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By the KING,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
*For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from Serving
 Foreign Princes and States.*

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, That Attempts are made to entice Mariners and Seafaring Men, Our natural-born Subjects; to enter into the Service of Foreign Princes and States, contrary to their Duty to Us, and without Regard to the perfect Amity now subsisting between Us and all the other Powers of Europe; 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 may have entered into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, without Our special Licence and Authority in that Behalf heretofore obtained, 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 Nineteenth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, in the Twenty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

[Price Three-Pence Halfpenny.]

St. James's, November 23.

The King has been pleased to approve of Henry Heymann, Esq; to be Agent for the Hans Towns, in the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Whitehall, November 23.

The King has been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of Ireland for the Promotion of the Reverend William Preston, Master of Arts, to the united Bishopricks of Killala and Achonry; vacant by the Translation of the Right Reverend Doctor William Cecil Pery, late Bishop thereof, to the Bishoprick of Limerick.

East India House, November 19, 1784.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhallstreet, on Wednesday the 8th of December next, from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until Six in the Evening; for the Election of a Director of the said Company, in the Room of Charles Boddam, Esq; deceased.

Mercers Hall, London, November 19, 1784.

THE Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London, pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the 4th Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Bond and other Creditors of the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London, do hereby give Notice to their Bond Creditors, that a Committee of the said Company will meet at Mercers Hall, in Cheapside, London, on Friday the 17th of December next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, to draw the Lots out of the Wheel prepared for that Purpose, as a Lottery, to reduce and pay off the Sum of 6000*l.* or more of the Principal of their Bond Debt, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act of Parliament; and this Notice is given to the Intent that as many of the Bond Creditors of the said Company as shall think fit may then be present.

Robert Cawne, Clerk.

London, November 21, 1784.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship the Isis, Evelyn Sutton, Esq; Commander, who were actually on Board on the 24th of December, 1780, at the Capture of the Dutch Ship Arnoldo Wilbelmina, that they will be paid their Shares due to them on Thursday the 24th instant, at the Castle, in Mark-lane, London; and the Shares not then