

“ stationed at Portsmouth and Plymouth, and else-
 “ where: And whereas We are well assured that a
 “ great Part of the Seamen and Marines on Board
 “ the said Ships at the Nore abhor and detest the
 “ Criminal Proceedings which are still persisted in
 “ on Board the said Ships, and are desirous to return
 “ to their Duty: Now, We being desirous to extend
 “ Our Gracious Intentions of Pardon to all
 “ such Seamen and Marines so serving on Board
 “ Our said Ships at the Nore, who may have returned,
 “ or shall return, upon the Notification of
 “ this Our Royal Declaration, to the regular and
 “ ordinary Discharge of their Duty, have authorized,
 “ and do hereby authorize and empower Our said
 “ Lords Commissioners of Our Admiralty, or any
 “ Three of them, to signify to all such Seamen and
 “ Marines, who may have been guilty of any of
 “ the treasonable Acts aforesaid, or of any Mutiny
 “ or Disobedience of Orders or Neglect of Duty,
 “ and who have returned, or who shall, upon
 “ Notification hereof on Board their respective
 “ Ships, return to the regular and ordinary Dis-
 “ charge of their Duty, Our Royal Intentions to
 “ grant to all such Seamen and Marines Our most
 “ Gracious Pardon, and to promise, in Our Name,
 “ to all such Seamen and Marines, who have so
 “ returned, or shall so return to the regular and
 “ ordinary Discharge of their Duty, Our most
 “ gracious Pardon accordingly: And We do hereby
 “ declare, that all such Seamen and Marines, who
 “ shall have so returned, or shall so return to their
 “ Duty, and to whom the said Lords Commissioners
 “ of Our Admiralty, or any Three of them, shall
 “ so promise Our Pardon, shall receive the same
 “ accordingly, and shall be discharged and released
 “ from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments and Penalties
 “ incurred by reason of any of the Acts aforesaid,
 “ or by reason of any Act of Mutiny or Disobedience
 “ of Orders, or any Breach or Neglect of Duty
 “ previously committed by them or any of them;
 “ hereby declaring at the same Time, that all such
 “ Seamen and Marines who shall not take the
 “ Benefit of this Our gracious Pardon, shall from
 “ henceforth be considered as liable, according to the
 “ Nature of their Offences, to such Punishment as the
 “ Articles of War and the Law have provided for the
 “ same.” And whereas Our Right Trusty and Right
 “ Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor George John
 “ Earl Spencer, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Charles
 “ George Lord Arden of Our Kingdom of Ireland,
 “ and William Young, Esquire, Rear-Admiral of the
 “ White, being Three of the Lords Commissioners of
 “ Our Admiralty, did cause Our gracious Intentions
 “ expressed in such Our Declaration, to be signified to

the Crews of Our Ships at the Nore, and did require
 such Crews to return to their due Obedience accord-
 ingly: And whereas it has been represented to Us,
 that some of the Crews of Our said Ships have been
 desirous of returning to their Obedience accordingly,
 but have been prevented from so doing by Violence;
 and others of Our Ships, in the actual Discharge of
 their Duty, have been fired upon, and Attempts
 have been made to prevent some of Our Ships from
 proceeding according to the Orders of their Com-
 manders: And whereas such continued Perseverance
 in rebellious and treasonable Attempts against Our
 Crown and Dignity, after repeated Admonitions
 and offers of Our gracious Pardon, render it necessary
 for us to call on all Our loving Subjects to be
 aiding and assisting in repressing the same; We have
 thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council,
 to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do
 hereby strictly enjoin and command all Our Admir-
 als, Generals, Commanders and Officers of Our
 Forces by Sea and Land, and all Magistrates what-
 soever, and all others Our loving Subjects, that they,
 in their several Stations, do use their utmost Endeavours,
 according to Law, to suppress all such mutinous
 and treasonable Proceedings, and to use all law-
 ful Means to bring the Persons concerned therein,
 their Aiders and Abettors, to Justice: And We do
 hereby strictly enjoin and command all Our loving
 Subjects whatsoever not to give any Aid, Comfort,
 Assistance or Encouragement whatsoever to any Per-
 son or Persons concerned in any such mutinous and
 treasonable Proceedings, as they will answer the
 same at their Peril; and also, to the utmost of their
 Power and according to Law, to prevent all other
 Persons from giving any such Aid, Assistance, Com-
 fort or Encouragement.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirty-
 first Day of May, One thousand seven hundred
 and ninety-seven, and in the Thirty-seventh
 Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 31st of May,
 1797.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS 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

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