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BY THE KING—A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS an Address has been presented to us by our two Houses of Parliament, requesting us to issue our Royal Proclamation, recommending to all such persons as have the means of procuring other articles of food the greatest economy and frugality in the use of every species of Grain: We, having taken the said Address into consideration, and being persuaded that the prevention of all unnecessary consumption of Corn will furnish one of the surest and most effectual means of alleviating the present pressure, and of providing for the necessary demands of the year, have therefore, in pursuance of the said Address, and out of our tender concern for the welfare of our people, thought fit (with the advice of our Privy Council) to issue this our Royal Proclamation, most earnestly exhorting and charging all those of our loving subjects who have the means of procuring other articles of food than Corn, as they tender their own immediate interests, and feel for the want of others, to practise the greatest economy and frugality in the use of every species of Grain.

And we do, for this purpose, more particularly exhort and charge all masters of families to reduce the consumption of bread in their respective families, by at least one-third of the quantity consumed in ordinary times, and in no case to suffer the same to exceed one quarter loaf for each person in each week; to obtain from the use of flour in pastry, and, moreover, carefully to restrict the use thereof in all other articles than bread: And we do also, in like manner, exhort and charge all persons who keep horses, especially horses for pleasure, as far as their respective circumstances will admit, carefully to restrict the consumption of oats and other grain for the subsistence of the same: And we do

hereby further charge and command every Minister, in his respective parish church or chapel, within the kingdom of Great Britain, to read, or cause to be read, our said proclamation, on the Lord's Day, for two successive weeks after receiving the said proclamation.

Given at our Court at St James's, the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred, in the forty-first year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

ADMIRALTY-OFFICE—Dec. 6.

Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Bond, commanding his Majesty's schooner the *Netley*, to EVAN NEPEAN, Esq. dated at Lisbon, the 11th November 1800.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the inspection of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of two letters which I have written to Captain Halsted, of his Majesty's ship *Phoenix*; and have the honour to be, Sir, &c.

F. G. BOND.

SIR, Netley, in the *Tagus*, Nov. 9.

After receiving your orders to put myself under your command, I sailed hence on the 5th of September with a convoy for Oporto, at which place they arrived safe on the 11th following.

I have the pleasure to acquaint you, that in his Majesty's schooner we captured, on the 28th of the same month, the Spanish privateer *Noltra Senora del Carmen La Constanza*, of two guns and 26 men; and that on the 16th ult. we retook the brig *Mary* from Dublin, and the *Lial Invieta Vianna*, a Portuguese Government lugger of seven guns, both which had been captured the preceding day by a French privateer of 14 guns, the latter after an action of half an hour.

As the *Mary* had on the 14th been cut from

her anchorage under the fort of St John's by a Spanish row-boat, the Governor of Vianna thought it necessary to intercept her, and accordingly sent the lugger on that service, when both fell into the hands of the French: The crew of the *Netley* have in consequence given up, free of salvage, the *Lial Invieta Vianna* to the order of his Excellency M. Pedro de Millo.

I have the honour to be, &c.

F. G. BOND.

L. W. Halsted, Esq. Captain of his Majesty's ship *Phoenix*.

SIR,

Netley, River *Tagus*
Nov. 18. 1800.

IN addition to my letter of yesterday's date, which I had the pleasure of writing, I beg leave to acquaint you, that on my arrival off the Rock of Lisbon, on the 7th inst. information was given of a Spanish privateer schooner lurking in the neighbourhood, and that the Newfoundland convoy being dispersed, were daily approaching the *Tagus*; at night a pilot boat acquainted me of the recent capture of a brig loaded with salt fish, which induced me to close with the shore in the hope of intercepting her; she had been taken eighteen hours before, during light winds, in sight of a remnant of the convoy then in the offing: The privateer and her prize, the *Hunter* of Greenock, were discovered by us in the dark at anchor; while the boat was dispatched to the brig we run the other on board; dropped our anchor, and, without mischief or firing, took possession of her, though they were at quarters; she is called the *St Miguel*, alias *Alertra*, of nine guns, eighteens and sixes, and sixty-five men, had been off the stocks about two months, and sailed from the river *Pontevedra*; we all three anchored within *St Juliens* the same day.

I have the honour to be, &c.

F. G. BOND.

Captain Halsted of his Majesty's ship *Phoenix*.

[Price Sixpence.]

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