

man 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; and the said Certificate to be given by such Officer as may take such Seaman or Seamen for Our Service. And as an Encouragement to such Seamen who may have deserted from Our Ships to return to the Service, We do promise Our most gracious Pardon to all such as shall repair on Board any of Our Ships or Vessels, by or before the Tenth Day of February next; and also to all such who have deserted, but are now belonging to some one of Our Ships (in which they are hereby permitted to continue.) And We do hereby further Declare, That such Deserters shall be intitled to receive all Wages that were due to them in the Ships from which they have deserted, at the Time of such Desertion. And We do hereby further Declare, That such Seamen who have absented themselves from any of Our Ships, and shall render themselves on Board the same, or any other of Our Ships of War, by or before the Time above-mentioned, shall not be prosecuted for such their Desertion; but that all such Deserters who shall not, on or before the said Tenth Day of February next, render themselves on Board some of Our Ships or Vessels of War, or who shall hereafter absent themselves from the Ships to which they belong, without Leave from the Commanding Officer, shall be tried at a Court Martial; and, being found guilty of deserting at this Time, when their Country so much wants their Service, they shall be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy, and shall suffer Death according to Law. And we do hereby Require and Command all Our Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, and Magistrates, of the several Shires, Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and all other Places within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, to give the strictest Orders and Directions to the Constables, and other inferior Civil Officers, to take up all Straggling Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall be of Health and Ability fit for Our Service; and that they do exert themselves in the Service, and take Care that the inferior Civil Officers be diligent in the Discharge of their Duty herein; and that the said Magistrates do cause all Seamen so taken up, and fit for Our Service, to be conducted by such

Constables, or inferior Civil Officers, or other proper Persons, to the Clerk of the Cheque of any of Our Yards, or to a Regulating Captain in London, or any other Place, or to any Port, or Place, where any of Our Ships or Vessels may be, or to any Officer of Our Navy employed in raising Men; and that the Persons who shall be intrusted with the conducting such Straggling Seamen, be paid a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, received from them for Our Service, over and above Six Pence a Mile for every Mile they shall travel with such Seaman or Seamen, not exceeding Twenty Miles; which respective Rewards are to be paid by the Clerks of the Cheque of Our Yards, where any of the said Men shall be delivered to them; or if delivered to a Regulating Captain in London, that the said Rewards be then paid by the Commissioners of Our Navy; or if delivered to any of the Officers of Our Navy employed in raising Men, that then the said Rewards be paid by the Collector of Our Customs residing at or nearest to the Place where such Men shall be brought, upon producing a Certificate from the Officer of Our Navy, to whom such Men shall be delivered, of the Names and Number of Men received by him; and the said Collector of Our Customs is to take a Receipt on the Back of the said Certificate for the Sum he pays; which Sum the Commissioners of Our Navy are required to reimburse to the said Collector of Our Customs, upon his transmitting such Certificate and Receipt to them.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Fourth Day of January, 1757, in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the K I N G.

AT the Court at St. James's the 4th Day of January, 1757,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty
in His Privy Council.

WHEREAS George Clemison, of Annan in North Britain, Mariner, late a Boatman in the Cruizing Boat, stationed near that Place, in the Service of the Customs; John Irwin alias Irvin, of Seafield, Farmer; Richard Bell of Longlands, and Alexander Hannah of Dornock, Labourers, all of North Britain; were, upon the Fourth Day of December last, charged by Information of a credible Person upon Oath, by him subscribed, before Mountague Farrer, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, with
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