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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For encouraging Seamen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service; We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation: And We do hereby promise and declare, That all such Able Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, fit for Our Service, who shall, on or before the 31st Day of December 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 Navy, shall receive, as Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Five Pounds each Man; and all such Ordinary Seamen, fit for Our Service, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty, in Lieu of all other Bounties mentioned in Our Proclamation dated the 22d Day of March last, and Our Orders in Council of the 1st of May, the 21st of June, and 21st of August following; such respective Sums to be paid them by the respective Clerks of the Cheque residing at the Ports or Places where the Ships, into which they shall be entered, shall be, immediately after the Third Muster of such Seamen: And We do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen so entering themselves as aforesaid, shall be certified by the Captain, Master, and Boatswain of the Ship or Vessel where they shall enter. And for Prevention of any Abuses by any Persons leaving the Vessels to which they shall belong, and entering themselves on Board any other Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money; We do hereby Declare and Command, that such Seamen 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 shall enter themselves on Board any other of our said 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.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twenty-fifth Day of *October*, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, in the Seventeenth Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

AT The Court at *St. James's*, the 25th Day of *October*, 1776.

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS it is requisite for the Public Safety, in the present Conjunction of Affairs, to prevent the Exportation of Provisions; It is therefore hereby ordered by His Majesty in Council, that an

Price Three pence-Halfpenny.

Embargo be forthwith laid upon all Ships and Vessels laden, or to be laden, in the Ports of Great Britain, with Black Cattle and Hogs, Beef, Pork, Butter, and Cheese, or any Sort of Provisions, except Fish, Corn, or Grain of any Kind, or Pulse, and that the said Embargo do continue and remain upon such Ships and Vessels till further Order: But it is His Majesty's Pleasure that the said Embargo shall not extend to any Ships or Vessels that shall be employed in Carrying Provisions to any of His Majesty's West India Islands, or to any of His Majesty's Colonies in North America (except the Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, The Three Lower Counties on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia) or to His Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Coast of Africa or the Island of Saint Helena; provided, that the Owners of such Ships or Vessels do make Oath, on the Entry of such Ships or Vessels, of the due Destination thereof to the Place to which such Ships or Vessels shall be so entered to clear out as aforesaid, and do give Security by Bond to the proper Officers of the Customs of the Port at which such Ships or Vessels shall enter and clear out, with two other able and sufficient Securities, in treble the Value of the Cargo of such Provisions, for the Performance of the Conditions therein specified; and do thereby engage, that such Ships and Vessels shall proceed under Convoy of one of His Majesty's Ships, and shall not desert the Convoy on their Voyage; and likewise to produce, within Twelve Months from the Date of such Bond, from the proper Officer of the Customs of the Port to which such Ships or Vessels shall go, Certificates of their having delivered their Cargoes at the Places for which they shall have been entered; and no such Bonds or Securities shall be delivered up but on the Production of such Certificates. And His Majesty is hereby further pleased to order, that the said Embargo shall not extend to any Ship or Vessel actually retained or employed in His Majesty's Service, nor to any Ship or Vessel which shall be laden by the especial Order and under the Directions of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, or the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, with any Kind of Provisions for the Use of His Majesty's Fleets or Armies. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary Directions for carrying the same into Execution, so far as to them shall respectively appertain.

G. Chetwynd.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 25th Day of *October*, 1776,

P R E S E N T,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 26th of January last, to lay an Embargo upon all Ships and Vessels laden

