

raising Men on Shore ; immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raising Men on Shore 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 Third Day of July next ; and also to all such who have deserted, but are now belonging to some one of Our Ships, (in which Ship they are hereby permitted to continue.) 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 abovementioned, shall not be prosecuted for such their Desertion ; but that all such Deserters who shall not, on or before the said Third Day of July 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, Bayliffs 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 send them by careful Conductors to a Sea Officer employed in raising Men on Shore, or to the nearest Sea Port Town, in order to their being put on Board Our Ships of War : Which Conductors shall be paid by the said Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of such Ships to whom such Seamen shall be delivered, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six-pence a Mile for each Man, for every Mile they may respectively travel. And We do hereby likewise require and command all Our said Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magistrates, to receive all such Seamen and Seafaring Men, who shall appear before them, and offer to enter as Volunteers on or before the said Third Day of July next, in case they are of Health and Ability fit for Our 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 in like Manner and with the same

Allowances as above directed with respect to straggling Seamen ; and the Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of such Ships, to whom such Volunteer Seamen shall be delivered, shall pay to every such Seaman, after his being so put on Board, (upon producing the Certificate aforesaid) the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS to every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings to every Ordinary Seaman.

Given at Our Court at *Kensington*, the Fifteenth Day of May, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, in the Thirty Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Constantinople, April 3.* The Illuminations and Rejoicings for the Birth of a Princess, who was named *Iberula*, or *Given of God*, which were limited to Seven Nights, were prolonged, by the Grand Seigneur's Orders, to Ten. The fourth Day the Sultan rode through *Pera* with great Pomp, to visit the *Seraglio* of his Pages. During these Rejoicings, the greatest Order was preserved in all Parts of the City, which may be attributed to the strict Prohibition against selling Wine, or spirituous Liquors, The *Raias*, or Christian Subjects, indulged themselves in all Kinds of Diversions, without any Manner of Restraint ; and the whole terminated with three Nights Fireworks, exhibited on the Canal before the *Seraglio*. It is confidently said, that two other Sultanas are pregnant.

*Landsbut, May 4.* General *Fouquet* having found it impracticable to destroy the Austrian Magazine at *Hoff* in *Moravia*, retired to his former Station at *Leobschütz*, in order to cover *Neisse*, and the Country about it, after having made in that Expedition 260 Prisoners, with the Loss only of two Men. The King of *Prussia* went in Person from hence early in the Morning of the 20th, and arrived at *Neisse* that Day. General *de la Ville* was posted on the Heights behind *Neustadt*, and decamped that Evening, and placed himself behind *Ziegenhals* and *Zugmantel*. His *Prussian* Majesty joined General *Fouquet* the next Day, the 30th, at *Deutsch-Kamitz*, and marched the Day after towards the Enemy, who hath decamped at Two in the Morning ; so that that Expedition ended in an Affair of the Rear-guard.

*Hague, May 8.* The Army under the Command of *Prince Henry* of *Prussia* is actually in Motion, and, it is supposed, would enter *Francia* by *Hoff* on the 7th Instant, in order to act against the Army of the Empire, commanded by the *Prince of Deux Ponts*, who had drawn the greatest Part of his Force towards *Culmbach*. In the mean while, a large Detachment from *Prince Ferdinand's* Army was arrived on the 4th Instant, within a forced March of *Bamberg*, which will cause a considerable Diversion. The French upon the *Mein* have attempted nothing, since the Affair of *Bergen*.

*Hague, May 11.* The French on the Lower *Rhine* are still in Quarters of Cantonment ; but it is expected they will encamp in the Course of this Month. *Marshal Contades* has fixed his Head Quarters at *Dusseldorp*. Their largest Camp