are fitting out, not to impress the Masters of any small Boats, commonly called Peter Boats, employed on the said River in catching Fish for the Supply of the City of London, provided the said Persons are actually Masters of the said Boats, and are not Seamen.

Ph. Stephens.

Admiralty Office, November 5, 1776.

**I**T is the Direction of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, That such of the Lieutenants of His Majesty's Navy as are now unemployed, and have not already transmitted to this Office the Names of the Places of their Abode, do forthwith transmit the same, that they may be sent to when His Majesty's Service may require their Attendance: And it is their Lordships farther Direction, That all such Lieutenants unemployed as are unable to serve, do immediately transmit to me, for their Lordships Information, the particular Circumstances of their Inability.

Ph. Stephens.

War-Office, November 5, 1776.

- 1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Major Anthony Lovibond is appointed to be Major, vice Charles Hamilton.
- Ditto, Lieutenant Hatton Flood to be Captain, vice Anthouy Lovibond.
- Ditto, Cornet Edward Payne to be Lieutenant, vice Hatton Flood.
- Ditto, George Charles Brathwaite, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Edward Payne.
- Ditto, Lieutenant John Prince to be Adjutant, vice Hatton Flood.
- 2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, Cornet Charles Combers to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Stisted.
- Ditto, Calverly Bewicke, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Charles Combers.
- 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, Lieutenant John Otway Wynyard, from the 3d, Foot, to be Ensign, vice Gilbert Roberts.
- Royals, 1st Battalion, Ensign Justly Watson Green to be Lieutenant, vice James Scrimger.
- Royals, 2d Battalion, Captain James Lumfaine to be Major, vice Henry Balfour.
- Ditto, Lieutenant Stephen Gually to be Captain, vice James Lumfaine.
- Ditto, Ensign Thomas Mylles Riddell to be Lieutenant, vice Stephen Gually.
- Ditto, Colin Campbell, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Thomas Mylles Riddell.
- 4th Regiment of Foot, Thomas Lawrence, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Peter Kemble.
- 22d Regiment of Foot, Hugh Wallace, Gent. to be Ensign, vice George Augustus Cuninghame.
- 25th Regiment of Foot, Captain-Lieutenant William St. Clair to be Captain, vice George Symmers.
- Ditto, Lieutenant Charles Smith to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice William St. Clair.
- Ditto, Ensign William Adair to be Lieutenant, vice Charles Smith.
- 26th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Robert Thomas to be Lieutenant, vice William Smibert.
- Ditto, Bullfrode Whitlocke, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Robert Thomas.

Price Threepence-Halfpenny.