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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we are informed, That divers Seamen and Seafaring Men are gotten into Inland Counties, with design to shelter themselves there from our Service, and by their so absconding, when there is a pressing Occasion for their Service, we have reason to apprehend, that our Ships, which are now fitting out, cannot be so timely manned as the Service may require, notwithstanding all the Endeavours that have hitherto been used, both by pressing and entertaining Volunteers; we do therefore, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, strictly charge and require all Justices of the Peace and other Magistrates of every Town and County within this Kingdom, but more especially of those Towns which lie on the Road from any Sea-Port Town to London, That they use their utmost Endeavours to apprehend and seize all Stragling Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen, Fishermen, and Lightermen, which are of able Bodies, and fit to serve on Board our Ships, and which shall be met with by or before the Tenth Day of May next; and cause them to be sent to the nearest Sea-Ports, where any of our Ships of War, or Tenders belonging to the same, shall be, namely, Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Harwich, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; and we enjoin them to take Care, that such Stragglers be delivered to the Officers and Commanders which shall be on Board such Ships of War or Tenders. And we do hereby further command and direct, That the Officers (who receive such Stragling Seamen or Seafaring Men) give Receipts for them; and that they insert in such Receipts, not only the Names of the Men, but the Names of the Ships or Vessels they shall be entertained for, together with the Time when, and the Place where, they are so received. And we hereby further direct and require all our Captains, Lieutenants, and other Officers of our Ships of War, That they do not receive any Old Men or Boys, or Infirm or Diseased Persons, unfit for our Service. And as an Encouragement to all Officers and others, who shall apprehend and send on Board any of our Ships of War or Tenders, any such Stragling Seaman or Seafaring Man, we do hereby order and direct our Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy, to give Orders to the Clerks of the Cheque at the said several Ports (upon producing to them such Receipts from the Officers of our Ships of War, who received such Men on Board our Ships of War or Tenders) to pay unto the Persons so bringing and delivering such Stragling Seamen or Seafaring Man, Ten Shillings for every Man who shall be brought within Twenty Miles from that Place where he or they were first taken up, and Six Pence per Mile for every Man who shall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and above the aforesaid Ten Shillings. And that our said Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy do direct the said Clerks of the Cheque at the several Ports, not only to keep an exact Account of the Money by them expended in this Service, but that they take Care, that the said Men, for whom Receipts shall be given, be put on Board some of our Ships of War, or Tenders to them belonging; and that such Receipts as shall be so tendered them, be delivered up into the Hands of the said Clerks of the Cheque, upon the Payment of the Allowances before-mentioned; and that they cause to be transmitted to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy, a true and just Account of the Names of the Men they receive, and the Ships or Vessels on which they put them on Board, together with the aforesaid Receipts, that so they, the said Commissioners of our Navy, may be the better enabled to inspect into the Validity of the said Accounts.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Nineteenth Day of March, 1718, in the Fifth Year of our Reign.

God save the KING.

His Majesty's most gracious
DECLARATION,
For the Encouragement of his Ships of War and Privateers.

GEORGE R.

His Majesty, for vindicating the Honour of his Crown, for the Maintenance of his solemn Treaties and Engagements, and for the Preservation of the Rights and Advantages of his Subjects, finding himself obliged to declare War against Spain, is resolved, in so just and necessary an Undertaking, in Conjunction with his Allies, vigorously to prosecute the same. And being most graciously inclined to give all due Encouragement to the Valour and Fidelity of his Subjects, serving on board any of his Ships of War or Privateers, hath thought fit, by the Advice of his Privy Council, to publish and declare, that if any Ship, Vessel, or Goods, belonging to the Enemy, or otherwise liable to Confiscation, shall be seized or taken at Sea, or in any of the Enemy's Ports, Havens, or Rivers by any of his Majesty's Ships of War, or Merchant Ships employed in his Service, and shall be condemned and adjudged as lawful Prize to his Majesty, the same, as soon as conveniently may be, shall be appraised, and, after due and publick Notice, openly sold by Inch of Candle, to the best Advantage; and after satisfying the Duties and Customs payable by Law, and the legal and necessary Charges thereupon, the neat Proceed of all such Prizes so taken, shall be divided into eight equal Parts; whereof the Captain or Captains of any of his Majesty's Ships of War, who shall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, shall be allowed two eighth Parts: 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 actually on board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, to have one eighth Part of the said Prize: But in Case there be no Flag-Officer, the Captain to have that one eighth Part likewise in Addition to his two eights: To the marine Captains, or the Captain of a Company of Foot, who serves on board as a marine Captain, sea Lieutenants, and Master, shall be allowed one eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: The marine Lieutenants or Lieutenant of Foot Companies, serving on board as Marines, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Masters Mate, Chirurgeons and Chaplain, one eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: The Midshipmen, Carpenters Mates, Boatswains Mates, Gunners Mates, Corporals, Yeoman of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter-master, Quarter-masters Mates, Chirurgeons Mates, Yeoman of the Powder-room, and Sergeants of Marines, or the Sergeants of Foot Companies serving on board as Marines, one eighth Part, to be equally divided amongst them: The Trumpeters, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Letter, and marine Soldiers, or land Soldiers, serving on board as such, two eighth Parts, to be equally divided amongst them. And in Case any sea Captain, inferior Commission or Warrant sea Officers, belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes are hereby allowed, be absent, and not on board at the time of the Capture of any Prize, the Share of such sea Captain, inferior Commission or Warrant sea Officer, shall be cast into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeter, Quarter-Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Stewards Mate, Cooks Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, Volunteers by Letter, and marine Soldiers and land Soldiers, serving on board as such to be equally divided amongst them. And his Majesty doth hereby strictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of his Ships of War, taking any Prize, as soon as may be, to transmit, or cause to be transmitted to the Commissioners of his Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, and others, who

