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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 1st Day of May, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council:

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-second Day of March last, to promise and declare, That the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Two Pounds for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed, to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, who should, on or before the 30th Day of April then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as should be employed for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, that the said Bounties should be continued to be paid for some longer Time; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered; That the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties be prolonged and extended from the said Thirtieth Day of April to the 30th Day of June next inclusive. Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS John Earl of Strathmore was duly elected and returned to be One of the Sixteen Peers of Scotland; to sit in the House of Peers in the present Parliament of Great Britain; and is since deceased; in order to the electing another Peer of Scotland to sit in his Room, We do, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, issue forth this Proclamation, strictly charging and commanding all the Peers of Scotland to assemble and meet at Holy Rood House in Edinburgh, on Thursday the Thirteenth Day of June next, between the Hours of Twelve and Two in the Afternoon, to nominate and elect another Peer of Scotland, to sit and vote in the House of Peers of this present Parliament of Great Britain, in the Room of the said John Earl of Strathmore, deceased, by open Election and Plurality of Voices of the Peers that shall then be present, and of the Proxies of such as shall be absent (such Proxies being Peers) and producing a Mandate in Writing duly signed before Witnesses, and both Constituent and Proxy being qualified according to Law. And the Lord Clerk Register, or such Two of the principal Clerks of the Session as shall be appointed by him to officiate in his Name, are hereby respectively required to attend such Meeting, and to administer the Oaths required by Law to be taken there by the said Peers, and to take their Votes; and, immediately after such Election made and duly examined, to certify the Name of the Peer so elected, and sign and attest the same in the Presence of the said Peers, the Electors, and return such Certificate into Our High Court of Chancery of Great Britain. And We strictly charge and command, That this Proclamation be duly pub-

lished at the Market Cross at Edinburgh, and in all the County Towns in Scotland, Twenty-five Days at least before the Time hereby appointed for the Meeting of the said Peers to proceed on such Election.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the First Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

Whitehall, May 3.

General Howe, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America, having taken a Resolution on the 7th of March to remove from Boston to Halifax with the Troops under his Command, and such of the Inhabitants, with their Effects, as were desirous to continue under the Protection of His Majesty's Forces; the Embarkation was effected on the 17th of that Month, with the greatest Order and Regularity, and without the least Interruption from the Rebels. When the Packet came away, the first Division of the Transports was under Sail, and the Remainder were preparing to follow in a few Days; the Admiral leaving behind as many of the Ships of War, as could be spared from the Convoy, for the Security and Protection of such Vessels as might be bound to Boston.

Whitehall, May 3.

The King hath been pleased to order Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of Great Britain, constituting and appointing Richard Lord Viscount Howe, of the Kingdom of Ireland, and the Honorable William Howe, Esq; Major General of His Majesty's Forces, and General of His Majesty's Forces in North America only, to be His Majesty's Commissioners for restoring Peace to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in North America; and for granting Pardon to such of His Majesty's Subjects there, now in Rebellion, as shall deserve the Royal Mercy.

His Majesty hath also been pleased to nominate and appoint Henry Strachy, Esq; to be Secretary to the said Commission.

St. James's, May 3.

This Day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, several of the Aldermen, the Sheriffs and Commons of the City of London, waited upon His Majesty, (being introduced to His Majesty by the Earl of Hertford, Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household) with the following Address, which was read by the Recorder.

To the KING's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common-Council assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

YOUR Majesty's loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, in Common-Council assembled, approach your Majesty with their Congratulations on the happy Delivery of their most amiable Queen, and the Birth of another Princess; and to assure your Majesty, that there are not in all your Dominions any Subjects more faithful, or more ready to maintain the true Honour and Dignity of your Crown,

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