

yines on Board certain of Our Ships at the Nore. We were pleased to command Our said Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty to signify to the said Seamen and Marines Our gracious Intentions, expressed in Our Royal Declaration, under Our Sign Manual, bearing Date at St. James's, the Twenty-seventh Day of May instant, in the Words following:

"Whereas it has been represented unto Us, that, notwithstanding the Declarations made in Our Name, and by Our Authority, by Our Lords Commissioners of Our Admiralty, of Our gracious Intentions to recommend to the Consideration of Parliament, to augment the Wages and Allowances of the Seamen and Marines of Our Fleet, which Our gracious Intentions and Declarations have since been carried into Effect by an Act of Parliament; and, notwithstanding the Communication made by Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Richard Earl Howe, Admiral of Our Fleet, of Our gracious Intentions towards the Seamen and Marines of Our Fleet, for the Pardon of the Offences by them committed, and Our Royal Proclamation thereupon, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of May instant; and notwithstanding the Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude with which the same were received by the Seamen and Marines of Our other Squadrons, yet the Crews on Board certain of Our Ships at the Nore have not only since the full Manifestation of all these Our gracious Intentions and Declarations been guilty of divers Acts of Mutiny and Disobedience of Orders, but have even proceeded to other Acts of the most heinous and treasonable Nature, by firing upon some of Our Ships in order to compel them to submit to their Direction; have threatened and taken Measures for stopping the Commerce of the Kingdom passing to and from the Port of London, and have, by Terror of their Force, compelled Two Frigates to desist from executing a particular Service, which by Our Orders they were directed to perform: We, thinking it right to warn all Our Seamen and Marines on Board the said Ships of the heinous Nature of the Offences by them committed, and of the dangerous Consequences thereof to the Spirit and Discipline of the British Navy, and to the Welfare of their Country, as well as their own Safety, do hereby earnestly require and enjoin all Our said Seamen and Marines, immediately on the Notification of this Our Royal Declaration, to return to the regular Discharge of their Duty, as has already been done by the Crews of Our other Squadrons and Fleets, stationed at Portsmouth and Plymouth, and elsewhere: 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 Discharge 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 accordingly: 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 Commanders: 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 Admirals, Generals, Commanders and Officers of Our Forces by Sea and Land, and all Magistrates whatsoever, 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 lawful 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,

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