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By the KING,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States; and for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves.

G E O R G E 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 wheresoever, (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 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, that so such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for Our said Service by any of Our Sea-Officers employed for Raising Men, on or before the Thirty-first Day of December next; 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 Officers, by the Collectors of Our Customs, immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Collectors 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; the said Certificate to be given by such Officer as may take such Seaman or Seamen for Our Service. Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the Eighth Day of *November*, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.

By the KING,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War.

G E O R G E R.
WHEREAS it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, 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 Eighteen Years, fit for Our Service, who shall, on or before the 31st Day of December next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as shall be employed for raising Men for the Service of Our Navy, shall receive, as Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Five 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 Ten Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty, in Lieu of all other Bounties mentioned in Our Proclamation dated the 22d Day of March last, and Our Orders in Council of the 1st of May, the 21st of June, and 21st of August following; 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 We do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen 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 Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money; We do hereby Declare and Command, that such Seamen 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-fifth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the KING.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 8th Day of *November*, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable George Edward Henry Arthur Earl of Powis, to be Lord Lieutenant of the