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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to Enter themselves on Board Her Majesty's Ships of War.

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Whereas it is our Royal Intention 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 at any time before the Twenty fifth Day of March next ensuing, shall voluntarily Enter themselves in our Service, with a Commission-Officer of any of our Ships of War, or with any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral, to serve on Board any of our Ships or Vessels of War (Tenders only excepted) shall receive, as our free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Rewards and Allowances following; (that is to say) every such Seaman two Months Pay, and every such Able-bodied Landman one Month's 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 Seaman, or Able-bodied Landman, shall, within the time before-mentioned, enter himself 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 Ships of War, or other Vessels before-mentioned, such Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate, Vice-Admiral, or other Commission-Officer 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 (not exceeding fourteen Days) as may be necessary for his repairing on Board such Ship, or any other Ship, Tender or Bomb Vessel in our Service, at the next Port which shall be appointed to receive them. And we do hereby declare, that all such Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, who within the time aforesaid, shall Enter themselves, as aforesaid, and within the time limited and appointed in such Certificate, repair on Board any of our said Ships or Tenders appointed to receive them, (according to their Qualifications aforesaid, and not otherwise) shall be entitled to our Royal Bounty herein before appointed, and intended for them respectively, and to their Pay from the time of their first Entering with such Justice of the Peace, or other Officer, as aforesaid; and that they 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, and all other Persons whatsoever, authorized or empowered to impress Mariners for our Service, that they do not impress any such Seamen or Able-bodied Landmen, to whom such Certificate 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 of our Flag Officers, have or shall have leave to be absent from their Duty to the said twenty fifth Day of March next, before they shall

fail to render themselves on Board such of our said Ships or Vessels, on which they shall Enter themselves to serve, or to which they shall belong, according to the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets; nor any Person or Persons protected or employed in the River, or on the Coasts, by the Commissioners of our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs or Transportation, or the Watermen in our Service, or such Watermen belonging to each Insuring Office within the Cities of London and Westminster and Limits thereof, for Insuring Houses against Loss by Fire, not exceeding thirty for each Office, whose Names and Places of Abode are or shall be Registered and Entred with the Secretary or other Officer of the Admiralty-Office. 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 Royal Proclamation, we do hereby require and command our respective Captains commanding any of our said Ships of War, or other our Ships or Vessels, as aforesaid, and also all Justices of the Peace, Chief Magistrates, Vice-Admirals, and other Commission-Officers aforesaid 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 the Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which shall be allowed them respectively for rendering themselves on Board, and of the Time of their respective repairing on Board any of our said Ships. And we do hereby require and command 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 graciously pleased further to declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen so voluntarily entering themselves on Board, according to the true Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation. And for preventing 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, in order to obtain 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 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 obtain the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships they shall so leave, but also shall 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 other Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And we do hereby require all our Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, and also all our Captains of our Ships and others, who shall be employed in impressing Men for our Fleet, That they take particular care not to take up, Impress or Entertain any very old Men, Boys, or others, who by reason of Infirmity or otherwise, are not fitly qualified for our Service in our Royal Navy, for that none such shall be received by the Officers of our Fleet into our Service. And we do hereby require and command all our Justices of the Peace, Chief Magistrates, Constables, and other Of-