

hereby warn all His Majesty's faithful Subjects to abstain from all Communication and Intercourse with the Crews of the said Ships: And we do hereby notify, that by virtue of the said Act, any Person who shall wilfully and advisedly have any Communication or Intercourse, whether personally or by Letter, Message, or otherwise, with the Crew of any of the said Ships, or with any Person or Persons being Part of such Crew, or with any Person who shall, after this Day, remain on Board any of the said Ships, will, on Conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death: And also, that any Person who shall wilfully and advisedly in any Manner supply and comfort or assist such Crew, or any Part thereof, or any Person remaining on Board any of the said Ships, after this Day, will, on Conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of Felony, and suffer Death: And also, that from and after this Day, all Wages and other Allowances payable to the Crews of the said Ships will cease and determine, and be no longer payable; and that they will, respectively, from thenceforth, forfeit and lose all Wages, and other Allowances, and all Shares of Prizes then due to them respectively, and all Benefits and Advantages to which they might otherwise be entitled from Greenwich Hospital, or the Chest at Chatham, and all other Benefits and Advantages whatsoever to which they might otherwise be entitled, in consequence of their having served as Seamen or Marines on Board His Majesty's Ships; and that all Persons voluntarily remaining on Board any of the said Ships, after having had Knowledge of this Declaration, will, on Conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of Piracy and Felony, and will suffer Death.

And whereas the Penalties of the said Act do not extend to such Communication or Intercourse with the said Crews as may be carried on by our Order or Authority, or by the Order and Authority of such Person or Persons as may be authorized by us to grant Permission, and give Directions in that Behalf, we do hereby notify that we have authorized Charles Buckner, Esq; Vice-Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the River Medway, and at the Buoy of the Nore, to hold Communication or Intercourse with the said Crews, and to grant Permission, and give Directions in that Behalf. And we do further notify and declare that we are authorized by His Majesty, in pursuance of the said Act, to accept the Submission of the Crew of any of the said Ships, or of any Person or Persons on Board of any such Ships, and to declare any such Person or Persons to have returned to their Duty, and thereupon to declare the Person or Persons whose Submission shall be so accepted, or who shall be so declared to have returned to their Duty, to be exempted and relieved from all or any of the Penalties and Forfeitures in the said Act.

Given under our Hands, and the Seal of the Office of Admiralty, this 7th Day of June, 1797.

SPENCER.  
ARDEN.  
CHA. S. PYBUS.  
H. SEYMOUR.  
PH. STEPHENS.  
J. GAMBIER.  
W. YOUNG.

By Command of their Lordships,

*Evan Nepean.*