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By the QUEEN, A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to Enter themselves on Board Her Majesties Ships of War.

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Whereas it is Our Royal Invention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen and Able-Bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and Remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, We 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 such Seamen, and Able-Bodied Landmen (not above the Age of Fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years) who on or before the First Day of February next, shall voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships of War, of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Rates, or of any of Our Fire-Ships, Bomb-Vessels or Tenders, who shall be in Sea-Pay by that time, or with any Justice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral, to serve on Board any of Our said Ships or Vessels, shall Receive, as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Rewards and Allowances following, (viz.) Every such Seaman Two Months Pay, to be paid to them respectively by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, before the respective Ships, on which they shall be, do Proceed to Sea. And We do hereby Require and Direct, That if any such Seamen, or Able-Bodied Landman, shall, within the time before mentioned, or within Twelve Days after, Enter himself with any Justice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral, to serve on Board any of Our said Ships of War, or other Vessels before mentioned, such Justice of the Peace, or Vice-Admiral respectively, shall give to each Man so Entering a Certificate under his Hand and Seal (without Fee or Reward) of his Entry, and the time of such Entry, and for what Ship, and shall thereby limit such a Number of Days as may be Necessary for his Repairing on Board such Ship, or any other Ship, Bomb-Vessel or Tender in Our Service, at the next Port. And We do hereby Declare, That all such Seamen, and Able-Bodied Landmen, who shall, on or before the said First Day of February next ensuing, Enter themselves, as aforesaid, and within the time limited and appointed in such Certificate; Repair on Board any of Our Ships or Tenders, shall be Intituled to Our Royal Bounty herein before appointed, according to their respective Qualifications, and not otherwise; And that they and also such who shall so Enter themselves within Twelve Days after the said First Day of February, shall be allowed Time without Molestation, to render themselves on Board Our Ships of War; And therefore We do hereby Require and Command all Captains Commanding any of Our Ships of War, or other Our Ships or Vessels aforesaid, and all other Persons whatsoever, Authorized or Impowered to Impress Mariners for Our Service, That they do not Impress or Molest any such Seaman or Able-Bodied Landmen, to whom such Certificates, as aforesaid shall be given, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation, or any Men now in Our Service, who by Tickets Signed by any One of Our Flag-Officers, have or shall have Leave to be Absent from their Duty to the First Day of February next, before they shall fail to render themselves on Board such of Our Ships, Vessels or Tenders, on which they shall Enter themselves to Serve, or to which they shall Belong, according to the Time limited by such their Certificates or Tickets. And to the end We may be truly informed what Persons shall so Enter and Render themselves to Serve on Board Our Fleet in pursuance of this Our Proclamation, We do hereby Require and Command Our re-

spective Captains Commanding any of Our said Ships of War, or other Our Ships or Vessels aforesaid, and also all Justices of the Peace and Vice-Admirals within this Realm respectively, to transmit to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy exact Lists and Accounts of the Names, Ages and Descriptions of the Persons who shall voluntarily Enter themselves with them, and the Time when, and Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which shall be allowed them respectively for Repairing themselves on Board, and of the Times of their respective Repairing on Board any of Our said Ships. 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, or to which they shall Belong, within the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets, on pain of Our highest Displeasure. And We are also graciously pleased to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen, so voluntarily Entering and Repairing themselves on Board, according to the true meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for Prevention of any Deceits or Abuses which 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 Ships, as aforesaid, in order to the Obtaining the Bounty-Money therein 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 absent themselves from any of the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in order to the Obtaining 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 punished according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further Declare, That if such Men in Our Service, who are or shall be permitted to be Absent by such Tickets, as aforesaid, do not repair on Board their respective Ships by the time allowed by such Tickets, they shall not only be liable to be Impressed, but to suffer such further Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And We do hereby also strictly Charge and Command all the Captains and Officers of Our Ships, and others, who shall be Employed in the Impressing of Men for Our Fleet, that they take particular Care not to Impress or Entertain any Persons whatsoever, who shall not be truly Qualified to serve in Our Royal Navy. And whereas it has been often found, that in time of War, great Numbers of Seamen have left the usual Places of their Abode, and have removed themselves into Private and Obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid the Publick Service when there is the greatest Occasion for them, We do hereby therefore Require and Command all Our Justices of the Peace, Constables and other Officers, that they not only give all necessary Assistance to Our Officers Employed in Pressing as aforesaid; But that they do use their utmost Endeavours to Discover, Secure and Send to some Sea-Port Town all such Seamen as shall so Abscond, after the said First Day of February next, in order to their being put on Board Our Fleet, in Ours and their Countreys Service, and that of what they shall so herein, they from time to time send an Account to the Commissioners of Our Navy.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the One and Thirtieth Day of December, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the Q U E E N.

Venice, Dec. 29. N. S. An Express arrived this week from Verona, with Letters from General Malino, giving an Account, That the French had taken Governoro from the Imperialists, with the Loss, as it is said, of 2500 Men, in which number are reckoned 200 Officers. The Germans are now taking all possible care to secure the Post of Oglia on the Po. The River Secchia has late-