

Means, in a great Measure, to Practices pernicious to the publick Interest, and destructive to the Persons and Families of so many of our Subjects, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to issue this our Royal Proclamation. And we do hereby promise and declare, that in case any fit and able Person or Persons, who has or have incurred any Penalties in, by or for the clandestine Importing, Running, Landing, Relanding, Unshipping, Concealing or Receiving, or being assisting in such Running, Landing, Relanding or Unshipping any Prohibited Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, or any Goods liable to the Payment of the Duties of Customs or Excise, or either of them, or who have beat, abused, obstructed or hindered any Officer or Officers of the Customs or Excise, in the due Execution of their Duty, or who are under any Prosecution, Judgment, Outlawry, in Prison, or under or subject to any Execution for any of the said Offences, or gone beyond Sea to avoid the same, shall, on or before the Twentieth Day of June next, in case they are Seamen, voluntarily enter themselves as Sailors in our Service, either with the Officers of our Ships or Vessels of our Royal Navy, or other Officers of our Navy impowered to enter Men to serve on board our said Ships or Vessels. Or, in case they are not Seamen, enlist themselves as Volunteers in our Service as Soldiers or Marines; all and every such Person and Persons shall have our gracious Pardon of and for all and every such Offence and Offences, and Penalties, and all Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, Convictions, Judgments, Imprisonments, Executions and Outlawries, sued, incurred, had or given, or that may arise or accrue for or by Reason or Means of any of the said Offences, or other Matters or Things aforesaid.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Ninth Day of May, 1744, in the Seventeenth 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 recalling and prohibiting Seamen from serving foreign Princes and States.*

**G E O R G E R.**

WHEREAS we are informed, that great Numbers of Mariners and Seafaring Men, our natural born Subjects, are in the Service of divers foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of our Kingdom; we have therefore thought it necessary, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to publish this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and wheresoever (being our na-

tural born Subjects, who are in the Pay or Service of any foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any foreign Ship or Vessel, that forthwith they, and every of them, do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from, and quit such foreign Services, and return Home to their Native Countries; and farther, we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever (being our natural born Subjects) from entering, and do charge and command them, and every of them, from henceforth, to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without our special Licence first had and obtained in that Behalf; to all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And we do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt, according to the utmost Severities of the Law. And we do hereby declare, that if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men, (being our Subjects,) shall be taken in any foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by us as Subjects of Great-Britain.

Given at our Court at St. James's, the Ninth Day of May, 1744, in the Seventeenth Year of our Reign.

God save the King.

*Westminster, May 12.*

HIS Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes, seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Charles Dalton, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, his Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to,

*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Million out of the Sinking Fund, and for applying a Sum remaining in the Exchequer, arisen by the Coinage Duty, for the Service of the Year 1744, and for the further appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer Bills, Lottery Tickets, Certificates, Annuity Orders, and other Orders, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, and for giving further Time for the Payment of Duties omitted to be paid for the Indentures or Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices; and to enable the Reversioners of certain Annuities therein mentioned, to receive such Annuities, if the same shall not be demanded within a certain Time, by the Annuitants for Life, until Proof be made that such Annuitants are living.*

*An Act for repealing the Duties payable upon Glass Beads, and for granting other Duties in lieu*