who were actually on board his Ships of War, under his or their Command, at the taking 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 his Majesty doth hereby require and direct his Commissioners of his 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 his 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 to take care, or dispose of such Prize; and also upon Application made 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 his Ships of War, all such Lists from the Muster-Book of any of his Ships of War, as the said Agents shall find requisite for their Direction in paying the Produce of such Prizes; and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents, as shall be necessary. And in regard Privateers are set forth, and manned at the Charges of the particular Owners thereof, who make Agreements with their Seamen, what Shares and Proportions 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, his Majesty doth hereby ratify and confirm all and every such Contracts and Agreements, which shall be entered into upon the putting forth any such Privateer, or Letter of Marque Ship. And his Majesty doth hereby declare, that every Article and Thing whatsoever, which shall be contained in such Contracts, Stipulations, and Agreements, shall be as firm, valid, and effectual, as if they had been set forth and mentioned in this his Royal Declaration, so as the same be consonant to the Laws of the Land. And his Majesty doth hereby further declare and direct, 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 die 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 whereunto in due time, his Majesty doth hereby declare his Royal Will and Pleasure, 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 employed 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 die or run from the Service, or shall not legally make their Demand within three Years, his Majesty's 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 his Majesty's 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 St. James's the Nineteenth Day of March 1718. In the Fifth Year of our Reign.
God save the KING.

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Berne, March 22. On Sunday last a Proclamation was read in all the Churches of this Canton, by which a Reward of one Hundred Crowns is promised to any one that shall discover an Anabaptist within the Territories of this Republick, and such of that Sect as shall be found to have stayed within the Dominions of this State after the late Act of Banishment, are threatened to be sent to the Gallies without Mercy. A Commission has been lately appointed by this Canton; consisting of Two Members of the Lesser Council; and Two Clergymen of this Place, who are to go to Lausanne soon after Easter, in order to visit that Academy on the part of this State. They write from Milan of the 15th Instant, that the four Prisoners of State, who are of the chief Nobility of that Dutchy, and were confined some Months ago to the Castle of that Capital, by the Emperour's Order, were set at Liberty, upon the Intercession Count Coloredo the new Governour has made in their Favour at the Court of Vienna.

If the Person who sent a Letter to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; dated the 19th Instant, and Subscribed J. T. R. will apply to the said Secretary of State, or either of his Secretaries, and make out what is proposed in the said Letter, he shall meet with all suitable Encouragement.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury do hereby give Notice, that they have contracted and agreed with the Governour and Company of the Bank of England, from Lady-Day 1719; to exchange for ready Money all Exchequer Bills that shall be deposited at the Bank to be so exchanged. And that the said Bills are to have the same Currency in all the Publick Revenues, as they formerly used to have.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, the 18th Instant received an Anonymous Letter by the Penny-Post, without Date, signed Unknown, and calls himself a Merchant, making Notice of Corruption and irregular Practices in some of the Officers of the Customs: And they do hereby desire the Person who wrote the said Letter, to give the said Commissioners a particular Account of the Officers who shall have been guilty thereof, so as they may be punished.

Wine-Licence-Office, March 20, 1718.

All Persons owing Arrears of Rent for Wine Licences; or whose Licences are expired, are hereby required to take Notice, that if they do not pay the said Arrears and renew the said Licences with all Speed, they will be forthwith prosecuted for the same: And whereas His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the said Revenue have received certain Information of divers Persons presuming to retail Wine without Licences, and to whom Letters have been sent adverting them of the Penalty incurred thereby; these are also to give Notice, that unless such Persons do speedily apply themselves to the said Commissioners, the Law in such Cases made and provided will be forthwith put in Execution.

Notice is hereby given, That the Half-yearly General Meeting of all the Members of the Westminster Fire-Office, will be held at the Office at Tom's Coffee-House in St. Martin's-Lane, for Electing of Auditors for the Year ensuing, and for the Dispatch of other Affairs relating to the Community, on Thursday the 9th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon.

Advertisements.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Edward Ives, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, in the County of Middlesex, Ironmonger, and he being declared a Bankrupt; the Commissioners intend to meet on the 7th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, to appoint Assignees; where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts and pay Contribution-Money: All Persons who are indebted to the said Bankrupt, or have any Goods or Effects of his in their Hands, are to pay or deliver the same to any Persons but whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but are to give Notice to Sir, Wears, Attorney; at his Chambers in Chancery-lane, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt was lately awarded against Paul Daranda, of London, Merchant, but no further Proceedings have been had thereupon; Notice is hereby given, that the said Commission was superseded under the Great Seal of Great Britain the 23d Instant: And all Persons indebted to the said Daranda, or his Estate, may still pay and deliver the same to him, or whomsoever he shall appoint.

The Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded against James Key, of London, Grocer, intend to meet on Thursday the 16th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts and paid Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.