

Britain and Ireland, in the room of the said Francis Lord Napier, deceased, by open election and plurality of voices of the Peers that shall then be present, and of the proxies of such as shall be absent (such proxies being Peers, and producing a mandate in writing, duly signed before witnesses, and both constituent and proxy being qualified according to law), and the Lord Clerk Register, or such two of the Principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his name, are hereby respectively required to attend such meeting, and to administer the oaths required by law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their votes; and immediately after such election made and duly examined, to certify the name of the Peer so elected, and sign and attest the same in the presence of the said Peers the electors, and return such certificate into the High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We strictly charge and command that this Proclamation be duly published at the Market-Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the county towns in Scotland, twenty-five days, at least, before the time hereby appointed for the meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such election.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the twenty-first day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourth year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

*For putting in Execution the Law made to prevent the Enlisting or Engagement of His Majesty's Subjects in Foreign Service, and the Fitting out or Equipping, in His Majesty's Dominions, Vessels for warlike Purposes, without His Majesty's Licence.*

GEORGE, R.

**W**HEREAS hostilities at this time exist between different states and countries in Europe and America, and it is His Majesty's determination to observe the strictest neutrality with respect to the states and countries engaged in such hostilities; and whereas His Majesty has been informed, that attempts have been made to induce His Majesty's subjects to engage in such hostilities, by entering into the military and naval service of some of the said states and countries without His Majesty's leave or licence:

And whereas by an Act, made and passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty of Blessed Memory, intituled "An Act to prevent the enlisting or engagement of His Majesty's subjects to serve in foreign service, and the fitting out or equipping, in His Majesty's dominions, vessels for warlike purposes, without His Majesty's licence:"

It is, amongst other things, enacted, "that if any natural born subject of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, without the leave or licence of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, for that purpose first had and obtained under the sign manual

of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, or signified by Order in Council, or by Proclamation of His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, shall take or accept, or shall agree to take or accept any military commission, or shall otherwise enter into the military service as a commissioned or non-commissioned officer, or shall enlist or enter himself to enlist, or shall agree to enlist or to enter himself to serve as a soldier, or to be employed, or shall serve in any warlike or military operation in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or of any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of government, in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people, either as an officer or soldier, or in any other military capacity; or if any natural born subject of His Majesty, shall, without such leave or licence as aforesaid, accept, or agree to take or accept, any commission, warrant, or appointment, as an officer, or shall enlist or enter himself, or shall agree to enlist or enter himself to serve as a sailor or marine, or to be employed or engaged, or shall serve in and on board any ship or vessel of war, or in and on board any ship or vessel used, or fitted out, or equipped, or intended to be used for any warlike purpose in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign power, prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or of any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise the powers of government in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people; or if any natural born subject of His Majesty, shall, without such leave and licence as aforesaid, engage, contract, or agree to go, or shall go to any foreign state, country, colony, province, or part of any province, or to any place beyond the seas, with an intent, or in order to enlist or enter himself to serve, or with intent to serve in any warlike or military operation whatever, whether by land or by sea, in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any person or persons exercising or assuming to exercise the powers of government in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people, either as an officer or a soldier, or in any other military capacity; or as an officer, or sailor, or marine, in any such ship or vessel as aforesaid, although no enlisting money, or pay, or reward, shall have been, or shall be, in any or either of the cases aforesaid actually paid to or received by him, or by any person, to or for his use or benefit, or if any person whatever within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any part of His Majesty's dominions elsewhere, or in any country, colony, settlement, island, or place, belonging to or subject to His Majesty, shall hire, retain, engage, or procure, or shall attempt, or endeavour to hire, retain, engage, or procure, any person or persons whatever to enlist, or to enter, or engage to enlist, or to serve, or to be employed in any such service or employment as aforesaid, as an officer, soldier, sailor, or marine, either in land or