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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION

For Encouraging Mariners, Seamen and Landmen to Enter themselves on Board His Majesties Ships of War.

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WE being Desirous to give all due Encouragement to all such Able Seamen as have not been in Our Service the last Year, or being in the Service have been Regularly Discharged therefrom, and also to able bodied Landmen, who shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and Remain 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 Promise and Declare, That all Seamen and able-bodied Landmen who shall, after the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation, and before the Twentieth Day of February next, Voluntarily Enter themselves and Remain on Board any of Our Ships of War or Fireships, or on any Press Vessels or Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, shall Receive as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty the respective Allowances and Rewards following, viz. Each able and ordinary Seaman Three Months Pay, and each able-bodied Landman One Months Pay, to be Paid to them by or before the First Day of May next; and if any Ship shall be sent Abroad the Men so Entred on Board the said Ships shall be Paid before they Sail. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen 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 do belong unto. And We are also Graciously pleased to Declare, That Conduct Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall likewise be Allowed to such Seamen and Landmen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves, and Remain on Board any of Our said Ships, according to the true Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for the Prevention of any Deceit 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 and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall leave any of 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 also be Severely Punisht according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at Kensington, the Twenty sixth Day of December, 1695. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

Genova, December 11. The Advices from Toulon continue to speak of the preparations the French are making to fit out their Fleet against Spring, which they say is to return to the Ocean. The Squadron of Gallies commanded by the Duke of Turis is still in this Port. By a Vessel from the Coast of Barbary we are told, that the Algerines are fitting out several Men of War to joyn the Turkish Fleet in the stead of those that served there the last Summer, and are lately come home. This State has sent the Marquis *Mari* in the Quality of their Envoy to the Marquis *de Leganez* Governor of Milan, to make up the Difference that has depended so long about the Business of the Salt at Final.

Turin, Dec. 12. The Duke of Savoy has ordered the Officers in his Service to hasten their Recruits, and several Magazines to be provided for the next Campagne. The Governor of Milan makes the like provision for carrying on the War, and expects from the Viceroy of Naples a Supply of Money and Reinforcement of Men. The Orders forbidding all Persons to carry Provisions to Pignerol are strictly put in execution, and severe Punishments inflicted on those that are found offending therein, which is the reason that Garison now wants the Provisions they used to be furnished with by the Country People of the Neighbourhood.

Venice, Dec. 17. The Senate have resolved to augment both their Fleet and Army against the next Summer; For which purpose Levies are making, and several new Ships of War and Gallies are fitting out, which may be ready by the beginning of March to sail to the Levant. The Venetian Fleet Winters at *Napoli di Romania*; and the Captain General has sent an account

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