

the Security of My Kingdoms, and with the faithful Performance of Engagements, which We are bound equally by Interest and Honour to fulfil.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have ordered the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you; and I have no Doubt that you will be ready to make a due Provision for the several Branches of the Public Service.

You will certainly join with Me in lamenting any Necessity for extraordinary Expences, which may for a Time prevent the Application of additional Sums, beyond those which are already annually appropriated, to the Reduction of the Public Debt, or retard the Relief which My Subjects might have derived from a further Diminution of Taxes: But I am confident you will feel that those great Ends will ultimately be best promoted by such Exertions as are necessary for Our present and future Safety and Tranquillity; and it is a great Consolation to Me to reflect, that you will find ample Resources for effectually defraying the Expence of vigorous Preparations, from the Excess of the actual Revenue beyond the ordinary Expenditure.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have great Pleasure in acquainting you, that the brilliant Successes of the British Arms in India, under the able Conduct of the Marquess Cornwallis, have led to the Termination of the War by an advantageous and honourable Peace, the Terms of which are peculiarly satisfactory to Me, from their Tendency to secure the future Tranquillity of the British Dominions in that Part of the World.

Your Attention will now naturally be directed to the taking such Measures for the future Government of those valuable Possessions, as shall appear, from Experience and full Consideration, most likely to provide for their internal Prosperity, and to secure the important Advantages which may be derived from thence to the Commerce and Revenue of this Country.

I am persuaded that it will be the Object of your immediate Consideration to adopt such Measures as may be necessary, under the present Circumstances, for enforcing Obedience to the Laws, and for repressing every Attempt to disturb the Peace and Tranquillity of these Kingdoms.

You will be sensible how much depends on the Result of your Deliberations; and your uniform Conduct is the best Pledge that nothing will be wanting on your Part which can contribute to the present Security and permanent Advantage of the Country.

I retain a deep and unalterable Sense of the repeated Proofs which I have received of your cordial and affectionate Attachment to Me; and I place an entire Reliance on the Continuance of those Sen-

timents, as well as on your firm Determination to defend and maintain that Constitution, which has so long protected the Liberties and promoted the Happiness of every Class of My Subjects.

In endeavouring to preserve and to transmit to Posterity the inestimable Blessings which, under the Favour of Providence, you have yourselves experienced, you may be assured of My zealous and cordial Co-operation; and Our joint Efforts will, I doubt not, be rendered completely effectual, by the decided Support of a Free and Loyal People.

By the K I N G,

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

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

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS 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 this instant December, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships or Vessels, or Officers employed 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, 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 Checque residing at the Ports where the Ships or Vessels, on Board which such Seamen and Landmen may be appointed to serve, 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, shall be certified by the Captain, Master and Boatwain of the Ship or Vessel on Board which they shall be appointed to serve: 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,