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By the King and Queen.

A PROCLAMATION

For Encouraging Seamen and Mariners to Enter themselves on Their Majesties Ships of War.

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WE being desirous to give all due Encouragement to such Seamen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, Have thought fit by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation: And We do hereby Publish and Declare, That all such Seamen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves on Board any of Our Ships of War, of the First, Second, and Third Rates, before the Twentieth Day of January next, shall receive Six Weeks Pay as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, which shall be paid them before the respective Ship, to which they belong shall Sail from the Ruy of the Nose. And We do hereby further Declare, That all such Able Seamen that shall so Voluntarily Enter themselves within the time before-mentioned on Board any of Our Ships of the First, and Second Rates, shall be Turned Over to other Ships. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen to Repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, and give their Constant Attendance for fitting out to Sea such Ships as each of them is belong unto. And We are also Graciously pleas'd to Declare, That Conduict-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall likewise be Allowed to such Able Seamen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves on Board any of Our said Ships, according to the true meaning of this Our Proclamation. And for the Prevention of any Deceits and Abuses that may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entering him or themselves on Board any other of our said Ships, as aforesaid, in order to the Obtaining of the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare, and Command, That such Seamen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall leave any the Ships or Vessels to which they belong, and Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in order to the Obtaining of the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ship which they shall so leave, but shall also be severely Punish'd according to their Deserits.

Given at Our Court at Westmhall the One and twentieth Day of December, 1691. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

Warsaw, December 7. The Forces of this Crown are sent into their Winter Quarters, being much weakened by their last Expedition. The Court continues at Warsaw. We do not yet hear that any Summons are given out for the calling a Dyer, and some begin to think there will be none held this Winter. The Officers have in the mean time Orders to use all possible diligence in recruiting their Troops.

Vienna, Dec. 15. The Letters from General Veterani's Quarters at Lissa of the 28th past say, That on the 22d they were inform'd from Lippa, that the Turks had

strangled *Topal Bassa*, to whose ill Conduct they imputed the miscarriage of their late design to retake *Great Wallaradin*; And that they had sent *Tockley* a Prisoner to *Constantinople*, to answer at the Port for the part he had in it. The 23d a Russian Captain, called *Cosob*, arriv'd at *Lofcadi*, and gave an account, that he had since the Departure of *Salskement* made several Excursions with the Russians under his command towards *Nissa* and *Sophia*, in which he pretends to have cut off above 3000 Turks and Tartars, and to have taken as much Cattel and other Provisions as served for the subsistence of his Men. On the 24th they received advice, that greatest part of the Tartars were returned home upon the news of the Moscovites having invaded their Country; But that the Han himself was gone to *Belgrade*. On the 25th they heard that Captain *Hinger* was arriv'd at *Campseber* with the Troops that are to remain in *Garison* there, and that he had sent a Detachment to possess themselves of the Castle of *Lutges*. The 26th they received the confirmation from *Lippa* of *Topal Bassa's* being strangled, and *Tockley's* being sent a Prisoner to *Constantinople*; And on the 27th had intelligence, that *So Coruzzi*, who were in the Service of *Tockley*, had deserted in a Body with the Officer that commanded them, and were come over to Colonel *Molnar*, who is posted at *Beligues*: And that 1200 Janifaries had been sent from *Belgrade* to reinforce the *Garison* of *Temiswar*, which was before very weak. From *Hannstadt* in *Transylvania* they write of the 7th instant, that General *Peterani* arriv'd there the 5th, having put the Troops under his command, which had lain some time in Quarters of Refreshment about *Lofcadi*, into the several *Garisons*, where they are to remain during the Winter. That the States of that Principality are to meet towards the end of this month at *Clausenburg*; And that they had news, that *Tockley* was again at Liberty, and come to *Varasovicz*. The *Marquis de Doris*, who stayed with him as a Hostage for General *Hess's* Ranison, is lately dead. All the Advices for General *Hess's* Ranison, is lately dead. All the Advices for General *Hess's* Ranison, is lately dead. Here has been a report, that the Grand Vicer was come to *Moldavia*, but no Credit is given to it.

Hildelberg, Decemb. 22. General *Carantz* is now perfectly recovered of his late Illness, and intends to go and visit the Imperial Troops that are quartered in that Part. The French bring together great quantities of Provisions on the other side of the *Rhine*. Their Troops are continually moving from one *Garison* to another; and they have lately detached some towards *Savoy*.

Cologne, Decemb. 28. General *Dimitz* has within these few days taken a review of the *Brandenburgh* Troops that are quartered at *Reug, Zulpech, Lothenich*, and other places in this Duche; and has given very strict Orders to the Officers to have their Companies compleat by the middle of *February*.

Geneva, December 21. *Montmelian* holds out still, but is look'd upon to be in much danger: The last Advices say, that the French had fixed their Miners to the Bailon of *Beaufortin*; That their Mine would be ready to spring last night or this morning, and after that they pretended to give an Assault. They write from *Turin*, that the Duke of *Savoys's* Troops were all on their march towards the Valley of *2000*, where was appointed their General *Rendzevuz*; And that 'twas said, they would enter into *Asnoy* to relieve *Moscardian*, but this seeming impracticable, for that the Mountains they must pass are now all covered with Snow. 'Tis thought they have some other design, which is kept secret.

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