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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For recalling and prohibiting Seamen from serving
Foreign Princes and States.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, That Attempts are made to entice Mariners and Seafaring Men, Our Natural-born Subjects, to enter into the Service of Foreign Princes and States, contrary to their Duty to Us, and without Regard to the perfect Amity now subsisting between Us and all the other Powers of Europe; We have therefore thought it necessary, 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 may have entered into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, without Our Special Licence and Authority in that Behalf heretofore obtained, 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 further, 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.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's House, the Twenty-second Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, in the Twenty-eighth Year of Our Reign:

G O D save the KING.

Whitehall, March 24.

The King has been pleased to grant to Robert Nefs, of Bond-freet, in the Parish of St. George, Hanover-square, in the County of Middlesex, Esq; His Royal Licence and Authority to assume the Surname of Burdett only, pursuant to the Will of John Burdett, of Sleights, in the Parish of Whitby, in the County of York, Esq; deceased, Uncle of Charlotte, Mother of the said Robert Nefs; and also to order; that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in the College of Arms.

Genoa, March 10.

Authentic Intelligence is received here by the Health Office, that the Plague has broken out at Algiers, and also that it raged very violently at Constantinople.

Hamburg, March 11.

On the 8th Instant died at Ritzebuttel, Senator Vincent Matfen, Esq; and Bailli of that Place, in the Sixty-third Year of his Age, of an apoplectick Fit.

Vienna, March 12.

Letters from Trieste mention that his Imperial Majesty arrived there on the 4th instant, passed the succeeding Day in reviewing the Works which have been constructed there for the Defence of the Port, and set out on the 6th for Fiume.

Admiralty-Office, March 22, 1788.

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information has been sent to this Office, That the Ship Cornelis, whereof Meyndext Seijmeufz was Master, bound from Cette to Amsterdam in Holland, with a Cargo of Wine, Almonds, Verdigræse, &c: was, on the 7th instant, in a hard Gale of Wind, driven on Shore near Biding Gap, in the County of Suffex, and broken to Pieces, and that all the Crew except Peter Heywrick, late a Seaman on Board the said Ship, were drowned.

Ph. Stephens.