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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 20th Day of *September*, 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 Ninth of August 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 Fifteenth Day of November 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 Fifteenth Day of November 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. Blair.

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Whitehall, October 15, 1757.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Pitt to Sir Edward Hawke, and to Sir John Mordaunt, dated *Whitehall*, September 15, 1757, dispatched by the *Viper Sloop*, and received by them on board the *Ramilies* the 22d Day of September.

Sir,

HIS Majesty, by His Secret Instructions, dated the 5th Day of August last, having directed the Return of the Fleet under your Command, together with the Land Forces on board, "so as to be in England at, or about, as near as may be, the End of September, unless the Circumstances of the Ships and Forces, shall necessarily require their Return sooner;" I am now to signify to you the King's Pleasure, that you do not consider the abovementioned Time, limited for your Return, as intended, in any Manner, to affect, or interfere with the full Execution of the first and principal Object of the Expedition; namely, "Attempting, as far as shall be found practicable, a Descent on the French Coast, at or near Rochefort, in order to attack, if practicable, and, by a vigorous Impression, force that Place, and to burn and destroy, to the utmost of your Power, all Shipping, Docks, Magazines, and Arsenals, that shall be found there, and exert such other Efforts, as shall be judged most proper for annoying the Enemy." And with Regard to any other particular Attempt, which, agreeably to your Orders, you shall have commenced, and in the Execution whereof you shall be actually engaged, It is also His Majesty's Pleasure, that you do not desist from, or break up the same, merely and solely on Account of the Time, limited for your Return, by the Instructions abovementioned; but that, notwithstanding the same, you do continue, with the Fleet, during such a farther Number of Days, as may afford a competent Time, for the Completion of any Operation under the above Circumstances; After which you are to take Care to return, with the Fleet under your Command, and the Forces on board, in the Manner directed by your former Instructions.

I am, &c.

W. Pitt.