

“ the treasonable Acts aforesaid, or of any Mutiny  
 “ or Disobedience of Orders or Neglect of Duty,  
 “ and who have returned, or who shall, upon  
 “ Notification hereof on Board their respective  
 “ Ships, return to the regular and ordinary Dis-  
 “ charge of their Duty, Our Royal Intentions to  
 “ grant to all such Seamen and Marines Our most  
 “ Gracious Pardon, and to promise, in Our Name,  
 “ to all such Seamen and Marines, who have so  
 “ returned, or shall so return to the regular and  
 “ ordinary Discharge of their Duty, Our most  
 “ gracious Pardon accordingly: And We do hereby  
 “ declare, that all such Seamen and Marines, who  
 “ shall have so returned, or shall so return to their  
 “ Duty, and to whom the said Lords Commissioners  
 “ of Our Admiralty, or any Three of them, shall  
 “ so promise Our Pardon, shall receive the same  
 “ accordingly, and shall be discharged and released  
 “ from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments and Penalties  
 “ incurred by reason of any of the Acts aforesaid,  
 “ or by reason of any Act of Mutiny or Disobedience  
 “ of Orders, or any Breach or Neglect of Duty  
 “ previously committed by them or any of them;  
 “ hereby declaring at the same Time, that all such  
 “ Seamen and Marines who shall not take the  
 “ Benefit of this Our gracious Pardon, shall from  
 “ henceforth be considered as liable, according to the  
 “ Nature of their Offences, to such Punishment as the  
 “ Articles of War and the Law have provided for the  
 “ same.” And whereas Our Right Trusty and Right  
 Well-beloved Cousin and Councillor George John  
 Earl Spencer, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Charles  
 George Lord Arden of Our Kingdom of Ireland,  
 and William Young, Esquire, Rear-Admiral of the  
 White, being Three of the Lords Commissioners of  
 Our Admiralty, did cause Our gracious Intentions  
 expressed in such Our Declaration, to be signified to  
 the Crews of Our Ships at the Nore, and did require  
 such Crews to return to their due Obedience accord-  
 ingly: And whereas it has been represented to Us,  
 that some of the Crews of Our said Ships have been  
 desirous of returning to their Obedience accordingly,  
 but have been prevented from so doing by Violence;  
 and others of Our Ships, in the actual Discharge of  
 their Duty, have been fired upon, and Attempts  
 have been made to prevent some of Our Ships from  
 proceeding according to the Orders of their Com-  
 manders: And whereas such continued Perseverance  
 in rebellious and treasonable Attempts against Our  
 Crown and Dignity, after repeated Admonitions  
 and offers of Our gracious Pardon, render it necessary  
 for us to call on all Our loving Subjects to be  
 aiding and assisting in repressing the same; We have  
 thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council,  
 to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do  
 hereby strictly enjoin and command all Our Admi-  
 rals, Generals, Commanders and Officers of Our  
 Forces by Sea and Land, and all Magistrates what-  
 soever, and all others Our loving Subjects, that they,  
 in their several Stations, do use their utmost Endeavours,  
 according to Law, to suppress all such muti-  
 nous and treasonable Proceedings, and to use all law-  
 ful Means to bring the Persons concerned therein,  
 their Aiders and Abettors, to Justice: And We do  
 hereby strictly enjoin and command all Our loving  
 Subjects whatsoever not to give any Aid, Comfort,  
 Assistance or Encouragement whatsoever to any Per-  
 son or Persons concerned in any such mutinous and  
 treasonable Proceedings, as they will answer the

same at their Peril; and also, to the utmost of their  
 Power and according to Law, to prevent all other  
 Persons from giving any such Aid, Assistance, Com-  
 fort or Encouragement.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Thirty-  
 first Day of May, One thousand seven hundred  
 and ninety-seven, and in the Thirty-seventh  
 Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 31st of May,  
 1797.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Twenty-  
 third Year of the Reign of His present  
 Majesty, intituled, “ An Act for preventing certain  
 “ Instruments from being required from Ships  
 “ belonging to the United States of America;  
 “ and to give to His Majesty, for a limited  
 “ Time, certain Powers for the better carrying  
 “ on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects  
 “ of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants  
 “ of the said United States;” which said Act has  
 been continued by several subsequent Acts until the  
 5th Day of April, 1797. And whereas by an  
 Act made in the Twenty-fourth Year of His present  
 Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ An Act to extend the  
 “ Powers of an Act, made in the Twenty-third Year  
 “ of the Reign of His present Majesty, for giving  
 “ His Majesty certain Powers for the better carrying  
 “ on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of  
 “ His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants  
 “ of the United States of America, to the Trade  
 “ and Commerce of this Kingdom with the British  
 “ Colonies and Plantations in America, with re-  
 “ spect to certain Articles therein mentioned,”  
 the Powers given by the said recited Act were ex-  
 tended to the Trade and Intercourse between this  
 Kingdom and the British Colonies and Plantations  
 in America, so far as the same might relate to  
 Iron, Hemp and Sailcloth, and other Articles of  
 the Produce of any Place bordering on the Baltic,  
 which might be exported from this Kingdom;  
 which last mentioned Act has also by several sub-  
 sequent Acts been continued until the said 5th Day  
 of April, 1797.

And whereas by another Act passed in this present  
 Session of Parliament, intituled, “ An Act to continue  
 “ the Laws now in Force for regulating the Trade be-  
 “ tween the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions  
 “ and the Inhabitants of the Territories belonging  
 “ to the United States of America, so far as the  
 “ same relate to the Trade and Commerce carried  
 “ on between this Kingdom and the Inhabitants  
 “ of the Countries belonging to the said United  
 “ States,” it is declared to be expedient, that the  
 said Act of the Twenty-third Year of His present  
 Majesty's Reign, so far only as the same extends to  
 the Trade and Commerce carried on between this  
 Kingdom and the People and Territories belong-  
 ing to the United States of America, and also that  
 the said Act of the Twenty-fourth Year of His present  
 Majesty's Reign, should be further continued and be  
 in Force; and it is thereby enacted, that the said Acts  
 shall continue and be in Force until the 5th Day of  
 April, 1798.

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