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AT the Court at St. James's, the 14th of February, 1798.

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 so 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 Twenty-eighth Day of this instant February; 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 Twenty-eighth Day of this instant February to the Thirtieth Day of April next inclusive:—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

W. Fawkener.

Westminster, February 20, 1798.

THIS Day the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by Mr. Quarne, the Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by virtue of His Majesty's Commission for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses; do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent*

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