

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 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, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for our said Service by any of our Sea Officers employed for raising Men; 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 September, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and in the Twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign,

GOD save the KING,

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

Respecting the GOLD COIN.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us, that great Quantities of the Gold Coin of this Realm, deficient in Weight, are now in Circulation, contrary to the Tenour of Our Royal Proclamation of the Twelfth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and there being Reason to believe that due Attention is not paid to the weighing of the said Gold Coin, and to the Directions given in the Acts of Parliament now in Force with Respect to the cutting, breaking or defacing of such Pieces thereof as are found to be of less Weight than those declared and allowed by Our said Proclamation to be current and pass in Payment; We do think proper, by this Our Royal Proclamation, to declare and command, in like

Manner as We did declare and command in Our before-mentioned Proclamation of the Twelfth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, That all Guineas, Half Guineas and Quarter Guineas, more deficient in Weight than the Rates specified in the Table following,

	Dwts.	Grss.
Guineas, - - - - -	5	8
Half Guineas, - - - - -	2	16
Quarter Guineas, - - - - -	1	8

whatsoever: And We do hereby strictly require and command all Our loving Subjects, and particularly all the Officers, Collectors and Receivers of Our Revenues, strictly to conform to the Orders hereby given, and to the Directions and Regulations enacted and established in the several Acts of Parliament now in Force with Respect to the cutting, breaking and defacing such Pieces of the said Gold Coin as shall be found deficient in Weight. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-first Day of September, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, in the Twenty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Act of the 14th Year of His present Majesty's Reign, Chap. 70. Sect. 7.

AND be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Tellers in the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer in Great Britain, and all Receivers, Collectors and other Officers of all His Majesty's Revenues wheresoever, and all other Persons whatsoever, are hereby authorized and required to cut, break or deface, or cause to be cut, broken or defaced, every Piece of Gold Coin of this Realm that shall be tendered to them or any of them in Payment, after such Time and Times as any such Piece of Gold Coin shall, by virtue of any Proclamation of His Majesty in Council, be declared not to be allowed to pass in any Payment whatsoever, any Law or Statute to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and the Person tendering the same shall bear the Loss: But if any such Piece so cut, broken or defaced, shall be of due Weight, and appear to be lawful Money, the Person that cut, broke or defaced the same, shall and is hereby required to take and receive the same at the Rate it was coined for: And if any Questions or Disputes shall arise, whether the Piece so cut be lawful Coin, within the Intent and Meaning of His Majesty's Proclamations, it shall be heard and finally determined by the Mayor, Bailiff or Bailiffs, or other Chief Officer of any City or Town Corporate where such Tender shall be made; and if such Tenders shall be made out of any City or Town Corporate, then by some Justice of the Peace of the County inhabiting or being near the Place where such Tender shall be made; and the said Mayor or other Chief Officer, and Justice of the Peace, shall have full Power and Authority to administer an Oath, as he shall see convenient, to any Person, for determining any Questions relating to the Weight and lawful Currency of the said Piece of Coin.