

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; for giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves; and also for taking up all Straggling Seamen.*

G E O R G E R.

**W**HEREAS we are informed, That great Numbers of Mariners and Sea-faring 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 Sea-faring Men whatsoever, and wheresoever (being our natural-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 further, we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Sea-faring 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 Sea-faring Men (being our Subjects) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be redeemed by us as Subjects of Great Britain. And whereas it is our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to such Seamen and Landmen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in our Service, we do hereby promise and declare, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall, on or before the Thirty First Day of

December 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 Royal Navy; and also that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty Five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall, on or before the said Thirty First Day of December 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 Royal Navy; and that such respective Sums be paid them by the Clerks of the Cheque residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships into which they shall be entered shall be, immediately after the Third Muster of such Seamen and Landmen. And we do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen and Landmen so entering themselves, shall be certified by the Captain, Master, and Boatswain, of the Ship or Vessel where they shall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuses by any Persons leaving the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and entering themselves on Board any other our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty Money; we do hereby declare and command, that such Seamen or Landmen belonging to any of our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any of the said 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, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships or Vessels they shall leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits. And we do hereby further promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, shall be paid any Person who shall discover any Seaman or Seamen who may secret themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for our said Service, on or before the said Thirty First Day of December next, by any of our Sea Officers employed for raising Men; the said Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen so discovered and taken in and about London, by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy; and at the Out-ports by the Naval Officers (where there are any) and (where there are no Naval Officers) by the Collectors of our Customs, immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy, Naval Officers, or Collectors respectively, by the Person who may make Discovery of any Seaman or Seamen as aforesaid, certifying his Name, and the Name or Names, and Number of Seamen procured in Consequence of his Discovery; the said Certificate to be given by such Officer as may take such Seaman or Seamen for our Service. And we do hereby require and command all our Justices of the Peace, Mayors,