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AT the Court at St. James's, the 2d of May, 1778,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 20th Day of February last, for prohibiting the Exporting out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire on the 23d of this instant May: And whereas it is judged expedient that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, except in those Cases where (for the Benefit and Advantage of Trade, and for the Use and Defence of Ships trading to Foreign Parts, and of the Transports and Victualling Vessels employed in His Majesty's Service) His Majesty, by His several Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and of the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, of the 5th and 19th of February, and the 23d of August and 25th of September, 1776, of the 16th of April, the 13th of August, and the 3d and 10th of October, 1777, has thought proper to permit and allow the Exportation of, and carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, Arms and Ammunition, under certain Conditions and Restrictions mentioned in the said Orders: His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, that no Person or Persons whomsoever (except the Master-General, Lieutenant-General, or Principal Officers of the Ordnance, for His Majesty's Service) do, at any Time during the Space of Three Months, to commence from the said 23d Day of this instant May, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, except in the Cases comprized within the aforementioned Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, of the 5th and 19th of February, the 23d of August and 25th of September, 1776, of the 16th of April, the 13th of August, and the 3d and 10th of October, 1777, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the 29th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act to impower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Saltpetre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to impower

" His Majesty to refrain the carrying Coastwise of Saltpetre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition" — And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High-Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Seeph. Cottrell.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS 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 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 bear, 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 First Day of August 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; or who, being themselves unfit to serve in such Capacities as aforesaid, from the Infirmities of Age, Sicknes, or other Cause, shall procure

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