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By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION

For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from Serving of Foreign Princes and States.

WILLIAM R.

Whereas We have been Advertised, that great Numbers of Mariners and other Sea-faring Men, being Our Natural born Subjects, have betaken themselves to the Service of Foreign Princes and States, For Rewards thereof for the present, and preventing the like for the future, We by this Our Royal Proclamation, (with the Advice of Our Privy Council,) do strictly Charge and Command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, and other Sea-faring Men whatsoever, (being Our Natural born Subjects,) who are in the Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do Service in any Foreign Ships or Vessels, that forthwith they and every of them, do withdraw themselves and depart from such Foreign Services, and return home to their Native Countries; And further We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen and other Sea-faring Men whatsoever (being Our Natural born Subjects) from Entering themselves, and do hereby strictly Charge and Command them and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into Pay, or otherwise betake themselves to the Service of any Foreign Princes or States, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, without Our Special License first had and obtained in that behalf: To all which We expect due Obedience and exact Conformity, and do hereby publish and declare, That the Offenders to the contrary, shall not only incur Our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of Law. And further, We do hereby Authorize and Command all Our Officers and Ministers, in Our respective Ports, and all Captains, Masters, and other Officers serving and employed in any of Our Ships or Vessels at Sea, to stop and make stay of all such Person and Persons as shall endeavour to Transport or Enter themselves into the Service of any Foreign Prince or State, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation, and also to seize upon, take and bring away all such Mariners, Seamen, and other Persons aforesaid, as shall be found to be employed or serving in any Ships or Vessels belonging to any Foreign Prince or State; or to any Merchant or other Person or Persons, being Subjects of any Foreign Prince or State.

Given at Our Court at Hampton-Court the 29th Day of April, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

By the King and Queen,

A PROCLAMATION

For Prohibiting Seamen from Deserting Their Majesties Service.

WILLIAM R.

Whereas the King and Queen's most Excellent Majesties have occasion to employ Their Royal Navy for the Honour and Safety of Their Majesties Realms and Dominions, in carrying on a War against the French King; And whereas by the Laws of this Realm, every Mariner, Seaman and Soldier receiving Press-Money, to serve the King in any of His Ships, and after refusing to serve, or absenting himself at the Time and Place

appointed unto him for his Service, doth incur Danger and Penalty of Felony, and is to be punished and Forfeit as a Felon; Nevertheless His Majesty is informed, that several Mariners, Seamen and Soldiers, Press'd for His Service, and having received Press-Money, do neglect to repair to, and desert the said Service, whereby Their Majesties Ships may be unfurnished, and Their Service disappointed, to the Dishonour of Their Majesties, and Danger of Their People, especially in this Time, when the French have already invaded Their Majesties Dominions, and are preparing to deprive Their Subjects of their Privilege of Trade, and other Interests.

Their Majesties therefore, in Their Princely Wisdom, foreseeing the Inconveniences which may ensue, have thought fit, with the Advice of Their Privy Council, to publish Their Majesties Royal Proclamation, and do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Mariners, Seamen and Soldiers, who are or shall hereafter be Press'd for Their Service in any Ships or Vessels belonging to the said Navy, and have received, or shall receive Press-Money for that purpose, that they duly repair and come to the Places, and at the Times appointed unto them, and there continue in the Service unto which they are or shall be respectively Commanded, upon pain of Death, and all such other Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures, as by the Law can be inflicted or imposed upon them. And for the speedy and effectual Prosecution of such Offenders, Their Majesties have thought fit, and do intend forthwith to issue Commissions of Oyer and Terminer, for their Legal Tryal and Punishment according to Justice: And for the better Execution of this Their Royal Intention, do hereby Charge and Command all and singular Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and other Their Majesties Officers, Ministers and Subjects, whatsoever within this Realm, with all Care and Diligence to make Search for, discover, and apprehend all and every Person and Persons offending as aforesaid, and such as shall be apprehended forthwith to Commit, or cause to be Committed to the next Goal of the County, City or Place where they shall be so apprehended, there to remain until they shall be duly Proceeded against, and Delivered by Course of Law. And that the Names of the Persons so Apprehended and Committed, be forthwith sent to Their Majesties, or the Privy Council, that Care may be taken for their speedy Prosecution accordingly.

Given at Our Palace of Hampton-Court the 29th Day of April, 1689. In the First Year of Our Reign.

Constantinople, Jan. 8. The Grand Signior continues at Adrianople; Where the Chant of Tartary is daily expected, and on his arrival it's thought there will be Changes at Court. There are extravagant Taxes raising on Turks, Jews, and Christians: Brass Money is coined of about a Third, or rather Fourth Part of the Weight of an English Earthing, which passes for an Asper; And they talk of raising the value of all sorts of Money, which gives a great stop to Trade: The Wants of this Government are so great, that they know not which way to turn themselves; And though the French do all they can to encourage them to carry on the War, and recover their Losses, yet they are altogether incapable of doing it, having no Money, nor Military Stores; The Soldiery Disobedient, all *Nobles* in Disorder, and the Spaniards and Militia there declare openly, they cannot abandon their Wives and Families to the Multitude of Robbers that swarm among them, to go to the War; So that a Peace, in all probability will soon be made, or a Truce for some Years, for this Empire cannot be settled in less than 3 or 4 Years, in any tolerable Condition of strength for a new War, much less can they carry on the old. Monsieur Girardin, the French Ambassador, died here the 4th instant; His Brother supplies his Place till further Order from the French Court.

Cologne, May 3. The Troops of the Allies, who have now their Head Quarter at Nuis, are in few days expected in this Neighborhood; And, in the mean time, Provision is making here for their Subsistence. We are told, that those of