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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For the Putting in Execution an Act of Parliament for the Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen, and for the better and speedier Manning Her Majesty's Fleet, and also for the Encouragement of Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, voluntarily to Enter themselves in Her Majesty's Sea-Service.

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WHEREAS by an Act Passed the last Sessions of Parliament, Entituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Encrease of Seamen, and for the better and speedier Manning Her Majesty's Fleet, It is, among other things, Enacted, That all and every the Justices of the Peace within the severall Counties, Ridings and Places of this Realm, and the Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and all the Mayors, Bayliffs, and other Chief Magistrates of the respective Cities, Boroughs, and Towns Corporate within the same, and every of them, shall, and they every of them respectively is and are thereby Authorized and Required, upon every Application to be respectfully made to them by such Persons who shall be Authorized by Us under Our Royal Sign Manual, or by Our High Admiral of England, or by any Three or more of the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of England for the time being, to Receive and Conduct Seamen, from time to time, until the First Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and six, to make and cause to be made diligent Search for all such Seamen and Seafaring-Men, who have been actually employed at Sea since Our happy Accesion to the Crown, as he bid, withdraw, or conceal themselves, and to cause all such Seamen and Seafaring-Men, as aforesaid, which shall be found or discovered, to be taken up, secured, and on Examination of them forthwith to be delivered over for Our Service at Sea, to the Persons so to be appointed: And for the more effectual doing thereof, to Issue Warrants to the High Constables, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs and Tythingmen, or other Officers and Inhabitants, within their respective Jurisdictions, or to the High Constables for issuing their Precepts to the Petty Constables, and other Officers aforesaid, for doing the same, to be Performed and Executed in such manner, and at such time as in and by the said Act is directed. And the said High Constables, and other Officers, are thereby Enabled to Enter into, and in Case of Denial of Entrance to break open the Doors of any Houses where they shall suspect any such Seamen to be concealed, and they may be Fined by Justices of the Peace and Magistrates, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, for refusing or neglecting to Act carefully and diligently therein. And that every Seaman or Seafaring-Man, who shall be taken and delivered, as aforesaid, shall have his Pay commenced from the time of such Delivery, and also from the same time, shall be deemed a Seaman or Mariner in Our Service, as much as if he had received Wages, or been Mustered; and if such Seaman or Seafaring-Man shall wilfully Desert or Run away from his Conduktor, such Desertion or Running away, shall be judged Felony without Benefit of Clergy, and the Justices of every County, Riding, Division, City, Town or Place, or any of them, where any such Seaman shall be taken, shall have full Power, by Virtue of that Act, to commit such Offender to the Common Goal, in order to be Tried and Punished for the said Offence. And that upon Delivery of every such Seaman or Seafaring-Man, as aforesaid, to the respective Persons that shall be appointed to Receive and Conduct them, as aforesaid, (who are to give Receipts for such Seamen) such Persons so appointed, shall, out of the Money given for the Service of the Navy, to be put into their Hands for this Purpose, pay for every such Seaman or Seafaring-Man the Sum of Twenty Shillings, as a Reward to or among the Constables, or other Officers, who discovered, took and secured the said Seaman, and for paying his or their Charges in the said Service, on Receipts to be given for the same to such Conductors; And that Conductors money for Conveying and Subsisting the said Seamen, till they are on Board some of Our Ships or Vessels in Sea-Pay, shall be furnished or allowed according to the present Wages of the Navy. And that if any Person or Persons whatsoever shall presume to Harbour or Conceal any Seaman or Seafaring-Man, liable to be taken upon that Act, or shall wilfully do any Act or Thing whereby the Execution of that Act, in Searching for, Taking and Securing or Conducting such Seamen, as aforesaid, shall be Hindered or Frustrated, or shall Entice any Seaman to run away from his Conduktor, such Offender, for every such Offence, shall forfeit Five Potnds to the Use of the Parish where such Offence shall be Committed. And for the Encouragement of all Seamen, who are or shall be in Our Service at Sea, it is thereby Declared and Enacted, That every Seaman who from and after the Twentieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and six, shall be Turned over from one Ship to another in Our Service, or Turned ashore, or not being fit for Our Service, shall be paid his Wages which shall appear to be due to him when the Ship from which he was Turned over, before such Ship to which he shall be Turned over do go to Sea, either in Money or by a Ticket, which shall Entitle him or his Assigns to Payment within one Month after the said Ticket shall be presented to the Commissioners of the Navy at their Office. And for the better Encrease of Seamen, and Supplying the Wants of them, it is thereby further Enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Directions, Clauses, Matters and Things contained in an Act of that Session of Parliament for Recruiting Our Land-Forces and Marines, for the Year One thousand seven hundred and six, shall and may be Executed, Practised and put in Use, for Supplying Our Navy with Able-bodied Landmen, being such

