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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 8th Day of July, 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 Eighth of June 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, is near expiring: 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 Thirteenth Day of August 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 to be paid to any Persons who shall, on or before the said Thirteenth Day of August 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.

Whitehall, July 23.

By Letters from Vice Admiral Watson, dated the 31st of January, off *Calcutta*, in the River *Hughley*, there is an Account, That having sailed the 16th of October last, with all the Squadron, and the *Walpole* and *Marlborough* Indiamen, from *Madras* for *Bengal*, he anchored, after a tedious Passage, on the 5th of December, in *Ballafore Road*; and having crossed the Braces on the 8th, proceeded up the River, and arrived at *Fulta* on the 15th, where he found Governor *Drake* and the Gentlemen of the Council on Board such Ships and Vessels as had escaped falling into the Hands of the Moors. As the Pilots would not take Charge of the Ships till the Springs were over, the Admiral could not proceed higher till the 28th, when he

failed with the *Kent*, *Tyger*, *Salisbury*, *Bridge-water*, and *King's Fisher Sloop*. The next Afternoon Colonel *Clive* was landed, in order to march and attack *Busbudgia Fort* by Land, at the same Time that the Squadron appeared before the Place, which anchored, and began to cannonade about Eight o'Clock in the Morning on the 30th; and, at Half past Eight, the King's Troops were landed to support Colonel *Clive*. The Ships soon silenced the Enemy's Fire; and, at Seven in the Evening, 100 Seamen were landed under the Command of Captain *King*. At Half past Eight, the Body of the Fort was on Fire; and, immediately after, News was received that the Place was taken; but the few People in it had all escaped. One of the Company's Captains was killed, and four Soldiers wounded. This Fort was extremely well situated for Defence, having a wet Ditch round it, but badly provided with Cannon, only 18 Guns, from 24 Pounders and downwards; and about 40 Barrels of Powder, with Ball in Proportion, being found in it. On the 1st of January the *Kent* and *Tyger* anchored between *Tanna Fort*, and a Battery opposite to it, both which the Enemy abandoned as the Ships approached. About 40 Guns, some 24 Pounders, and all mounted on good Carriages, with some Powder and Ball, were found in this Fort and Battery; and the Admiral left the *Salisbury* as a Guardship to prevent the Enemy from regaining them. In the Night the Admiral sent the Boats, mann'd and arm'd, up the River, to burn a Ship and some Vessels said to be filled with Combustibles, which was executed without Opposition. The next Morning, early, the Company's Troops were landed, and immediately began their March to *Calcutta*. The *Kent* and *Tyger* soon after proceeded up the River, together with the 20 Gun Ship and Sloop. At 40 Minutes after Nine, the Enemy began to fire upon the *Tyger*, from their Batteries below *Calcutta*, which they abandoned as the Ships approached. At 20 Minutes past Ten, the *Tyger* and *Kent* made a very warm Fire, insomuch that the Enemy were soon drove from their Guns, and presently after ran out of the Fort, which Capt. *Coot*e, with the King's Troops, and an Officer from the *Kent*, enter'd a little before Eleven. Four Mortars, 91 Guns of different Sizes, and a considerable Quantity of all Kinds of Ammunition, were found in this Fort. The Ships have suffered very little in their Masts, Yards, and Rigging, and have only lost nine Seamen and three Soldiers killed, and twenty-six Seamen and five Soldiers wounded. An Expedition was then proposed against *Hughley*, to be executed by the 20 Gun Ship and Sloop, the Boats of the Squadron mann'd and arm'd, assisted by all the King's Troops amounting to 170, the Company's Grenadiers, and 200 Seapoys, which were to be landed under the Command of Major *Killpatrick*;