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*St. James's, April 27, 1778.*

**A**BOUT Half past Nine o'Clock in the Morning, on Friday the 24th Instant, the King set out for Greenwich, and arrived at the Royal Hospital about Ten o'Clock; was received by the Earl of Sandwich, the Governor, and Principal Officers of the Hospital, and immediately went in His Barge, attended by Lord Sandwich, the Marquis of Lothian, Gold Stick, Colonel Harcourt, and Colonel St. John, to the Princess Augusta Yacht, commanded by Sir Richard Bickerton, on Board of which the Royal Standard, Admiralty and Union Flags, were hoisted: At One o'Clock His Majesty sailed from Greenwich, and was saluted in His Passage down the River from Woolwich Warren, Tilbury Fort, and Gravesend.

Early on Saturday Morning the King arrived at the Nore, and sailed along-side of the Men of War lying there under the Command of Rear Admiral Campbell, from each of which he received a Royal Salute of Twenty-one Guns: The Yacht afterwards proceeded up to Chatham, where she arrived at Half past Eight o'Clock. In her Passage up the Medway she was saluted by the Garrison of Sheerness, by the Victory of One Hundred Guns lying at Blackflakes, and by Gillingham Fort, and Upnor Castle. His Majesty landed at Three Quarters past Eight o'Clock in the King's Yard, and was received by Lord Amherst, the Commissioners of the Navy, and the Commissioner and Officers of the Yard. As soon as His Majesty landed, the Artificers and Workmen belonging to the Yard being all assembled, gave Three Cheers as His Majesty entered, and then immediately dispersed, and returned to their several Employments. His Majesty then went into the Commissioner's House, where he staid a short Time to refresh Himself, and then proceeded to view the Works carrying on in the Yard: He went first on board the London, a Ninety Gun Ship under Repair; next into the Suffolk of Seventy-four Guns; and afterwards into the Leander, a Fifty Gun Ship building. After His Majesty came from on Board the Suffolk, He went down into the Dock to look at her Bottom; viewed several other Ships building and repairing; also the Smith's Shop, where the Men were employed in making a large Anchor; then into the Store-houses in the Eastern Part of the Yard, and looked at the Malt-pond, Malt-house, and Boat-houses, examined the Stock of Timber very attentively; afterwards went into the Rope and Hemp-houses, and returned on Board the Yacht at Half past Twelve o'Clock. A full Chorus of Shipwrights, employed in repairing the Namur, sung the Song of *God save Great George our King*, as His Majesty passed. His Majesty landed again in the Yard in the Afternoon about Five o'Clock, and viewed the Alfred, a Seventy-four Gun Ship upon the Stocks; afterwards visited the several Store-houses, Rigging-houses, and Anchor Wharf, in the Western Part of the Yard; from thence He pro-

ceeded to the Gun Wharf, and viewed minutely the Magazines, Artillery, and Stores; then to the Victualling-Office at Chatham; and returned at Half past Seven o'Clock on Board the Yacht.

26th April, Sunday, His Majesty landed at the Yard, and proceeded to the Army Barracks, and to the Lines, and reviewed the First Battalion of the Royals or First Regiment of Foot; and at Ten o'Clock had a Public Levee at the Commissioner's House, at which a Number of the Officers of the Navy and Army were present: The Mayor, Aldermen and Common-Council of Rochester, as also many Gentlemen of the Country, who on this Occasion came to pay their Duty to His Majesty, were received with the utmost Graciousness and Affability. The Recorder of Rochester addressed himself to the King in the following Words:

*S I R E,*

**T**HE Mayor and Corporation of Your Majesty's most loyal City of Rochester, ever desirous of paying their Duty to Your Majesty, and of shewing every Mark of Respect to so good and gracious a Sovereign, are very happy in having the Honour of waiting on Your Majesty, to assure You of their most inviolable Attachment to Your Sacred Person, and of their Zeal to support Your Majesty, and Your Government, on all Occasions.

After which the Mayor, Recorder, and the of rest the Corporation, had the Honor of kissing His Majesty's Hand.

His Majesty expressed much Satisfaction at the excellent Condition of the Arsenals of the Navy and Ordnance, and of the great Quantity of Stores (particularly of Timber) in the Dock-Yard; and was highly pleased at the great Exactness with which the Officers and Men of the Royal Regiment went through their several Manœuvres.

His Majesty was received with the highest Demonstrations of Joy and Affection from all Classes of People, who testified their Satisfaction at the Arrival of their Royal Visitor by the loudest Acclamations, and by every Proof they could give of their Zeal and Loyalty.

**A**T the Court at *St. James's*, the 22d of *April*, 1778,

**P R E S E N T,**

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 25th Day of October 1776, to promise and declare,

That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the 31st of December then following,

[ Price Threepence-Halfpenny. ]

