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By the QUEEN,

## A PROCLAMATION.

Appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken, and the Bounty for Taking Ships of War and Privateers of the Enemies.

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Whereas by an Act made and passed the last Sessions of Our last Parliament, Intituled [An Act for the better Securing the Trade of this Kingdom by Cruizers and Convoys] It is Enacted, for the better and more effectual Encouragement of the Sea-Service, That from and after the Six and twentieth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and eight, if any Ship or Ships of War, Privateer, Merchant Ship, or other Vessel, shall be taken as Prize by any of Our Ships of War, or by Privateers, and Adjudged as Lawful Prize in any of Our Courts of Admiralty, the Flag Officer or Officers, Commanders or Commandants, and other Officers, Seamen, and others, who shall be actually on Board such Ship or Ships of War or Privateers, which shall take such Prize or Prizes, shall after such Condemnation, have the sole Benefit and Property in such Prize or Prizes, so taken and adjudg'd, to their own use, without further Account to be given for the same; such Prize to be sold by such Person or Persons as shall be Authorized and appointed so to do by the Commander or Commandants, and other Officers of such Ship or Ships as shall take such Ship or Ships, or the major part of them, under their Hands and Seals, and the whole Produce thereof to be Divided or Distributed among the said Officers, Seamen and others, according to their respective Shares, in Manner, Form and Proportion as by Our most Gracious Proclamation, to be Issued for that purpose, shall be Directed and Appointed. And whereas for the further Encouragement of such Officers, Seamen, and others, who shall actually be on Board any such of Our Ships or Privateers as shall take any Ship or Ships of War, Privateer or Privateers of the Enemies, It is Enacted by the said Act, That over and above the aforementioned Encouragement, there shall be paid by the Treasurer of Our Navy, unto the said Officers, Seamen, and others, who shall be actually on Board such Ship or Ships of War or Privateers, as shall take any such Ship or Ships of War, Privateer or Privateers, as shall be taken as Prize, before the said Officers, Seamen, and others, who shall be actually on Board such Ship or Ships of War, Privateer or Privateers, in such Addition unto the said Ship or Ships of War, Privateer or Privateers, as shall be taken as Prize, Five Pence for every Man who was Living on Board such Ship or Ships of War, Privateer or Privateers, at the beginning of the Engagement between them, the Number of such Men to be proved by the Oaths of Three, or more of the said Officers or Men which were belonging to the said Ship of War or Privateer of the Enemies, at the time of her being so taken as Prize, before the Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate at the Port wherunto such Prize shall be brought; Which Oaths the said Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of every such Port, is by the said Act Impowred and Required to administer, and shall forthwith Grant a Certificate thereof, without Fee or Reward, Directed to the Commissioners of Our Navy, upon producing unto the said Commissioners of Our Navy, together with an Authentic Copy of the Condemnation by Our High Courts of Admiralty, in said Commissioners of Our Navy, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that purpose, Bills, according to the Course of the Navy, within Eighteen Days, make out Bills for the Amount of such Bounty, Directed to the Treasurer of Our Navy, Payable to, and Divided amongst the Officers, Seamen, and others, in Manner, Form and Proportion as by Our Proclamations, to be Issued out for that purpose, should be Directed and Appointed. And whereas by another Act made the last Sessions of Parliament, Intituled [An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade to America] It is in like manner Enacted, That the Flag-Officers, Commandants, and other Officers and Seamen of every Ship or Vessel of War, which now is or shall be in Our Service and Pay, shall have the sole Property and Interest of, and in all and every Ship, Hull, Goods and Merchandizes they shall take in any part of America, the full and adjudget Lawful Prize in any of her Majesty's Courts of Admiralty, to be Divided in such Proportions, and after such Manner, as We, Our Heirs and Successors shall think fit to Order and Direct: We have taken the Premises into Consideration, and do pursuant to the said Act of Parliament (with Advice of Our Privy-Council) by this Our Royal Proclamation, Order, Direct and Appoint, That the neat Proceed of all Prizes and Bounties for Prisoners taken, be divided into Eight equal Parts, whereof the Captain or Captains of any of Our Ships of War, who shall be actually on Board at the Taking of any Prize, shall be allowed one Eighth Part: But in case any Prize shall be taken by any Ship or Ships of War under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag-Officer or Officers being an actually on Board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, to have one Eighth Part of the said three Eighths; To the Master-Captain, Sea-Lieutenant and Master, shall be allowed one Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; The Marine-Lieutenant, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Master's Mate, Chirurgeon and Cooks, one Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; The Middlemen, Carpenters Mates, Boatswains Mates, Gunners Mates, Corporals, Teamen of the Sheets, Coatswain, Quarter-Master, Gunner-Mates Mates, Chargeous Mates, Teamen of the Powder-Trays, and Servants of Marines, one Eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them; The Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters, Cooks, Stewards, Cooks, Armourer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunner, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Letter, and Marine-Soldiers, two Eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them. And in case any Sea-Captain, inferior Commission or Warlike Sea-Officers belonging to any Ship or Ships, for whom any Shares of Prizes are hereby allowed, be absent at the Time of the taking of any Prize, the Share of

