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By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving  
Foreign Princes and States.

**GEORGE R.**  
**W**HEREAS We are informed, that great Numbers of Mariners and Seafaring Men, Our natural-born Subjects, are in the Service of divers Foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of Our Kingdom; We have therefore thought it necessary, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and wheresoever, (being Our natural born Subjects) who are in the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, that forthwith they and every of them do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from, and quit such Foreign Services, and return Home to their native Countries. And further We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever (being Our natural-born Subjects) from entering, and do charge and command them, and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without Our special Licence first had and obtained in that Behalf; to all which We expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And We do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur Our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of the Law. And We do hereby declare, that if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men (being Our Subjects) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by Us as Subjects of Great-Britain. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the K I N G.

By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION.  
G E O R G E R.

**W**HEREAS divers Persons have been guilty of the illegal Practices of clandestine importing and running of prohibited and uncustomed Goods, and thereby subjected themselves to great Penalties, for which some have been already convicted, and are in Execution for the same, and others are under Prosecution, and many more liable to such Penalties, to avoid which they abscond, or are gone into Foreign Parts, which has, or may prove the Ruin of themselves and their Families; and whereas they may yet be of Use to Us and their Country in the present Conjuncture of Affairs, by serving Us in Our Navy or Army, in case they are rendered capable thereof, by Our gracious Pardon; We being desirous of giving them an Opportunity of entering into Our Service, and in Hopes of putting a Stop by this Means in a great Measure to Practices pernicious to the Publick Interest, and destructive to the Persons

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and Families of so many of Our Subjects, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby promise and declare, that in case any fit and able Person or Persons, who has or have incurred any Penalties in, by, or for the clandestine importing, running, landing, relanding, unshipping, concealing, or receiving, or being assisting in such running, landing, relanding, or unshipping any Prohibited Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or any Goods liable to the Payment of the Duties of Customs or Excise or either of them, or who have beat, abused, obstructed, or hindered any Officer or Officers of the Customs or Excise in the due Execution of their Duty, or who are under any Prosecution, Judgment, Outlawry in Prison, or under or subject to any Execution for any of the said Offences, or gone beyond Sea to avoid the same, shall, on or before the Eleventh Day of May next, in case they are Seamen, voluntarily enter themselves as Sailors in Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships or Vessels of Our Royal Navy, or other Officers of Our Navy empowered to enter Men to serve on Board Our said Ships or Vessels, or, in case they are not Seamen, enlist themselves as Volunteers in Our Service as Soldiers or Marines; all and every such Person and Persons shall have our gracious Pardon of and for all and every such Offence and Offences and Penalties, and all Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, Convictions, Judgments, Imprisonments, Executions, and Outlawries, sued, incurred, had, or given, or that may arise or accrue for or by reason or means of any of the said Offences, or other Matters or Things aforesaid. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirtieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and Seventy-eight, in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

St. James's, March 21.

**I**T is His Majesty's Pleasure, That all Officers belonging to Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, now serving in Ireland, except such as are employed on the Recruiting Service, do join their respective Corps without Delay; and it is His Majesty's further Pleasure, That all Officers belonging to any of the Garrisons in Ireland do repair to their respective Posts without Delay.

W E Y M O U T H.

War-Office, March 21.

**I**T is His Majesty's Pleasure, That all Officers belonging to Regiment on the British Establishment, except such as are employed on the Recruiting Service, shall repair to their respective Posts without Delay.

By His Majesty's Command,  
B A R R I N G T O N

War-Office, April 7.

16th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Cornet Howell is appointed to be Lieutenant, Thomas Leigh.  
Ditto, Surgeon William Frazer, from 7th Regiment, to be Surgeon, vice David Barry.  
17th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Lieutenant William Lord Cathcart to be Captain, vice Peter Hedman Elliston.  
Ditto, Cornet Samuel Baggot to be Lieutenant, vice William Lord Cathcart.



Ditto.