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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 Straglers 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