

By the KING,

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

For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States, and for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves.

G E O R G E R.

W H E R E A S 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; 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 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 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. And we do hereby farther promise and declare, that a Reward of Twenty Shillings for every Able and Ordinary Seaman shall be paid any Person who shall discover any Seaman or Seamen who may conceal him or themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for our said Service, on or before the 31st Day of May next, by any of Our Sea Officers appointed to raise Men on Shore, or by the Captains and Commanders of any of Our Ships or Vessels in the Ports, or on the Coasts of this Kingdom, 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 Clerks of the Cheque at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, or Plymouth, or the Naval Officers at Harwich or Deal respectively; and (where there are no Clerks of the Cheque or Naval Officers) by the Collector or proper Officer of Our Customs at the Port which may be nearest to the Place where such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken, immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, Clerks of the Cheque, Naval Officers, Collectors or proper Officers of the Customs, 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; and the Amount of all Payments, so to be made by the Collectors or proper Officers of Our Customs, to be reimbursed to them by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, as heretofore, upon authentic Accounts thereof being transmitted to the said Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy by such Collectors or proper Officers of Our Customs.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Sixth Day of April, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and in the Thirty-first Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

War-Office, April 9, 1791.

2d (or Queen's Regiment) of Dragoon Guards, Lieutenant James Hay is appointed to be Captain-Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Henry Evatt, who retires.

Ditto, Cornet Hugh Dive to be Lieutenant, vice James Hay.

2d (or Royal North British) Regiment of Dragoons, Robert Jones, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice Archibald Bothwell, promoted.

16th (or the Queen's) Regiment of Light Dragoons, John S. Stuart, Gent. to be Cornet, by Purchase, vice George Anson, promoted.

2d Battalion of the Royals, Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant Donald Macdonald, from the Half-Pay of the Independent Companies, to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Campbell, promoted to an Independent Company.

Ditto, Lieutenant James Smith Baillie, from the Half-Pay of the Independent Companies, to be Lieutenant, vice George Pigot, promoted to an Independent Company.

3d Regiment of Foot, (or the Buffs) William George Daniel, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice George Sinclair, promoted.

11th Regiment of Foot, Henry Douglas Crunden, Gent. to be Ensign, by Purchase, vice Edward Raleigh, promoted.

15th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Henry Clinton, from the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards, to be Captain of a Company, by Purchase, vice William Gordon, promoted in the 60th Regiment.