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AT the Court at St. James's the 21st Day of August, 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 of 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 Thirtieth 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 whereas the Time thereby limited was by Orders in Council prolonged and extended from the said Thirtieth Day of April to the Thirty-first Day of this Instant August; 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 Thirty-first Day of this Instant August to the Thirty-first Day of October next inclusive. — Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell.

At the Court at St. James's, the 21st Day of August, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 17th of May last, for prohibiting the Exporting out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire on the 23d of this instant August; and whereas it is judged expedient that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, except in those Cases where (for the Benefit and Advantage of Trade, and for the Use and Defence of Ships trading to Foreign Parts, and of the Transports and Victualling Vessels employed in His Majesty's Service) His Majesty, by His several Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and of the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, and of the 5th and 19th of February last, has thought proper to permit and allow the Exportation of, and carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, Arms and Ammunition, under certain Conditions and Restrictions mentioned in the said Orders: His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit, and command, That no Person or Persons whomsoever (except the Master-General, Lieutenant-General, or Principal Officers of the Ordnance, for His Majesty's Service) do, at any Time during the Space of Three Months, to commence from the said 23d Day of this instant August, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same

beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise except in the Cases comprized within the aforementioned Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, and of the 5th and 19th of February last, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty, or His Privy Council, upon pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the 29th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Salt-petre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Salt-petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition." And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.

Whitehall, August 24, 1776.

CAPTAIN Hope arrived on Wednesday Evening last from South Carolina with Dispatches from Commodore Sir Peter Parker and Lieutenant-General Clinton.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Peter Parker to Mr. Stephens, Secretary of the Admiralty, dated within Charles-Town Bar, July 9, 1776.

IT having been judged advisable to make an Attempt upon Charles Town in South Carolina, the Fleet sailed from Cape Fear on the 1st of June, and on the 4th anchored off Charles Town Bar. The 5th sounded the Bar, and laid down Buoys preparatory to the intended Entrance of the Harbour. The 7th all the Frigates and most of the Transports got over the Bar into Five-Fathom Hole. The 9th General Clinton landed on Long Island with about Four or Five Hundred Men. The 10th the Bristol got over the Bar with some Difficulty. The 15th gave the Captains of the Squadron my Arrangement for the Attack of the Batteries on Sullivan's Island, and the next Day acquainted General Clinton that the Ships were ready. The General fixed on the 23d for our joint Attack, but the Wind proving unfavourable prevented its taking Effect. The 25th the Experiment arrived, and next Day came over the Bar, when a new Arrangement was made for the Attack. The 28th, at Half an Hour after Nine in the Morning, informed General Clinton by Signal that I should go on the Attack. At Half an Hour after Ten I made the Signal to weigh; and about a Quarter after Eleven the Bristol, Experiment, Active, and Solebay, brought up against the Fort. The Thunder Bomb, covered by the Friendship Armed Vessel, brought the Salient Angle of the East Bastion to bear N.W. by N. and Colonel James (who has ever since our Arrival been very anxious to give the best Assistance) threw several Shells a little before and during the Engagement in a very good Direction. The Sphinx, Actæon, and Syren were to have been to the Westward, to prevent Fire-ships or other Vessels from annoying the Ships engaged, to enfilade the Works, and, if the Rebels should be driven from them, to cut off their Retreat, if possible. This last Service was not performed, owing to the Ignorance of the Pilot, who run the three Frigates aground. The Sphinx and Syren got off in a few Hours, but the Actæon remained fast 'till the next Morning, when the Cap-