

By the KING.
A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, R.

WHEREAS His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His late Majesty King George the Third, was pleased, by His Royal Proclamation, bearing date the twentieth day of November one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, to declare His Royal will and pleasure, that the Governors or Deputy Governors of Gibraltar and Malta should be authorised to issue Mediterranean Passes for the protection of ships belonging to His said late Majesty's subjects in those possessions, according to a certain form therein referred to, marked (C), under and subject to certain regulations and sureties therein set forth; and whereas doubts have arisen as to the term during which it was intended that the said Passes should remain in force; We taking the premises into Our Royal consideration, and judging it necessary to remove such doubts, have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby declare, that the Passes to be issued by Our Governors or Deputy Governors of Our said possessions of Gibraltar and Malta for the protection of ships or vessels belonging to Our subjects in Our said possessions, according to the form (C), and under the conditions set forth in the before-mentioned Proclamation of the twentieth of November one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, shall be and continue in force for one year from the day on which the same shall respectively be issued, and no longer; and that at the expiration of that term, the said Passes shall be delivered up to the said Governors or Deputy Governors for the purpose of being cancelled, as required by the said Proclamation of the twentieth of November one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Given at Our Court at Carlton-House, this twenty-second day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and in the first year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 23d of February 1821,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board, a Memorial from the Commissioners for discovering the Longitude at Sea, in the words following, viz.

"WHEREAS by an Act of the fifty-eighth year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, and encouraging attempts to find a Northern Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and

to approach the Northern Pole;" and by another Act of the present session of Parliament, to amend the said Act, it is provided, that for the encouragement of persons who may attempt the said Passage, or approach to the Northern Pole, but not wholly accomplish the same; we, the Commissioners for discovering the Longitude at Sea, may by our Memorial propose to your Majesty in Council, to direct and establish proportionate rewards to be paid to such person as aforesaid, who shall first have accomplished certain proportions of the said Passage or Approach;

And whereas it appears that the progress of discovery has already advanced on the Northern Coast of North America, and within the Arctic Circle, as far as 113 degrees of West Longitude, or thereabouts, from Greenwich; but has not arrived Northward, according to any well authenticated accounts, so far as 81 degrees of North Latitude:

We, your Memorialists, beg leave most humbly to represent these particulars for your Majesty's consideration, and to submit, with all humility, whether your Majesty may not be graciously pleased to establish the following scale of rewards, to be allotted according to the intentions of the said Acts:

1.—To the first ship belonging to any of your Majesty's subjects, or to your Majesty, that shall reach the Longitude of 130° West from Greenwich, by sailing within the Arctic Circle £5,000

To the first ship as aforesaid, that shall reach the Longitude of 150° West from Greenwich, by sailing within the Arctic Circle, a further sum of £5,000

To the first ship as aforesaid, that shall reach the Pacific Ocean by a North West Passage, the further sum of £10,000

2.—To the first ship as aforesaid, that shall reach to 83° of North Latitude £1,000

To 85°, a further sum of £1,000

To 87°, a further sum of £1,000

To 88°, a further sum of £1,000

To 89°, or beyond, a further sum of £1,000

And if your Majesty should graciously approve these proposals, we further, with all humility, submit whether your Majesty would not be pleased, by your Order in Council, to revoke, cancel, and annul His late Majesty's Order in Council, of the nineteenth March one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, establishing the scale of rewards therein contained, for the accomplishment of certain proportions of the said Passage or Approach."

His Majesty, having taken the said Memorial