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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 9th Day of *March*, 1759,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 20th of February last, to signify His Royal Pleasure, that the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman and Able Bodied Landman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be continued to be paid to all such who should voluntarily enter themselves on Board any of His Ships of War, on or before the 21st Day of April next; and that the said Bounties should be paid to them respectively, immediately after their first Muster on Board the Ships into which they should so enter—And whereas since the Issuing the aforementioned Order, His Majesty hath been given to understand, that there are at this Time dispersed in various Parts of the Kingdom, great Numbers of Seamen and Seafaring Men, many of whom may be inclined to enter into the Service, and reap the Benefit of His Majesty's said Bounties, provided that the Justices of the Peace, or other Magistrates (near to whom the said Seamen may reside) were authorized and directed to receive them, and to cause them to be conducted to any of the Ships of War;—His Majesty hath therefore been pleased, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, to Require and Command all the Justices of the Peace, and Mayors of Cities and Towns throughout the Kingdom of England and Wales, and likewise the Provosts of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen in Scotland, to receive all such Seamen and Seafaring Men, who shall appear before them, and offer to enter as Volunteers, in Case they are of Health and Ability fit for His Majesty's Service, and not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and to grant to each Seaman a Certificate of such his voluntary Offer, and to cause them to be conducted, by proper Persons, to some Sea Officer employed in raising Men on Shore, or to the nearest Sea Port Town, in order to be put on Board any of His Majesty's Ships of War, which Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of such Ships, are directed to pay to every such Seaman, after his being so put on Board (upon

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producing the Certificate aforementioned) the said Bounties of Three Pounds to every able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman;—And to the End that His Majesty's Directions given herein may be made known to all Persons concerned, His Majesty has therefore ordered, that the same should be published in the London Gazette.

W. Sharpe.

Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outrageous Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships; as well English as Neutral, failing in the English Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Vessels being or pretending to be English Privateers:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such Piracies and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Dishonour thereof) are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of such Offences as aforesaid are greatly encouraged by divers Persons as Accessaries thereto, who knowingly assist, maintain, counsel, or advise the Committing of such Acts of Piracy, and also by Persons who receive Goods so piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed such Robberies:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect or bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such last mentioned Offences, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Offences last mentioned, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which said respective Rewards before mentioned, shall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by Samuel Seddon, Esq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the said Offenders, (other than and except the respective Commander or Commanders of any such Piratical Ships or Vessels) who shall discover any one or more of the said Offenders, shall, on the Conviction of such Of-

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