

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For recalling and prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States; for giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themselves in Board His Majesty's Ships of War; and for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS 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: And whereas Our Service doth at this Time require a speedy Supply of Seamen and Seafaring Men to man such of Our Ships as are now ready to be commissioned: We have therefore thought fit, 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 farther, 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 it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, Seafaring Men, and Able bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service. 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 Thirtieth Day of September 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 to enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Two Pounds Ten Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty; and that every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall voluntarily enter themselves as aforesaid to serve on board any of Our Ships, shall receive, as of Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man; such respective Sums to be paid 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 Landmen. And We do declare, that the Qualification of the Seamen to 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 Ship or Vessel, in order to obtain the said Bounty Money, We do hereby declare and command, that such Seamen or Landmen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any

of the 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. 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, that so such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for Our said Service, by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raising Men, on or before the 30th Day of September next; 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 Twenty-first Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, in the Twenty-second Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 21st of June, 1782,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable Sir William Howe, Knight of the Bath, Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance, was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 19th of June, 1782,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WH E R E A S the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 14th of December last, for continuing the Prohibition on the Exportation or Carrying of Copper Coastwise, (except as therein mentioned) will expire on the 22d of this instant June: And whereas, upon the Application of the several Companies of Copper Smelters within the Kingdom of Great Britain, His Majesty (in order to remove all Obstructions upon Trade, so far as might be consistent with sound Policy) was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 10th of last Month, to permit and allow Copper of the Weight and Dimensions described in the said Order, to be carried Coastwise or exported, under certain Restrictions and Conditions therein specified: And whereas His Majesty judges it necessary for the Public Good, at this critical Conjunction, that the Exportation or Carrying Copper Coastwise, should continue to be prohibited for some Time longer, except under the Restrictions and Conditions allowed by the above-recited Order of the 10th of May last. His Majesty is thereupon pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Prohibition upon the Exportation or Carrying of Copper Coastwise be continued for Six Months, to commence from the 22d Day of this instant June; but it is His Majesty's Pleasure that the same shall not be taken to extend to any Sort of Copper to be exported or sent Coastwise by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy, or their Officers or Agents, for His Majesty's Service; or to the carrying Coastwise or exporting of Copper in Sheets, weighing less than Twelve and more than Forty Ounces to the Foot superficial, to any Parts beyond the Sea, to which the same may be lawfully exported, upon Condition