

We do strictly charge and command, That the said Publick Fast be reverently and decently observed, by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, on the said Sixth Day of February next, 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 shall contemn or neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty: Our Will and Pleasure is therefore, and We charge, That incontinent this Our Royal 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 may 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, Stewarts of Stewarties, 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 abovementioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits, immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Eighteenth Day of December, 1755, in the Twenty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.

HIS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to Order, That a like Fast should be observed throughout His Kingdom of Ireland upon the said Sixth Day of February next: And to that End, His Majesty hath thought proper to direct his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to cause a Proclamation to be forthwith published in that Kingdom.

By the KING,

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

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS We did, by Our Royal Proclamation of the Twentieth Day of October last, prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder for the Space of Three Months from the Date thereof, without Our Licence in that Behalf first obtained, excepting only such Gunpowder as should be exported by the Direction of the Principal Officers of Our Board of Ordnance, for Our Service: And whereas We have judged it necessary, for the Publick Good, to continue the said Prohibition for some longer Time: We do therefore, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby strictly Charge, Prohibit, and Command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, except the Officers of Our said Board of Ordnance for Our Service, do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the Expiration of the aforementioned Term of Three Months, presume to Transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, any Gunpowder, or ship or lade any Gunpowder on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to Transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, without Licence or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from Us, or Our Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the greatest Punishments and For-

feitures, which by Law can fall or be inflicted on such Offenders: We declaring, That We will cause all such Persons to be proceeded against with the utmost Rigour and Severity. And we do hereby require and command all Customers, Comptrollers, Collectors, Searchers, Surveyors, and other Officers of Our Customs, to be watchful and diligent in seeing this Our Royal Proclamation duly observed and kept; and also all Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, Heathboroughs, and other Officers and Subjects, to be aiding and assisting, from Time to Time, in the Discovering and Prosecution of the Offenders, and preventing the Exportation of Gunpowder, as aforesaid, when and as often as Occasion shall be or required.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Eighteenth Day of December, 1755, in the Twenty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.

AT the Court of St. James's, the 18th Day of December 1755.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by His Majesty's Proclamation, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of November last, "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;" His Majesty was graciously pleased to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Three Pounds, for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years; and also that the Bounty of Thirty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, should be paid to every such Seaman and Landman respectively, who should, on or before the Thirty first Day of this Instant December, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by the said Proclamation; as likewise that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should be paid to any Person who should, on or before the said Thirty first Day of this Instant, discover any Seaman, or Seamen, who should conceal themselves, so that such Seaman, or Seamen, should be taken for His Majesty's Service: And whereas the Time limited for paying the said Bounties and Rewards is now near expiring; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the same should be continued for some longer Time; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, That the Time limited by the said Proclamation, for Payment of the said Bounties and Rewards, be prolonged and extended from the said Thirty First Day of this Instant December, to the Thirty First Day of January next inclusive. And that the said respective Bounties and Rewards be continued to be paid by the Persons, and at the Times, directed by His Majesty's aforesaid Proclamation.

W. Sharpe.