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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 7th Day of July, 1756.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty
in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable Robert Lord Raymond, was, by His Majesty's Command, Sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to Order, That the Parliament which stands adjourned to Thursday the Fifteenth of this Instant July, should be prorogued to Tuesday the Seventeenth Day of August next.

By the KING,

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

Appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken, and the Bounty for Taking or Destroying Ships of War or Privateers of the Enemy, from the Time of His Majesty's Declaration of War against France.

G E O R G E R.

WH E R E A S by an Act of Parliament made in the ~~last~~ Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and the more speedy and effectual Manning His Majesty's Navy;" it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That the Flag Officers, Commanders and other Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers, on Board every Ship and Vessel of War, in Our Pay, shall have the sole Interest and Property of and in all and every Ship, Vessel, Goods, and Merchandizes, which they shall take from and after the Seventeenth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, during the Continuance of this War against France (being first adjudged lawful Prize in any of Our Courts of Admiralty in Great-Britain, or in Our Plantations in America, or elsewhere) to be divided in such Proportions, and after such Manner, as We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall think fit to order and direct by Proclamation or Proclamations, to be issued for those Purposes. And

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as a further Encouragement to the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, on Board Our Ships of War, as also of Privateers, to attack, take, and destroy, any Ships of Force belonging to the Enemy, it is thereby also enacted, That there shall be paid by the Treasurer of Our Navy, upon Bills to be made forth by the Commissioners of the Navy, to be paid according to the Course thereof, without Fee or Reward, unto the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, or others, that shall have been actually on Board any of Our Ship or Ships of War, or Privateer or Privateers, in any Action where any Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers, shall have been taken from the Enemy, sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, since Our Declaration of War against France, dated the said Seventeenth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and fifty six, Five Pounds for every Man which was living on Board any Ship or Ships so taken, sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, at the Beginning of the Engagement between them; the Numbers of such Men to be proved by the Oaths of Three or more of the Chief Officers or Men which were belonging to the said Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers, of the Enemy, or belonging to any of them, at the Time of her or their being taken as Prize, sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, before the Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of the Port, within any of Our Dominions, whereunto any Prize, or Officers, or Men, of such Ships as were sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, shall be brought, or before the British Consul, or Vice Consul, residing at any Neutral Port to which such Prize, or Officers, or Men, shall be brought; which Oaths the said Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate of any such Port, or Consul, or Vice Consul, are thereby respectively empowered and required to administer, and shall forthwith grant a Certificate thereof, without Fee or Reward, directed to the Commissioners of the Navy; upon producing which Certificate to the Commissioners of Our Navy, together with an authentick Copy of the Condemnation of such Ship so taken, or if such Ship be sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, on producing only a Certificate from the Mayor, or other Chief Magistrate, or Consul, or Vice Consul, as aforesaid, the said Commissioners of Our Navy, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, shall, according to the Course

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