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By the Lords-Justices,

## A PROCLAMATION.

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C. S. Pembroke C. P. S. Shrewsbury.

**W** Hereas by an Act made the last Session of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for the Enccrease and Encouragement of Seamen, It was, amongst other things, Enacted, That all and every able Mariner, Seaman, Waterman, Fisherman, Lighterman, Bergeman, Keelman, or Seafaring-man, being a Natural Subject of this Realm, or of any of His Majesties Dominions, or being Naturalized or made a Denizen, and above the Age of Eighteen, and under the Age of Fifty Years, and being capable of Sea Service, who should be willing to Enter himself for the Service of His Majesty and his Successors in His or Their Fleet, or Navy, should by himself or any other Person by him thereunto in Writing Authorized, give in his Christian Name and Surname, and proper Addition, together with his Age and Place of Abode, unto such Officer at the Navy Office in London, or other Place, and in such manner as should be appointed by His Majesty and His Successors; by which Registering himself, such Person will become Intitled to several great Priviledges and Advantages in the said Act mentioned; And by the said Act it is provided, for the better Support of the Hospital in the said Act mentioned for the Relief of Seamen, their Widows and Children, there should be paid out of the Wages of every Seaman, Serving in any of His Majesties Ships, or in any of His Subjects Ships, Sixpence a Month, to be Collected, Levied and Recovered by such Officers, and according to such Rules as should in that behalf be appointed by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; And it is provided likewise, That every Seaman, at the time of his being Registered, shall bring a Certificate of his Place of Abode, under the Hands of Two Justices of the Peace of the County or Place where he lives, and to bring a like Certificate, as often as he changes the Place of his abode, to the Register, on the Penalty of losing the Benefit of his being Registered: Now for putting the said Act in Execution, We have thought fit, by the Advice of His Majesties Privy Council, to Issue this Proclamation, to give Notice that the Head Office for Registering Seamen according to the said Act, is kept on Tower-Hill in London, where all Persons qualified by the said Act, may Register themselves according to the Directions thereof; and that the Collectors of His Majesties Customs in the respective Ports of this Realm (except the Port of London) are Appointed to be the Registers for the Purposes aforesaid, in their respective Ports, and for all Places Adjacent to the same. And to the end the Persons who are to Pay the Sixpence a Month out of the Seamans Wages may know to whom to Pay the same, We have thought fit to give Notice, that the Collectors of His Majesties Customs in all Ports (except for the Port of London) are Appointed to be Receivers of the said Duty, for the

Wages of all Seamen, in any Ship arrived in the said Port, or any Creek or Haven thereunto belonging. And that William Bathurst Esq; who is Resident near the Custom-House in London, is Appointed Collector of the said Duty for the Wages of all Seamen, in any Ship arriving at the said Port of London, or any Creek or Haven belonging to the same. And for the better Recovering the said Duty, the Masters of every Ship or Vessel, are to stop the Sixpence a Month out of every Seamans Wages they Pay, and to Account for and Pay the same, as is herein before Directed. And lastly, to the end that no Seaman may be ignorant of what is expected from him, on or after his Registering himself, We have thought fit hereby to give Notice, That in his Certificate from the Justice of the Peace, the Name, Age, Description of the Person as well as Place of Abode of every Seaman be express, and at or near what Sign or Remarkable Place he lives, and if a Lodger his Landlords Name: And that a like Certificate be brought as often as he shall remove. And that on such Seamans going to or returning from Sea, that he gives Notice to the Register of the Port or Place where he is Registered; for which said several Certificates from the Register, or the Justices of the Peace, no Fee or Reward whatsoever is to be given by the said Person or Persons so Registering or Removing him or themselves as aforesaid.

Given at the Council Chamber in Whitehall, the Tenth Day of August 1696. In the Eighth Year of His Majesties Reign.

And whereas by the Act of Parliament mentioned in the above Proclamation, it is provided, that all Seamen and Seafaring Men to be Registered as aforesaid, who are or shall be Inhabitants within any of the Cinque-Ports, their Towns and Members, shall and may be Registered by such Officer or Officers, and at such Place or Places within the said Ports, and in such manner as shall for that purpose be appointed and nominated by the Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports for the time being, or in case there be no Lord Warden, or in his absence, by the Lieutenant of Dover Castle for the time being. Now for the better putting the same in Execution, the Lord Warden of the said Cinque-Ports does hereby give notice, That the Head-Office for the Registering of Seamen as aforesaid is kept at the Town and Port of Dover, where all Persons being Inhabitants within the said Ports, and qualified by the said Act, may Register themselves for the Service of His Majesty in His Royal Navy, and that the Collectors of His Majesties Customs in the respective Port of Hastings, Seaford, and Rye in Sussex, Romney Hyeth, Folskilton, Deals, Sandwich, Romesgare, Margate, and Beversham in Kent, being within the said Cinque-Ports, except the said Port of Dover, are appointed to be the Registers for the purposes aforesaid in their respective Ports, and for all Places adjacent to the same. And to the end that no such Seaman may be ignorant of what is expected from him on or after his Registering himself, Notice is hereby further given, that every such Seaman at the time of his being Registered is to bring the like Certificate to such Register as aforesaid, and at such other times of his removal, or going to or returning from Sea, and under the like Penalty as any other Seaman or Seafaring Man being elsewhere Registered by virtue of the said