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AT the Court at St. James's, the 28th Day of July, 1779.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS 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, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was also pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 8th Day of November, 1776, to promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who might secrete themselves, that so such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's said Service, by any of His Majesty's Sea-Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the 31st Day of December, 1776: And whereas His Majesty was likewise pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 15th Day of August 1777, to promise and declare, That every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should voluntarily enter himself to serve on Board any of His Majesty's Ships, on or before the 31st Day of October then next, should receive, as of His Majesty's Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, to be paid in Manner thereby directed: And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations, for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, hath been prolonged and extended to the 31st Day of this instant July; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Rewards should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards be prolonged and extended from the said 31st Day of this instant July to the 30th Day of September next, inclusive. — Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

[Price Three-pence Halfpenny.]

St. James's, August 3.

The following Address of the Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heretors, within the Shire of Argyll, having been transmitted to the Lord Viscount Weymouth, One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been presented to His Majesty: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heretors, within the Shire of Argyll.

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heretors, within the Shire of Argyll, assembled to consider on the most effectual Means of promoting the Public Service, humbly beg to address your Majesty.

Penetrated with unshaken Zeal for your Royal Person, and enflamed with ardent Love for our Country, we feel ourselves instigated with just Abhorrence at the concerted Designs of France and Spain to dismember the British Empire.

We desire to assure your Majesty, that we are ever ready, but more particularly on this Occasion, to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Majesty's Person and Government; and that, trusting in the Wisdom of your Majesty's Councils, we have full Confidence that those hostile Powers will soon repent the Temerity of their ambitious Measures.

May your Majesty long reign the faithful Guardian of the Liberties of a free People and your Posterity sway the British Sceptre to the latest Ages.

Signed, in Presence and by Appointment of the Meeting,

Inverary,

John Campbell, Praeses.

July 23, 1779.

Admiralty-Office, August 2, 1779.

Extract of a Letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships at Jamaica, to Mr. Stephens, dated the 14th of June, 1779.

THE 7th Instant the *Æolus*, *Ruby*, and *Jamaica* Sloop, brought in here a remarkable fine French Frigate of Thirty-six Guns, (Twelve-pounds) and Three Hundred and Fourteen Men, (named *La Prudente*) commanded by the Viscount D'Escars. They fell in with her off the Island of Gonave, in the Bite of Leogané, about One o'Clock in the Morning of the 2d Instant; between Seven and Eight o'Clock she struck; the *Ruby* having some Time before got a Breeze of Wind, which carried her within point-blank Shot of her. Cap-

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