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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION.
GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, that Endeavours have been, and are still used by the Powers, at War with Us, to procure from various Places in Our Dominions a Supply of Arms, Ammunition, Naval Stores, and Provisions for Victualling their Fleets and Armies; and that there is Reason to suspect that some Persons corruptly and traiterously, by Means of Clearances fraudulently obtained for Places within Our Dominions, or within the Territory of Powers in Amity with Us, or by other artful Contrivances, have sent or delivered, or have laden on Board to be sent or delivered, to or for the Use of the French King, or of the King of Spain, or their respective Officers and Subjects, Arms, Ammunition, Naval Stores, and Provisions for Victualling their Fleets and Armies: And whereas such Practices cannot be carried on without the Assistance of many Persons, of whom those not principally concerned therein may be ignorant of the Heinousness of their Offence, and of the Danger in which they are involved: We therefore taking the same into Consideration, and to the Intent, that by the due Execution of the Law, in the Punishment of such Offences, the dangerous and wicked Practices above-mentioned may hereafter be prevented, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and to declare, that every Person who shall be aiding and assisting to the Enemies of Us and Our Kingdom, by supplying them with Arms, Ammunition, Naval Stores, Provisions, or by any other Means giving Aid and Comfort to them, in the Prosecution of the War, levied and carried on against Us and Our Dominions, shall be prosecuted, and, upon Conviction, punished with all the Rigour of the Law against Offences of such Magnitude: And for the better Detection of Persons guilty of the aforesaid Offences, or of Practices tending to effectuate the same, We are graciously pleased to promise, that if any Person shall discover any other Person concerned in sending, transporting, or delivering, or in lading on Board, or in providing for the Purpose of being sent, transported, or delivered, to or to the Use of the French King, or of the King of Spain, or their respective Officers or Subjects, any Arms, Ammunition, Naval Stores or Provisions, during the Continuance of the present War, so that such Person may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer shall have and receive as a Reward, upon Conviction of every such Offender, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, and also Our Gracious Pardon for the said Offence, in case the Person so discovering shall himself be liable to be prosecuted for the same: And the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Treasurer of Our Exchequer are hereby required to make Payment accordingly of the said Rewards: And we do hereby strictly charge and command all Our Magistrates, and all Officers of Our Customs, and all other Our loving Subjects, that they do, in their several Places and Capacities, use their utmost Diligence to find out, discover and apprehend, all Persons offending in Manner before-

mentioned, in order that they may be brought to Justice.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fifth Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and eighty, in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.
GOD save the KING.

By the KING
A PROCLAMATION,
For a General Fast.
GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary Hostilities in which We are engaged, and the unnatural Rebellion carrying on in some of Our Provinces and Colonies in North America, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God, that he will vouchsafe a Special Blessing on Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, That a Publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, upon Friday the Fourth Day of February next; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgements which Our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to Us and Our Kingdoms: And We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in England, our Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty: And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be used in all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care the same be timely dispersed throughout their respective Dioceses.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirteenth of December, One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.

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