

By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

*For Recalling and Prohibiting Seamen from serving Foreign Princes and States, 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; 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 further 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.

GOD save the KING.

*Westminster, April 11.*

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Lord Grenville, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to*

*An Act for granting to His Majesty an additional Duty on Sugar imported into this Kingdom.*

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