

AT the Court at St. James's, the 3d of May,
1782,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable George Waldegrave, commonly called Lord Viscount Chewton, Vice-Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

By the KING,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS divers Persons have been guilty of the illegal Practices of clandestine importing and running of prohibited and uncustomed Goods, and thereby subjected themselves to great Penalties, for which some have been already convicted, some are in Execution for the same, and others are under Prosecution, and many more liable to such Penalties, in Consequence of which they abscond, or are gone into Foreign Parts, which has or may prove the Ruin of themselves and their Families: And whereas they may yet be of Use to Us and their Country, in the present Conjuncture of Affairs, by serving Us in Our Navy, in case they are rendered capable thereof by Our Gracious Pardon: We, being desirous of giving them an Opportunity of entering into Our Service, and of rendering themselves of Service to the Publick, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Proclamation; and We do hereby promise and declare, that in case any fit and able Person or Persons, who has or have incurred any Penalties, in, by, or for the clandestine importing, running, landing, relanding, unshipping, concealing, or receiving, or being assisting in such running, landing, relanding, or unshipping, any prohibited Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, or any Goods liable to the Payment of the Duties under the Management of the Commissioners of Customs, Excise, or Salt, or either of them, or who have beat, abused, obstructed or hindered, any Officer or Officers of the said Revenues, in the due Execution of their Duty, or by Reason or Means or on Account of any such Offences as aforesaid, or who are under any Prosecutions, judgement, Outlawry, in Prison, or under or subject to any Execution for any of the said Offences, or gone beyond Sea to avoid the same, shall, on or before the First Day of July next, voluntarily enter themselves as Sailors into Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships or Vessels of Our Royal Navy, or other Officers of Our Navy empowered to enter Men to serve on Board Our said Ships or Vessels, or shall procure One fit and able Seaman, and One fit and able Landman, for the Service of Our Navy, as Substitutes to serve for him, her, or them, such as shall be approved by such Officer or Officers in Our Sea Service empowered to receive the same; provided the Penalty to which such Person or Persons is or are liable, does not exceed the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds; and such Person or Persons who hath or have incurred a Penalty of more than Five Hundred Pounds, and less than Two Thousand Pounds, finding Two fit and able Seamen, and Two fit and able Landmen, for the Service of Our Navy as aforesaid; and such Person or Persons who hath or have incurred a Penalty of more than Two Thousand Pounds finding Three fit and able Seamen, and Three fit and able Landmen, for the Service of Our Navy as aforesaid, such as shall be approved by such Officer or Officers in Our Sea Ser-

vice empowered to receive the same; all and every such Person or Persons, so serving, or providing Substitutes to serve for him, her, or them, as aforesaid, shall have Our gracious Pardon of and for all and every such Offence and Offences, and Penalties, and all Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, Convictions, Judgements, Imprisonments, Executions, and Outlawries, sued, incurred, had or given, or that may arise or accrue for or by Reason or Means of any of the said Offences, or other Matters or Things aforesaid, on all such Person or Persons so entering or finding Substitutes, producing to such Person or Persons at Our Admiralty Office as shall be there appointed, to be registered by him or them at the Expence of such Person or Persons so entering themselves or finding Substitutes, a Certificate or Certificates by the Officer or Officers with whom such Person or Persons, Seaman or Seamen, Landman or Landmen, shall be entered, of their having conformed as aforesaid within the Time aforesaid, and which Registration, or a Copy thereof duly authenticated, shall be deemed and taken as Evidence in all Cases of such Conformity, and shall be a sufficient Warrant for the Discharge of all such Persons in actual Custody for any such Offence: And We do hereby further promise and declare, that in all Cases where the Party or Parties wishing to take the Benefit of this Our Proclamation, who shall not have been prosecuted, or being prosecuted shall not have been convicted, he, she, or they, shall or may intitle themselves thereto, by procuring Two fit and able Seamen, and two fit and able Landmen, for the Service of Our Navy, to be approved and registered as aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Third Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, in the Twenty-second Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the KING.

St. James's, May 4.

The following Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of York, has been presented to the King by Sir Charles Turner, Bart. One of the Representatives in Parliament for the said City, being introduced by the Lord of His Majesty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of York, in Common Council assembled.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Alderman, Sheriffs and Commonalty of the City of York, in Common Council assembled, beg Leave, with the warmest Affection to your Majesty's Person, Family and Government, to express our most grateful Sense of your Majesty's paternal Concern for the Burthens of your People; and your most gracious Resolution to promote such wise and benevolent Plans of Economy as may enable and encourage your loyal Subjects cheerfully to support your Majesty in a vigorous Prosecution of the present extensive War, till a safe and honourable Peace can be obtained.

Impressed with the same Sentiments, we acknowledged your Majesty's gracious Solicitude to restore Unanimity amongst your Subjects, by placing your Royal Confidence, in this critical Juncture, in those eminent Persons who are considered as the most able and disinterested Friends of our excellent Constitution, and the unbiassed Patrons of Public Liberty and