

to 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 Judgments 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 Scotland, 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: Our Will is therefore, and We charge, that this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above mentioned the same may be published and read from the the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twelfth Day of February, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in the Thirty-sixth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 19th of February, 1796,

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 Twenty-sixth Day of December, 1792, to promise and declare, that the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and 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 Twenty Years, who should, on or before the Twenty-eighth Day of February then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or

Officers employed on Shore for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was also graciously pleased, by his said Proclamation, to declare, that all Able-bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Thirty-five nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should so enter themselves as aforesaid, should receive the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, as His Majesty's Royal Bounty: And whereas His Majesty was also graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of the said Month of February, 1793, to promise and declare, that a Reward of Twenty Shillings for every Able and Ordinary Seaman, fit to serve on board His Majesty's Ships, should be paid to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who might conceal him or themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's Service, on or before the Thirtieth Day of April then next, by any of His Majesty's Sea Officers appointed to raise Men on Shore, or by the Captains or Commanders of any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels in the Ports or on the Coasts of this Kingdom: And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations for Payment of the said Bounties and Reward, hath been prolonged and extended to the Twenty-eighth Day of this instant February; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Reward 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 Reward be prolonged and extended, from the said Twenty-eighth Day of this instant February to the Thirtieth Day of April, next, inclusive: Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly. *W. Fawcett.*

AT the Court at St. James's, the 26th of February, 1796,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint John Williams Hughes, of Tregyb, Esq; to be Sheriff of the County of Caermarthen, in the room of John Martin, of Laugharne, Esq;

War-Office, February 27.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Captain Stanhope Harvey, from the 79th Foot, to be Captain of a Troop, vice Lees, who exchanges.

Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Stanlake Batson to be Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Sheplerd, promoted; 79th Regiment of Foot, Captain Thomas Lees, from the 1st Life Guards, to be Captain, vice Harvey, who exchanges.