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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve on Board Merchant Ships, and other Trading Ships, and Privateers.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships, and Privateers, We are authorized and enabled, when War is declared against any foreign Power, to publish Our Royal Proclamation, if We should judge it requisite, to permit all Merchant Ships, and other trading Vessels, and Privateers, to be manned with Foreign Mariners and Seamen, during such War, in the Manner as by the said Act is provided.—And whereas War hath been declared against the French King, but the issuing of such Proclamation hath been hitherto rendered unnecessary, by Reason of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships and Vessels; the Provisions of which last mentioned Act are near expiring—We do therefore now judge it necessary to permit, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby permitting and allowing, that during the Continuance of this present War, and no longer (except in Respect to such Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships or Vessels, and Privateers, which shall be on their Voyage, before the Determination of the War, who shall be, and are hereby allowed the Liberty and Benefit of returning home navigated in the Manner as is herein after provided) it shall be lawful for any Merchant Ship, or other Trading Ship or Vessel, or Privateer, to be navigated by Foreign Seamen or Mariners, not being Natives of Great Britain, or of any of the Colonies or Plantations thereto belonging, or Our natural, or naturalized Subjects, so as the Number of such Foreign Seamen or Mariners do not exceed three Fourths of the Mariners at any one Time employed to navigate such Merchant Ship, or other Trading Ship or Vessel, or Privateer; and that one Fourth at least of the Mariners or Seamen so employed, be at all

Times Natives, or Our naturalized Subjects of Great Britain, (sudden Death, and a Hazard and Casualties of War and the Seas, saved and excepted) one Act of Parliament made in the twelfth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation, or any other Statute or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twenty-Fifth Day of *March* 1757, in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.

AT the Court at *St. James's* the 1st Day of *March*, 1757,

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 Fourth of February 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 Tenth Day of this Instant March: 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 Seaman and Landman respectively, who shall, on or before the Twelfth Day of April next, enter themselves in the Royal Navy, in the Manner directed by His Majesty's Proclamation of the Fourth Day of January last: And likewise, That the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be continued

