

command, that no Person or Persons whosoever do, at any Time, for the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said 10th Day of this instant December, export, or attempt to export, transport, carry or convey, or lade or lay on Board of any Ship, Vessel or Boat, in order to be exported, transported, carried or conveyed out of this Kingdom, any of the Wood called Lignum-Vitæ, without Leave or Permission being first had and obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring the Forfeitures inflicted by an Act passed in the Thirty-fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for indemnifying all Persons who have been concerned in advising or carrying into Execution an Order of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury respecting the Exportation of Pot-Ashes or Pearl-Ashes; for preventing Suits in consequence of the same; for authorizing His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation or carrying Coastwise of Pot-Ashes or Pearl-Ashes, and for making further Provisions relative thereto." But it is nevertheless His Majesty's Pleasure, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent any Ship or Vessel from taking or having on Board any of the said Wood called Lignum-Vitæ which may be necessary for the Use of the said Ship or Vessel during the Course of her intended Voyage, nor to prevent the Exportation of the said Wood called Lignum-Vitæ to Ireland, or to His Majesty's Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark or Man, or to His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America or the West Indies, or to Newfoundland, or to His Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Coast of Africa, or to the Island of St. Helena, or to the British Settlements or Factories in the East Indies; provided that, upon the Exportation of the said Wood called Lignum-Vitæ to Ireland, or to His Majesty's Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark or Man, or to His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America or the West Indies, or to the Island of Newfoundland, or to His Majesty's Forts and Settlements on the Coast of Africa, or to the Island of St. Helena, or the British Settlements or Factories in the East Indies, the Exporters of the said Wood called Lignum-Vitæ do first make Oath of the true Destination of the same to the Places for which it shall be entered Outwards, before the Entry of the same shall be made, and do give full and sufficient Security, by Bond, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, to carry the said Wood called Lignum-Vitæ to the Places for which it is so entered Outwards, and none other; and such Bond shall not be cancelled or delivered

up until Proof be made, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, by the Production, within a Time to be fixed by the said Commissioners, and specified in the Bond, of a Certificate or Certificates, in such Form and Manner as shall be directed by the said Commissioners, shewing that the said Wood called Lignum-Vitæ has been duly landed at the Places for which it was entered Outwards.— And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

W. Faulkener.

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 Twentieth Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the Thirty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.