Persons as are liable to be raised for Land-Service by such other Act, and that Our Service in Raising such Able-bodied Landmen, shall and may be Performed and Carried on by such Justices, Magistrates, and other Persons, and in such Manner and Form (the Reading of any Articles of War excepted) and under such Rules and Restrictions as are prescribed by such Act for the Land Service. And that such Able-bodied Landmen shall be delivered to such Conductors, as aforesaid, who shall Secure and Drive them on Board some of Our Ships or Vessels in Sea-Pay, and shall, out of the Monies given for the Navy, and to be put into their Hands for this Purpose, pay for every such Able-bodied Landman that shall be Impressed, the like Rewards or Encouragements as are to be paid for the Men to be Listed by such other Act for the Land-Service. And that no Mariner or other Person who is or shall be Entered in Our Sea-Service, and hath been Mustered on Board any of Our Ships or Vessels of War, and doth continue Entered in Pay on any of the said Ships Books, shall, during this present War, (such Person so continuing in Our Service so long) be Arrested, or Detained in Prison, or taken out of the said Service by any Process whatsoever, in any Civil Action, Suit or Cause, wherein the Debt or Damages shall not appear (by Affidavit to be Filed in the Court out of which such Process shall issue, before the taking out such Process) to exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds. And the Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of every respective County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City or Place, before whom any Persons shall be Impressed for the Sea-Service, in pursuance of that Act, are at every General Quarter-Sessions for such County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City or Place, to exhibit an Account, under their Hands and Seals, of the Names of the severall Persons by them so Impressed, at any time preceding such General Quarter-Sessions, together with the Names of the Hundred, Parish or Place from whence, and the Parish-Officers or other Officers by whom, and times when such Persons were brought and Impressed, and of the Names of the Conductors to whom such Persons were delivered; and that such Accounts shall be kept by the Clerk of the Peace or the Town Clerk of such County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City or Place, among the Records thereof; To which Accounts all Persons may have Resort, at reasonable times, without any Fee or Charge; and the Clerk of the Peace or Town-Clerk of every such County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City or Place, is from time to time, within Twenty Days after such Quarter-Sessions, to Transmitt true Copies thereof, attested by himself to the Secretary of Our High Admiral of England, or of the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral of England. And that no Person of the Age of Eighteen Years, who Voluntarily Bound, or hereafter shall Bind himself Apprentice to a Master, or Owner or Owners of any Trading Ship or Vessel, pursuant to an Act made in the Second Year of Our Reign, shall have any Exemption or Protection from Our Sea-Service, who shall have been in any Sea-Service before the time he Bound himself Apprentice. And that in case such a Number of Watermen, Barge-men, Lightermen and Wherry-men belonging to the River of Thames, as Our High Admiral, or any Three or more of the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Our High Admiral of England, for the time being, shall from time to time give Notice to the Company of Watermen as there shall be Occasion for to Serve Us (being duly Summored by leaving Notice in Writing at the Place of their usual Abode by the Company) within Ten Days after such Summons, shall not appear before the Rulers of the said Watermen's Company, to be sent on Board Our Fleet, such Person or Persons so Summored, and being duly Convicted before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of the City of London, or Two Justices of the Peace of the said City, and Two of the said Rulers, That then he or they so doing and Offending, shall suffer Imprisonment during the space of One Month, and be Disabled from Rowing and Working upon the said River of Thames, and of Enjoying any of the Advantages or Privileges of the said Company for the space of Two Years. And in and by the said Act, there is Liberty given for Insolvent Debtors, not being indebted above Sixty Pounds, who were in Prison for Debt and Damages on the Sixteenth Day of February last, to Enter themselves Voluntarily in Our Service in Our Navy, to serve therein during this present War, and also for Three or more of Our Justices of the Peace, one to be of the Quorum, to send such Prisoners so indebted, who shall decline to Enter themselves into Our Service, on Board Our Fleet. And We being willing and desirous that all Our good Subjects should have early and sufficient Notice of the Penalties and Forfeitures before mentioned, to the end they may avoid incurring the same, and that the Powers in the said Act may be put in Execution for the speedy Manning of Our Fleet, have, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, to Notify and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects the Purport and Tenor of the said severall Parts of the said Act, hereby Requiring and Commanding all Persons concerned to Conform themselves to the said Act, and to do and perform all the Matters and Things thereby Required of them respectively. And as a yet further Encouragement of Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, not above the Age of fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years, other than such Persons who were actually Prisoners for Debt on the said Sixteenth Day of February last, as aforesaid, who on or before the first Day of May next shall Voluntarily Enter themselves into Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships of War, Fire-Ships or Bomb-Vessels, (Indentures only excepted) who are or before that time shall be in Sea-Pay, or with any Justice of the Peace or Chief Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral or other Commission Officer, to serve on Board any of Our said Ships or Vessels, shall Receive, as Our free Gift and in full Bounty, the respective Rewards and Allowances following; that is to say, Every such Seaman Two Months Pay, and every such Able-bodied Landman One Months Pay, to be paid to them respectively