

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons,*

I have directed the Estimates for the ensuing Year to be laid before you. The State of the War, joined to the happy Consequences of Our recent Success, will, I trust, admit of some Diminution of Expence, consistently with the vigorous Efforts which Our Situation indispensably requires. In considering what may be the best Mode of defraying the heavy Expence which will still be unavoidable, you will, I am persuaded, bear in Mind that the present Crisis presents every Motive to animate you to the most effectual and spirited Exertions; the true Value of any temporary Sacrifices, which you may find necessary for this Purpose, can only be estimated by comparing them with the Importance of supporting effectually our Public Credit, and convincing the Enemy, that, while We retain an ardent Desire for the Conclusion of Peace on safe and honourable Terms, We possess the Means, as well as the Determination, to support with Vigour this arduous Contest, as long as it may be necessary for maintaining the Safety, Honour, and Independance of these Kingdoms.

*My Lords, and Gentlemen,*

After the Experience I have had of your Loyalty and Attachment to Me, and of your anxious Regard for the Interests of My Subjects, I have only to recommend to you a Perseverance in the same Principles and Conduct.

The Events of every Day must more and more impress you with a just Sense of the Blessings which We derive from Our Civil and Religious Establishments, and which have so long distinguished Us among all the Nations of Europe. These Blessings can only be preserved by inculcating and enforcing a due Reverence and Obedience to the Laws, by repressing with Promptitude every Attempt to disturb Our internal Tranquillity, and by maintaining inviolate that happy Constitution which We inherit from Our Ancestors, on which the Security and Happiness of every Class of My Subjects essentially depend.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 25th of October, 1797.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-sixth Day of December, 1792, to promise and declare, that the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty nor

under the Age of Twenty Years, who should, on or before the Twenty-eighth Day of February then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or Officers employed on Shore for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was also graciously pleased, by his said Proclamation, to declare, that all Able-bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Thirty-five nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should enter themselves as aforesaid, should receive the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, as His Majesty's Royal Bounty: And whereas His Majesty was also graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of the said Month of February, 1793, to promise and declare, that a Reward of Twenty Shillings for every Able and Ordinary Seaman, fit to serve on board His Majesty's Ships, should be paid to any Person who should discover any Seaman or Seamen who might conceal him or themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's Service, on or before the Thirtieth Day of April then next, by any of His Majesty's Sea Officers appointed to raise Men on Shore, or by the Captains or Commanders of any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels in the Ports or on the Coasts of this Kingdom: And whereas the Time limited by the said Proclamations for Payment of the said Bounties and Reward, hath been prolonged and extended to the Thirty-first Day of this instant October; and it being judged expedient for His Majesty's Service that the said Bounties and Reward should be continued to be paid for some Time longer; His Majesty, with the Advice of His Privy Council, doth therefore order, and it is hereby accordingly ordered, that the Time limited for Payment of the said Bounties and Reward be prolonged and extended from the said Thirty-first Day of this instant October to the Thirtieth Day of December next inclusive:—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly. *W. Faulkener.*

*Commissions signed by His Majesty for the Army in Ireland.*

Charles John Blanchard, from the Half-Pay of the 74th Foot, to be Chaplain in the 64th Foot, vice Joseph Grant, who exchanges. Dated October 1, 1797.

Mr. George Vaughan to be Ensign in the 68th Foot, vice Ensign Robert Bree, promoted. Dated October 1, 1797.

*Commissions in the Hampshire Militia signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

*South Regiment.* John Coleman, Esq; to be Lieutenant, vice Lieutenant Moore, resigned.

*North Regiment.* Archibald Munro, Esq; to be Ensign.

Pusse O'Keefe Boulger, Esq; to be Ensign.

Equivalent Office, November 2, 1797.

THE Court of Directors of the Equivalent Company give Notice, that the Transfer Books of the said Company will be shut on Wednesday the 13th of December next, and continue so till Wednesday the 10th of January following, in order to settle the Dividend of Two per