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By the King,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For a General Fast.

GEORGE R.

WHereas we have found ourselves obliged, for vindicating the Honour of our Crown, securing the Trade and Navigation of our Subjects, and defending our undoubted Rights, to declare War against the King of Spain, and are determined to prosecute the same with the utmost Vigour, till, by the Blessing of God on our Arms, we shall obtain that Satisfaction and Security which we may hope from the Justice of our Cause; We therefore, putting our Trust in the divine Assistance, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, hereby Command, that a publick Fast and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Wednesday the Fourth Day of February next, that so both we and our People may humble ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for our Sins; and may, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send our Prayers and Supplications to the divine Majesty, for averting those heavy Judgments, which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved, and imploring his Blessing and Assistance on our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity to us and our Kingdoms. And we do strictly charge and command, that the said publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as we may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so Religious and Necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and we charge, that incontinent this our Proclamation seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, That Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewards of Stewtries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to see the same published: And we appoint them to send Doubles hereof to the several Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's-Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Twenty Fourth Day of December,

(Price Two Pence.)

1740, and in the Fourteenth Year of our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the King,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For Encouraging Seamen and able-bodied Landmen to enter themselves on board our Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

WHereas it is our Royal Intention to give due Encouragement to all such Seamen and able-bodied Landmen 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 Seamen not above the Age of Fifty-five, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, fit for our Service, or able-bodied Landmen from Eighteen to Thirty Years of Age, who shall in Great Britain, Ireland, or the Islands of Guernsey or Jersey, on or before the Fifteenth Day of February 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 respectively receive as our Royal Bounty, the respective Sums following, (that is to say) Every able Seaman the Sum of Two Guineas, every ordinary Seaman the Sum of Thirty Shillings, and every able-bodied Landman the Sum of Twenty Shillings each Man; such respective Sums to be paid them by the Clerks of the Check, or by the Treasurer of our Navy, in Manner following, (that is to say) If the Ships they enter into fit out in the Rivers of Thames or Medway, so soon as they get to the Nore; and if the said Ships fit out at Portsmouth, so soon as they go out to Spithead; and if the said Ships fit out at Plymouth, before they sail from Hamoaze; and if the said Ships fit out at any other Ports, so soon as they shall arrive at the Nore, or at Spithead, or in Plymouth Sound. And we do hereby require and direct, that if any such Seaman or Landman shall voluntarily enter themselves within the Time beforementioned, with any Officer, Justice of Peace, or chief Magistrate as aforesaid, such Officer, Justice of 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