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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on board His Majesty's Ships of War.

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WHEREAS it is our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in our Service; 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 able Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty-five, nor under the Age of eighteen Years, fit for our Service, who shall in Great Britain, on or before the Fifteenth Day of March next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of our Ships, or the chief Officers on board such Tenders as shall be employed for raising Men for the Service of our Navy, or with any Justice of Peace or chief Magistrate of any City or Town, shall receive, as our Royal Bounty, the Sum of two Guineas each Man; and all such ordinary Seamen fit for our Service, who shall so enter themselves, as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of thirty Shillings each Man, as our Royal Bounty; such respective Sums to be paid them by the respective Clerks of the Check residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships into which they shall be entered shall be, immediately after the second Muster of such Seamen: And we do hereby further promise and declare, That all such Seamen, who shall so voluntarily enter themselves, as aforesaid, shall be assured of receiving Six Months Pay, although there shall happen to be no Occasion for their Service so long. And we do hereby require and direct, That if any such Seamen shall voluntarily enter themselves within the Time before mentioned with any Officer, Justice of Peace, or chief Magistrate, as aforesaid, such Officer, Justice of the Peace, or chief Magistrate 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 shall thereby limit such Number of Days, not exceeding

ten, as may be necessary for his repairing on board; and in which Certificates they are to insert the Names of the Persons so entering, and to describe their Persons and Ages, and to mention therein the Time allowed them to repair on board our said Ships. And we do hereby declare, That all such Seamen, who on or before the said Fifteenth Day of March next, shall voluntarily enter themselves, as aforesaid, and shall within the Time limited and appointed in such their Certificates repair on board and remain in any of our said Ships and Vessels, shall be entitled to the Benefit of our said Royal Promise, as aforesaid, and not otherwise; and in such Case every such Seaman shall be entitled to his Pay from the Time of his being first entered, as aforesaid. And we do hereby require and command all Persons whatsoever that may be authorized or impowered to impress Mariners for our Service, that they do not impress or molest any such Seamen 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 the Captains of our Ships or Vessels to which they belong, have or shall have Leave to be absent from their Duty for any Time not exceeding twelve Days, before which Time they shall not fail to render themselves on board our said Ships or Vessels whereto they shall belong, according to the Time limited by such their Certificates or Tickets: And to the End we may be truly informed what Persons shall so enter and render themselves to serve on board our Royal Navy, in Pursuance of this our Royal Proclamation, we do hereby require and command our respective Captains, Lieutenants, and chief Officers, commanding any of our Ships of War, or other our Ships or Vessels aforesaid, and also all Justices of the Peace and chief Magistrates within Great Britain, 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 Times when, and Places where, and of the Times which shall be allowed them respectively for rendering themselves on board, and of the Times of their respective repairing

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