cast into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeter, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armourer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Letter, and Marine-Soldiers, to be equally divided among them. And We do hereby strictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commandants of Our Ships of War taking any Prize, as soon as may be, to transmit, or cause to be transmitted to Our Commissioners of Our Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, and others, who were actually on Board Our Ships of War, under his or their Command, at the taking of such Prize; which List shall contain the Number of each Person as he stands upon the Ships Book, and the Quality of his Service, and the same shall be subscribed by the Captain or Commanding Officer, and Three or more of the Chief Officers on Board. And We do hereby require and direct Our Commissioners of Our Navy, or any three or more of them, after Condemnation of such Prize, to Examine, or cause to be Examined such List by the Muster-Book of such Our Ships of War, to see that such List doth agree with the said Muster-Book as to the Names, Qualities or Ratings of the Officers, Seamen, and others belonging to such Ship of War, and upon Request forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any List transmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, pursuant to the said first-mention'd Act, to take care or dispose of such Prize; and also upon Application to them, to give, or cause to be given unto the Agents, who shall at any time or times be appointed, as aforesaid, by the Captors of any Prizes taken by any of Our Ships of War, all such Lists from the Muster-Book of any of Our Ships of War, as the said Agents shall find requisite for their Direction in Paying the Produce of such Prizes; or the Bounties in case any Bounty shall be due for taking the same, and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents as shall be necessary. And in regard Privateers are set forth, and Mann'd at the Charges of the particular Owners thereof, who make Agreements with their Seamen, what Shares and Proportion each Man on Board such Privateer shall have of any Prize which shall be taken, and it will not be reasonable, That any Seaman or Person on Board such Privateer or Privateers, should be Entitled to any thing otherwise than according to the particular Agreements he shall have signed to such Owner or Owners: We do hereby Ratify and Confirm all and every such Contracts and Agreements, which shall be enter'd into upon the putting forth any such Privateer or Letter of Marque Ship; And do hereby Declare, That every Article and Thing whatsoever which shall be contain'd in such Contracts, Stipulations and Agreements, shall be as Firm, Valid and Effectual in Law, as if they had been set forth and mention'd in this Our Royal Proclamation. And whereas by the said Act, It is further Enacted, That after the Sale or Sales of such Prize or Prizes as shall be taken from the Enemy, Publick Notification shall be given by the Persons or Agents appointed, of the Day appointed for the Payment of the several Shares to the Captors, after which Publick Notification, if any Mens Shares shall remain in the Hands of the Persons or Agents appointed, as aforesaid, either belonging to such Men as shall Dye or Run from the Service, or such as shall not be legally demanded within three Years, then such Share or Shares so remaining in such Persons or Agents Hands, shall go to and be paid to the Use of Greenwich Hospital: To the End that all Persons who are or shall be Entitled to any such Share or Shares, shall have due Notice of the Time of Payment thereof, so as to make their Claims thereunto in due Time, Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, That the Persons or Agents which shall be appointed to make such Sales, shall give Notice of the Day and Place which shall be by them appointed for Payment of the several Shares to the Captors in the London Gazette. And to the End that the Governours of Greenwich Hospital may know who are the Persons or Agents employ'd to Receive and Pay the several Shares of such Persons as were on Board the Ship or Ships, who shall take any Prize, so as to Demand the Share of such of the Captors who shall Dye or Run from the Service, or shall not legally make their Demand within Three Years, Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, That a true List of the Names of such Persons as shall be so appointed Agents for the Purposes aforesaid, shall be forthwith certified to the Governour or Deputy Governour for the time being, of the said Hospital, by Our High Court of Admiralty, who upon Delivery of any Prize-Ship or Vessel, is hereby Required to take an Account of the Names of such Persons as are or shall be appointed Agents by the Captors.

Given at Our Court at Kensington the Twentieth Day of May, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

Turin, May 19. N. S. The second Battalion of General Schukenberg march'd from this Place on the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant, in order to go to the Vall-d'Aost, where it is to serve this Campaign. Signior Tiepolo, the late Ambassador of the Republick of Venice to France, is arriv'd here from Paris, on his return home, and has had the Honour to wait upon his Royal Highness, and afterwards upon the Duchesses Confort and Dowager. On the 15<sup>th</sup> the Prince of Wirtemberg left this Place, to go and visit some of the Imperial Troops which are canton'd at Rivoli, and the parts adjacent. Major-General Stanhope having receiv'd an Express from Genoa, that her Majesty's Ship the Milford and Foway were come in there, set out from hence on the 16<sup>th</sup> for Savona, where they are ordered to take him on Board, and sail to Barcelona. By