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AT the Court at St. James's the 27th Day
of January 1756,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty
in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council, of the 18th of December last, for paying the respective Bounties therein mentioned, to all Able and Ordinary Seamen, and also to all Able-bodied Landmen, who should voluntarily enter themselves in His Majesty's Royal Navy; And likewise for paying the Rewards to Persons discovering Seamen who should conceal themselves, will expire upon the 31st Day of this Instant January— And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, That the Bounties and Rewards thereby given should be continued to be paid for some Time longer: — His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, 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 of Thirty Shillings for every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, be continued to be paid to such Seamen and Landmen respectively, who shall, on or before the 29th Day of February next, enter themselves in the Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by His Majesty's Proclamation of the 11th Day of November last. And likewise that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be continued to be paid to any Persons who shall, on or before the said 29th Day of February next, discover any Seaman or Seamen, who shall conceal themselves, so as such Seaman or Seamen be taken for His Majesty's Service. Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Sharpe.

Dresden, Feb. 1. We are informed by Letters from Barenfels, Barenstein, Innwalde, and Altenberg; all Towns belonging to this Electorate on the Frontiers of Bohemia, that on the 13th of last Month they had a smart Shock of an Earthquake in those Parts, but that the same happily went off without doing any considerable Damage.

Dresden, Feb. 4. On the 28th of last Month, all the Barometers in this City rose on a sudden to the highest Degree, which greatly alarmed the Inhabitants, for fear some Accident was going to befall them, but it afterwards proved a clear Day, and continued fine Weather till the 1st Instant, and since that Time it has froze pretty hard.

Hague, Feb. 10. Her Royal Highness the Princess Governante has disposed of the Swiss Regiment, vacant by the Death of Lieutenant General Rebeque, in Favour of Major General Sturler; and Lieutenant Colonel Bouquet has got the Command of the Regiment commanded by Major General Sturler.

THERE having been various and injurious Reports relating to the State of the French Sailors detained in England, it is thought proper, to remove any Prejudice that may be entertained, to give the following Account of their Treatment.

Upon general Orders being given to seize French Ships, the Numbers immediately brought into our Ports were so great, that for want of proper Places to confine the Men ashore, they were put on board His Majesty's Ships in Harbour, where they were victualled in every Respect as the English Seamen, till Places proper for their Security and Accommodation could be provided on Land, when they were victualled in the same Manner as during the late War with France, each Person being allowed for every Seven Days the following Proportion and Species of Provisions, viz.

Bread, Ten Pounds and Half.
Beef, Four Pounds and Half.
Beer, Seven Quarts.
Cheese, Six Ounces.
Pease, One Quart.

An Account of which Allowance was fixed in every Place, that each Person might know what he was to have.

The Officers were permitted to reside in some of the Towns adjacent to Portsmouth and Plymouth, where those belonging to the French King were allowed One Shilling, and the others Six Pence per Day.

When any of those Sailors were Sick, they were removed to the Hospitals and Quarters, and taken Care of by Physicians, Surgeons and Nurses, supplied with Bedding, Medicines, and proper Diet, and treated in every Respect as the sick Seamen belonging to His Majesty's Fleet.

Notwithstanding this Precaution many of them have died, which may be attributed to their being come from Foreign Voyages before their Confinement, by which they have contracted Scorbutick and other Disorders, but neither Pains or Expence have been spared in providing for them, and every Thing possible hath been done for Persons in their unfortunate Condition, nor upon the strictest Enquiry has it been found that the Orders given in their Regard have been disobeyed.

Whitehall, Feb. 14, 1756.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That a Letter, directed to John Lewis, Beadle of Ilstworth, in the County of Middlesex, was, on the 10th Day of January last past, received by him, and found to contain the Words and Figures following, viz.
" Plymouth January 5. 1755.—Sir, This comes with
" my humbel Service to You I would have you
" prepear Yourself a Coffin and Shrowd against
" Peace and the Bell to ring for You to carey
" you to Hell give my humbel respects to Mr.
" John Burcett and tell Him the Same, my Love to
" Your