

AT the Court at St. James's, the 25th of April, 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 Thirtieth Day of this instant April; 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 Thirtieth Day of this instant April to the Thirtieth Day of June next inclusive:—Whereof all Persons concerned are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Steph. Cottrell,

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The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 4th Day of November last, prohibiting the Exportation out of this Kingdom of any Sort of Rock Salt, will expire upon

the 29th Day of this instant April: And whereas it is judged expedient that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer; His Majesty doth therefore, with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit and command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever do at any Time, during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said 29th Day of this instant April, export or attempt to export, transport, carry or convey, or load or lay on board of any Ship, Vessel or Boat, in order to be exported, transported, carried or conveyed out of any Port or Place in Great Britain, any Sort of Rock Salt whatsoever, 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-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for indemnifying all Persons who have been concerned in advising or carrying into Execution an Order of His Majesty in Council respecting the Exportation of Rock Salt; for preventing Suits in consequence of the same; for authorizing His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation or carrying Coastwise of Rock Salt; and for making further Provisions relative thereto;" His Majesty, nevertheless, by the Advice aforesaid, hath thought fit to order, that nothing herein contained shall prevent Rock Salt being carried Coastwise, under the usual Rules, Regulations and Restrictions, nor the Exportation of the same to Ireland, or to any other of His Majesty's Dominions, under the usual Conditions and Regulations, and upon Security being given, by the Exporter and Two other Persons, (of whom the Master of the Vessel shall be one) by Bond, in such Penalty as shall be directed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, that the said Rock Salt shall be exported to some Port or Place in His Majesty's Dominions, and none other; and that a Certificate shall be produced within Six Months from the Date of the Bond, if such Rock Salt shall be entered out for any Part of His Majesty's Dominions in Europe, and within Twelve Months if for any Part of His Majesty's Dominions in America or the West Indies, and within Eighteen Months if for any of the British Settlements or Factories in Asia or Africa, under the Hand of the Principal Officer of the Customs at the Port or Place where such Rock Salt shall be so landed; and if there shall be no Officer of the Customs, then under the Hand of the Chief Magistrate of the Place, testifying that the said Rock Salt has been duly landed at the Port or Place for which the same was entered out. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Steph. Cottrell.

Admiralty-Office, May 5, 1798.

Copy of a letter from Captain John Fremayne Rodd, Commander of His Majesty's Sloop Scorpion, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated in the River Humber, April 30, 1798.

S I R,

I Have the Honor of acquainting you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that His Majesty's Sloop Scorpion, under my