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From Saturday December 2, to Tuesday December 5, 1797.

By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,

For a General Thanksgiving for the many signal and important Naval Victories obtained in the present War.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the indispensable Duty which We owe to Almighty God for the manifold and inestimable Blessings which these Kingdoms have received at his Hands, and desiring to manifest to Our faithful and loving Subjects, and to the whole World, the deep and devout Sense which we entertain of His great Mercies vouchsafed unto Us, by prostrating Ourselves before His Divine Majesty, and offering up, in the most Publick and solemn Manner, Our Praise and Thanksgiving for the Interposition of His good Providence, in the many signal and important Victories obtained by Our Navy, in the Course of the present War, have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby appointing and commanding that a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His Mercies, be observed throughout England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, on Tuesday the Nineteenth Day of December next: And for the better and more orderly solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Most Reverend the Archbishops, and the Right Reverend the Bishops of England, to compose a Form of Prayer suitable to the Occasion, to be used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the timely dispersing of the same throughout their respective Dioceses; and We do strictly charge and command, that the said Publick Day of Thanksgiving be religiously observed by all Our loving Subjects, as they

tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishment as We may justly inflict upon all such who shall contemn or neglect the same.

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

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