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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen and Landmen who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service; We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation: And We do hereby promise and declare, That all such Able Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, fit for Our Service, who shall, on or before the Thirty-first Day of October next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or Officers employed in Tenders, or at Rendezvous on Shore, for raising Men for the Service of Our Navy, shall receive, as Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Three Pounds each Man; and all such Ordinary Seamen, fit for Our Service, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Two Pounds each Man; and all such Able-Bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Twenty Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty; such respective Sums to be paid them by the respective Clerks of the Cheque, residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships into which they shall be entered shall be, immediately after the Third Muster of such Seamen and Landmen: And We do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen and Landmen so entering themselves as aforesaid, shall be certified by the Captain, Master, and Boatwain of the Ship or Vessel where they shall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuses, by any Persons leaving the Vessels to which they shall belong, and entering themselves on Board any other Our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money, We do hereby declare and command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any of the said Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall enter themselves on Board any other of Our said Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships or Vessels they shall leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-first Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, in the Twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

[Price Seven-pence.]

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States, and for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS We are informed, That great Numbers of Mariners and Seafaring Men, Our natural-born Subjects, are in the Service of divers Foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of Our Kingdom; We have therefore thought it necessary, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and do hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and whereforever, (being Our natural-born Subjects) who are in the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, That forthwith they, and every of them, do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from, and quit such Foreign Services, and return Home to their Native Countries. And farther, We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever, (being our natural-born Subjects) from entering, and do charge and command them, and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without Our Special Licence first had and obtained in that Behalf; to all which We expect due Obedience, and exact Conformity. And We do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur Our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of the Law. And We do hereby declare, that if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men, (being Our Subjects) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by Us as Subjects of Great Britain. And we do hereby further promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, shall be paid any Person who shall discover any Seaman or Seamen who may secrete themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for our said Service by any of our Sea Officers employed for raising Men; the said Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen so discovered and taken in and about London, by the principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy: And at the Out-ports by the Naval Officers (where there are any); and (where there are no Naval