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By the KING,  
A PROCLAMATION,  
For recalling and prohibiting Seamen from serving  
Foreign Princes and States.

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS 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 whereforever (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 the Queen's House, the Twenty-second Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, in the Twenty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 19th of March, 1788,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act made in the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for preventing certain Instruments from being required from Ships belonging to the United States of America; and to give to His Majesty, for a limited Time, certain Powers for the better carrying on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants of the said United States;" which said Act has been continued by several subsequent Acts until the Fifth Day of April, 1788. And whereas by an Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to extend the Powers of an Act, made in the Twenty-third Year of His present Majesty, for giving His Majesty certain Powers for the better carrying on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants of the United States of America, to the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom with the British Colonies and Plantations in America, with Respect to certain Articles therein mentioned," the Powers given by the said recited Act were extended to the Trade and Intercourse between this Kingdom and the British Colonies and Plantations in America, so far as the same might relate to Iron, Hemp and Sailcloth, and other Articles of the Produce of any Place bordering on the Baltic, which might be exported from this Kingdom; which last mentioned Act has also by several subsequent Acts been continued until the said 5th Day of April, 1788.

And whereas by another Act passed in this present Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act to continue the Laws now in Force for regulating the Trade between the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants of the Territories belonging to the United States of America, so far as the same relate to the Trade and Commerce carried on between this Kingdom and the Inhabitants of the Countries belonging to the said United States;" it is declared to be expedient that the said Act of the Twenty-third Year of His present Majesty's Reign, so far only as the same extends to the Trade and Commerce carried on between this Kingdom and the People and Territories belonging to the United States of America; and also that