

“ 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 North, 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, Assistance or Encouragement whatsoever to any Person 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, Comfort 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 21st of June, 1797,

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 Thirtieth Day of this instant June; 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 Thirtieth Day of this instant June to the Thirtieth Day of August next inclusive:—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Fawcett.

Admiralty-Office, June 27, 1797.

Copy of a Letter from Admiral Peyton, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Downs, to Evan Nepein, Esq; dated the 24th of June, 1797.

S I R,

YOU have enclosed herewith, for their Lordships Information, a Copy of a Letter I have received from Captain Bazely, of His Majesty's Sloop-Harpy, stating his having captured, on the 22d Instant, the Esperance, French Row-Boat, which had been Two Days