

By the KING,  
**A PROCLAMATION,**  
*For a Publick Thanksgiving for the many signal and important Naval Victories obtained in the present War.*

GEORGE R.

**W**E, taking into Our most serious Consideration the indispenfable Duty which We owe to Almighty God, for the manifold and ineffimable Blessings which these Kingdoms have received at his Hands, and desiring to manifest to Our faithful and loving Subjects, and to the whole World, the deep and devout Sense which We entertain of His great Mercies vouchsafed unto Us, by prostrating Ourselves before His Divine Majesty, and offering up, in the most publick and solemn Manner, Our Praise and Thanksgiving for the Interposition of His good Providence, in the many signal and important Victories obtained by Our Navy in the Course of the present War, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding, that a Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for these His Mercies, be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of December next: And We do strictly charge and command, that the said Publick Thanksgiving be reverently and decently observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland on the said Nineteenth Day of December next, 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 or neglect the Performance of so religious a Duty. Our Will and Pleasure 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 thereof, 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 thereof 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 Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

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

GOD save the KING.

By the KING,  
**A PROCLAMATION,**  
*For giving Currency to a New Coinage of Seven Shilling Gold Pieces.*

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS We have thought fit to order, that certain Pieces of Gold Money should be coined, which should be called "Seven Shilling Pieces," each of which should be of the Value of

Seven Shillings, and Three of which should be of the Value of One Guinea; and that each Piece should be of the Weight of 1 Pennyweight 15 Grains  $\frac{14}{1000}$  Troy Weight, of Standard Gold, being One Third of the Weight of a Guinea; and that Three of such Pieces should be of the Weight of 5 Pennyweights 9 Grains  $\frac{4}{1000}$  Troy Weight, of Standard Gold, being the Weight of a Guinea, according to the Weights approved and confirmed by Us in Our Council; in pursuance of an Act made in the Fourteenth Year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act for regulating and ascertaining the Weights to be made Use of in weighing the Gold and Silver Coin of this Kingdom!" And We have further thought fit to order, that every such Piece of Gold Money, so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, should have, on one Side thereof, Our Effigies or Portraiture, with Our Name, and the Words Dei Gratiâ, and on the Reverse, the Regal Crown of England, with the following Legend, Mag. Bri. Fr. Et Hib. Rex. And whereas Pieces of Gold Money of the above Description have been coined at Our Tower of London, and will be coined there, in pursuance of Orders which we have given for that Purpose, We have therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby ordain, declare and command, that the said Pieces of Gold Money so coined and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful Money of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and shall be called Seven Shilling Pieces, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful Money of Our said Kingdom; and every of such Pieces shall pass and be received as of the Value of Seven Shillings of Our lawful Money of Our said Kingdom, and Three of such Pieces shall pass and be received as of the Value of One Guinea of Our lawful Money of Our said Kingdom, in all Payments whatsoever.

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

GOD save the KING.

St. James's, December 9, 1797.

**T**HE following Addresses having been transmitted to the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been by his Grace presented to the King; which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

Unto the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,  
 The humble Address of the Grand Lodge and of the Masons of Scotland.

*May it please your Majesty,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Grand Master and other Officers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the Masters, Officers and Proxies of Lodges, and Brethren, in Grand Lodge assembled, though generally unaccustomed to approach your Royal Person, except upon Events connected with the Domestic Felicity of your illustrious House, yet trust we will be pardoned by your Majesty for thus expressing our Congratulations on the late Naval Victory, glorious almost beyond former Example. Actuated as we are by an honest Pride in the Reflection, that the signal Success on this Occasion was obtained, through Di-

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