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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

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 ; for pardoning such Seamen as have deserted, and shall return into the Service ; and also for taking up all Stragglng Seamen.

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WHEREAS Our Service doth at this Time require a speedy Supply of Seamen, Seafaring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, to serve on Board Our Ships of War, and it being Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, Seafaring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation ; and 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 Tenth Day of February 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 Tenth Day of February 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 Boatwain 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 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 secrete themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for Our said Service, on or before the said Tenth Day of February next, by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raising Men ; the said Rewards to be paid for any Seaman

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