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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States: For giving Encouragement to Seamen and able-bodied Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War; and for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves.

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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: And whereas Our Service doth, at this Time, require a speedy Supply of Seamen and Seafaring Men, in such of Our Ships as are now ready to be Commissioned, We have thought fit, 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, that they shall not be reclaimed by Us, as Subjects of Great Britain. And whereas it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, Seafaring Men, and able-bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service, We do hereby promise and declare, That the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall, on or before the Twelfth Day of September next, voluntarily enter them

elves 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 Royal Navy; and also, that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall, on or before the said Twelfth Day of September 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 Royal Navy; and that such respective Sums be paid to all such Seamen and Landmen, upon their being brought on Board Our Ships at any of Our Dock Yards in England, by the Clerks of the Cheque; or upon their being put on Board any Ship or Vessel, appointed to receive Men at Leith or Greenock in Scotland, or at Dublin or Corke in Ireland, by the Captains or Commanders of the Ships or Vessels, whereinto such Seamen and Landmen shall be put, or by the Sea Officer employed in raising Men on Shore. And for Prevention of any Abuses by any Persons leaving the Ships or 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 or 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 enter themselves on Board any other of Our 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. 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 to any Person who shall discover any Seaman or Seamen, who may secret themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for Our said Service, on or before the said Twelfth Day of September next, 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 Officers, by the Collectors of Our Customs, immediately on a Certificate being produced to the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Collectors of Our Customs 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.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the 22d Day of July, 1761, in the First Year of Our Reign.
GOD Save the KING.