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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.*

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**W**HEREAS 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 ex-

pect 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, fit to serve on Board Our Ships, 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 Thirtieth Day of April 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, out of the Money in his Hands, or to be furnished to him for that Purpose by the Lords Commissioners of Our Treasury, upon a Certificate being produced to the said

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