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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
GEORGE R.

WHEREAS we did think fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council, to issue Our Royal Proclamation, bearing Date the 5th Day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventeen, in the fourth Year of our Re^{ign}, therein taking Notice, That we had received Information, that several Persons, Subjects of Great Britain, had, since the four and twentieth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifteen, committed divers Piracies and Robberies upon the High Seas in the West-Indies, or adjoining to our Plantations, which had and might occasion great Damage, to the Merchants of Great Britain, and others, Trading into those Parts: And we did thereby Promise and Declare, That in case any the said Pirates should, on or before the fifth Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eighteen, Surrender him or themselves in manner as therein is directed, every such Pirate and Pirates, so Surrendering him or themselves, as aforesaid, should have Our Gracious Pardon of and for such his or their Piracy or Piracies, by him or them committed before the fifth Day of January next ensuing: And whereas several of the said Pirates, not having had timely Notice of our said Proclamations, may not have surrendered themselves within the Time therein appointed, and by reason thereof are incapable of Receiving the Benefit of Our Royal Mercy and Clemency intended thereby: And though We have appointed such a Force, as we judge sufficient for Suppressing the said Piracies, yet the more effectually to put an end to the same, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation: And we do hereby promise and declare, That in case any the said Pirates shall, on or before the first Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, Surrender him or themselves to One of Our Principal Secretaries of State in Great Britain or Ireland, or to any Governour or Deputy Governour of any of Our Plantations or Dominions beyond the Seas, every such Pirate and Pirates, so Surrendering him or themselves, as aforesaid, shall have Our Gracious Pardon of and for such his or their Piracy or Piracies, by him or them committed before such Time as they shall have received Notice of this Our Royal Proclamation: which Pardon or Pardons we have authorized and commanded our respective Governours to grant accordingly. And We do hereby strictly charge and command, all our Admirals, Captains, and other Officers at Sea, and all our Governours and Commanders of any Forts, Castles, or other Places in our Plantations, and all other our Officers Civil and Military, to seize and take such of the said Pirates, who shall refuse or neglect to surrender themselves accordingly: And We do hereby further declare, That in case any Person or Persons, on or after the first Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, shall discover, or seize, or cause to be discovered or seized, any one or more of the said Pirates, so neglecting or refusing to surrender themselves, as aforesaid, so as they may be brought to Justice and convicted of the said Offence, such Person or Persons, so making such Discovery or Seizure, or causing or procuring such Discovery or Seizure to be made, shall have and receive, as a Reward for such Discovery, viz. For every Commander of any Pirate Ship or Vessel, the Sum of One hundred Pounds; For every Lieutenant, Master, Boatswain, Carpenter, and Gunner, the Sum of Forty Pounds; For every Inferior Officer,

the Sum of Thirty Pounds; and for every private Man, the Sum of Twenty Pounds; And if any Person or Persons belonging to, and being part of the Crew of any such Pirate Ship or Vessel, shall, on or after the said first Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and nineteen, seize and deliver, or cause to be seized and delivered, any Commander or Commanders of such Pirate Ship or Vessel, so as that he or they be brought to Justice, and convicted of the said Offence, such Person or Persons, as a Reward for the same, shall receive for every such Commander, the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; which said Sums the Lord Treasurer, or the Commissioners of our Treasury for the Time being, are hereby required and directed to pay accordingly.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty first Day of December 1718, in the Fifth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

Town of Nassau on the Island of Providence, Nov. 11.
On the 25th of July last in the Evening, His Majesty's Ship the Rose, which had come in Company with Mr. Woodes Rogers, Governour of the Bahama Islands, came into our Road; but one Charles Vane, who commanded the Pyrates, caused a French Ship of 22 Guns that he had taken to be set on Fire, in order to drive out the Rose; which was obliged to cut her Cables and run out in the Night. The next Morning His Majesty's Ship the Milford, and the Delicia, on board which was the Governour, being seen at some Distance standing in for this Harbour; Vane and about 90 of his Men made off in a Sloop: Two Sloops were sent after them, but could not get up with them. The Governour sent Officers ashore at his first coming in on the 26th; but his Ship and the Milford running a-ground, he delayed landing till the 27th; when he took Possession of the Fort, and caused His Majesty's Commission to be read in the Presence of his Officers, Soldiers, and about 300 of the People found here, who received him under Arms, and readily surrendered, expressing great Joy for being restored to a regular Government. The Governour having chosen six of the Persons who came with him, viz. Mr. Robert Beauchamp, William Fairfax, Wingate Gale, George Hooper, Christopher Gale, and Thomas Walker, and six of the Inhabitants who had not been Pyrates, and were of good Reputation, viz. Mr. Nathaniel Taylor, Richard Thompson, Edward Holmes, Thomas Barnard, Thomas Spencer and Samuel Watkins, to form a Council; he assembled them on the 1st of August, when Mr. William Fairfax was received as Judge of the Admiralty in the Bahama Islands, and Mr. John Graves as Collector of the Customs; pursuant to the Commissions they had brought with them from England; and Mr. Robert Beauchamp (first Lieutenant of the Governour's Independent Company) was appointed Secretary, as were Mr. Christopher Gale Chief Justice and Register, Mr. William Walker Provost-Marshal, and Mr. George Hooper a Naval Officer, to continue till His Majesty's Pleasure be known. That Day came before the Council about 200 of those who had been Pyrates, and surrendered themselves to the Governour, claiming the Benefit of His Majesty's Proclamation relating to Pyrates, and took the Oaths of Allegiance to His Majesty, as did also several Inhabitants of these Islands. A Number of the Inhabitants and of their Negroes have since been employed to put this Fort into the best Repair possible; and to mount Guns up-