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AT the Court at St. James's, the 27th Day of  
December, 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 Thirty-first Day of this instant

December; 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 Thirty-first Day of this instant December to the Twenty-eighth Day of February next inclusive:—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Fawcett.

Parliament-Street, January 2, 1798.

A Letter, of which the following is an Extract, has been received from Peter Le Mesurier, Esq; Governor of the Island of Alderney, by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, dated Alderney, the 25th of December, 1797.

I Have the Honor of informing you, that Yesterday Afternoon, at Three o'Clock, a French Curcer Privateer had the Boldness to chase the Ann Cutter, of Hastings, close under one of our Batteries, which she was just on the Point of Boarding with her Boat, when the Battery opened and obliged the French to steer off.

Having observed that the English Vessel outfailed the Enemy whilst there was a Breeze, and that the Privateer was not of great Force, I judged it probable that she might be captured by the Troops of the Garrison, and therefore ordered a Detachment, with an Officer, to embark in the same Vessel that had been chased, and in another, that fortunately happened to be in the Road, having previously promised some Gratuity to the Owners, and in a few Hours I learned, with much Satisfaction, that the Privateer was brought into our Harbour.

She proves to be the Epervier, Captain Fierce, with 24 Men, mounting 3 Guns, 2 Swivels, and Small Arms, belonging to Dunkirk, but fitted out from Cherburgh, on a Fortnight's Cruize from the 17th Instant; had, on the 21st, taken the Brig Ann, Le Hirrel, Master, from Galpe to Jersey, with

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