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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen to Enter themselves on Board His Majesties Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

Whereas for the Defence of our Realms we have directed, That several of our Ships of War be forthwith fitted out for our Sea-Service, and it is our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Able and Ordinary Seamen, 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 (not above the Age of Fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years) who on or before the One and twentieth Day of July now last past, have Voluntarily Entered or on or before the Four and twentieth Day of this Instant Month of August, shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in our Service with any Officer or Officers of our Ships of War, who are or shall be, within the Times aforesaid, in Sea-Pay, or other Commission Sea Officers, to Serve on Board any of Our said Ships of War, shall receive, as our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the Reward and Allowance of one 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 shall, within the Times aforesaid, Enter themselves with any of the Officers aforesaid, to Serve on Board any of our said Ships of War, such Officer or Officers 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. And we do hereby Declare, That all such Seamen, who, within the Times aforesaid, have Entered, or shall Enter themselves, as aforesaid, and within the Time limited and appointed in such Certificate, shall repair on Board any of Our said Ships of War, appointed to receive them, shall be entitled to our said Royal Bounty, and to their Pay from the Time of their first Entering with such Officer or Officers, as aforesaid. 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 respective Officers aforesaid, to transmit to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy exact Lists and Accounts of the Names, Ages and De-

scriptions 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 Rendering 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 to repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, within the Time limited by such Certificates, 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 so Voluntarily Entering themselves on Board according to the true Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation. And for Preventing 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 herein before granted, we do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen belonging to any of our Ships of War, as shall Absent themselves from any of the said Ships to which they shall belong, and shall Enter themselves on Board any other of our said Ships, in order to the obtaining the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships which they shall so leave, but also be severely Punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the Fifth Day of August, 1715. In the Second Year of Our Reign.

God save the KING.

St. James's, August 8. The following Addresses have been presented to his Majesty.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Bishop and Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster.

Most gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Bishop and Clergy of the Cities of London and Westminster, most humbly crave leave to renew the Assurances we have lately given of the true and faithful Allegiance, which by the Principles and Doctrines of the Church of England, we are in Duty bound to bear to your Majesty, and to return our most hearty Thanks for your gracious and effectual Care of those Interests of our Holy Religion, in which Her late Majesty Queen Anne, of ever blessed Memory, proceeded so far, and which we humbly presume to lay before your Majesty at your Accession to the Throne. We think our selves more especially obliged to repeat those assurances at this Time, when an Invasion apprehended from Abroad, and Tumults fomented at Home, seem combin'd together to disturb the Peace and Tranquility of your Government, so expose your Kingdoms to the danger