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By the KING,

## A PROCLAMATION,

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

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS 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 further, 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 Whereas by Our Royal Proclamation, dated the Twenty-second Day of September last, intituled, A Proclamation for encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on board His Majesty's Ships of War, We were graciously pleased to promise, That every Able Seaman, and every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, fit for Our Service, who should voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, on or before the Twenty-first Day of this Instant October, in such Manner as in Our said Proclamation is expressed, should respectively receive, as of Our Royal Bounty, the respective Sums expressed in Our said Proclamation (that is to say) every Able Seaman the Sum of Thirty Shillings, and every Ordinary Seaman the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be paid to them respectively by the Persons, and at the Times, as in Our said

Proclamation is mentioned: And We being willing to increase Our said Royal Bounty for the Purposes aforesaid, do hereby promise and declare, That all Able Seamen who shall, on or before the Thirtieth Day of November next, voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service, in the Manner directed by Our said recited Proclamation, shall receive, as of Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Three Pounds, and all Ordinary Seamen so entering themselves as aforesaid, the Sum of Two Pounds, to be paid in such Manner, and under such Rules and Directions, as are contained in Our said recited Proclamation. And We do hereby promise and declare, that all such Able and Ordinary Seamen, who have entered or may enter themselves into Our Service, on or before the Twenty-first Day of this Instant October, in consequence of Our said Proclamation of the Twenty-second Day of September, shall receive the like Bounty with those who shall enter themselves subsequent to that Time. 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 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 Twelfth Day of October, 1770, and in the Tenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's the 19th Day of October, 1770.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS His Majesty hath received Information, that the Plague doth at this Time rage with great Violence at Constantinople, and other Parts of the Levant; His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Prvy Council, doth thereupon judge it probable the Infection may be brought into this Kingdom by Ships and Vessels coming from the several Ports in the Mediterranean; and doth therefore, with the Advice aforesaid, order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Quarantine at present subsisting upon all Ships and Vessels coming from the Mediterranean, (except from the Ports of Spain, Minorca, and Gibraltar) or from West Barbary on the Atlantic

