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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

*For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War.*

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**W**HEREAS it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen and Landmen 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 Twenty Years, fit for Our Service, who shall, on or before the Thirty-first Day of May next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or Officers employed in Tenders, or at Rendezvous on Shore, for Raising Men for the Service of Our Navy, shall receive, as Our Royal Bounty, the Sum of Three Pounds each Man; and all such Ordinary Seamen, of the Ages above mentioned, fit for Our Service, who shall so enter themselves as aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Two Pounds each Man: And all such Able-Bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall so enter themselves as

aforesaid, shall receive the Sum of Twenty Shillings each Man, as Our Royal Bounty; 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 Landmen. And We do declare, that the Qualifications of the Seamen and Landmen, 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 Our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money, We do hereby declare and command, that such Seamen and Landmen, 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 March, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the Thirty-first Year of Our Reign.

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