

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 such Seamen and Landmen, who on or before the said Fifteenth Day of February 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 Royal Promise as aforesaid, and not otherwise. And in such Case, every such Seaman and Landman shall be entitled to his Pay from the Time of his being first entred as aforesaid. And we do hereby require and command all Persons whatsoever that may be authorized or empowered to impress Mariners for our Service, that they do not impress or molest any such Seamen or Landmen to whom such Certificates as aforesaid shall be given, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation; or any Man now in our Service, who by Tickets sign'd 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, Ireland, and the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, 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 on board any of our said Ships or Vessels. And we do require and command the said Seamen to repair on board their respective Ships or Vessels on which they shall so enter themselves, or to which they shall belong, within the Times limited by such Certificates or Tickets, on Pain of our highest Displeasure. And we are graciously pleased to declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen so voluntarily entering and rendering themselves on Board, according to the true Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation. And we do hereby farther declare, That if such Men in our said Service, who are or shall be permitted to be absent by such Tickets as aforesaid, do not repair on Board their respective Ships or Vessels by the Time allowed by such Tickets, they shall not only be liable to be impressed, but to suffer such farther Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And we do hereby also strictly command all the Captains and Offi-

cers of our Ships, and others employed in the impressing of Men for our Fleet, that they take particular Care not to impress or entertain any Persons whatsoever, who shall not be fitly qualified to serve in our Royal Navy. And for preventing of any Deceits or Abuses which may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and entering him or themselves on Board any other of our Ships as aforesaid, in order to obtain the Bounty-Money herein before granted; We do hereby direct, declare, and command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall absent themselves from any of the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall enter themselves on Board any other of our Ships or Vessels in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships they shall so leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits. And whereas it has been often found, that in Time of War great Numbers of Seamen, and also of Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for our Sea Service, have left the usual Places of their Abode, and have removed themselves into private and obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid the publick Service, when there is the greatest Occasion for them: We do hereby require and command all our Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, Magistrates, Constables and other Officers, that they not only give all necessary Assistance to our Officers employed in impressing as aforesaid, but that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover, secure, and send to some near Sea-port Town, all such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for our Service, as shall after the said Fifteenth Day of February be found so absconding or stragling Abroad from their usual Places of Abode, and more especially in the Roads from any Sea-port Towns to London, in order to their being put on Board our Fleet in our Service, and that of what they shall do therein, they from Time to Time send an Account to the Commissioners of our Navy. And we do hereby direct the respective Officers of our Fleet, who shall receive such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen, to give Receipts for them, therein expressing the Names of such Men, and on Board what Ship or Vessel, and the Time when and Place where they are received. And the Commissioners of our Navy are hereby directed, upon producing (at any Port where there are Officers immediately under their Directions) the said Receipts, to pay to the Person producing the same, Twenty Shillings for each Man, and Sixpence per Man for each Mile he shall be brought if under Twenty Miles, and Ten Shillings for each Man that shall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and besides the said Twenty Shillings. And we do hereby declare, That no Protection of any Man in any Ships or Vessels employed in the River or on the Coast by the Commissioners of our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling and Customs, shall be in Force for more than Six Months from the Date thereof (except such as shall be signed by our Lords Commissioners of our Admiralty.) And we farther direct, That in all Protections the Persons be not only named, but described by their Place