

PROCLAMATION,

By the Right Honourable Samuel Lord Hood, Vice-Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron in the Mediterranean, &c. &c. &c.

To the Inhabitants in the Towns and Provinces in the South of France.

DURING Four Years you have been involved in a Revolution, which has plunged you in Anarchy, and rendered you a Prey to factious Leaders. After having destroyed your Government, trampled under Foot the Laws, assassinated the Virtuous, and authorized the Commission of Crimes, they have endeavoured to propagate throughout Europe their destructive System of every social Order. They have constantly held forth to you the Idea of Liberty, while they have been robbing you of it. Every where they have preached Respect to Persons and Property, and every where in their Name it has been violated; they have amused you with the Sovereignty of the People, which they have constantly usurped; they have declaimed against the Abuses of Royalty, in order to establish their Tyranny upon the Fragments of a Throne still reeking with the Blood of your legitimate Sovereign. Frenchmen! you groan under the Pressure of Want, and the Privation of all Specie; your Commerce and your Industry are annihilated, your Agriculture is checked, and the Want of Provisions threatens you with a horrible Famine. Behold, then, the faithful Picture of your wretched Condition; a Situation so dreadful sensibly afflicts the Coalesced Powers; they see no other Remedy but the Re-establishment of the French Monarchy. It is for this, and the Acts of Aggression committed by the Executive Power of France, that we have armed in Conjunction with the other Coalesced Powers. After mature Reflection upon these leading Objects, I come to offer you the Force with which I am intrusted by my Sovereign, in order to spare the further Effusion of human Blood, to crush with Promptitude the Factious, to re-establish a regular Government in France, and thereby main-

tain Peace and Tranquillity in Europe. Decide, therefore, definitively, and with Precision. Trust your Hopes to the Generosity of a *loyal* and *free* Nation. In it's Name I have just given an unequivocal Testimony to the Well-disposed Inhabitants of Marseilles, by granting to the Commissioners sent on board the Fleet under my Command a Passport for procuring a Quantity of Grain, of which this great Town now stands so much in Need. Be explicit, and I fly to your Succour, in order to break the Chain which surrounds you, and to be the Instrument of making many Years of Happiness succeed to Four Years of Misery and Anarchy, in which your deluded Country has been involved.

Given on board His Britannic Majesty's Ship Victory, off Toulon, the 23d Day of August, 1793.

(Signed) H O O D.

By Command of the Admiral,

(Signed) *Jr^e M^e Arthur.*

DECLARATION made to Admiral LORD HOOD.

THE General Committee of the Sections of Toulon, having read the Proclamation of Admiral Lord Hood, Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron, together with his Preliminary Declaration; and, after having communicated these Two Papers to all the Citizens of the Town of Toulon, united in Sections,

Considering that France is torn by Anarchy, and that it is impossible to exist longer a Prey to the Factions, with which the Country is agitated, without it's total Destruction;

Considering that the Southern Departments, after having made long Efforts to resist the Oppression of a Party of factious Men, who have conspired to ruin them, find themselves drained and deprived of all Resources to annihilate this Coalition of the Evil-disposed;

Considering, in short, that determined not to submit to the Tyranny of a Convention that has sworn to ruin the Nation, the People of Toulon, and those of Marseilles,