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AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 20th of *February*, 1799.

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, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, 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, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, 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 in-

stant 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. Fawkenner.*

St. James's, Friday, March 1, 1799.

A Chapter of the Most Noble Order of the Garter having been summoned to meet this Day, the Knights Companions, in their Mantles and Collars, with the Officers of the Order hereafter mentioned, in their Mantles, Chains, and Badges, attended the Sovereign in his own Apartments, and, being called over by Garter, a Procession was made from thence to the Great Council-Chamber in the following Order:

His Royal Highness the Duke of York.
His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester.
Prince of Orange.
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.
Black Rod. Garter.
The Chancellor. The Prelate.
THE SOVEREIGN.

The Sovereign and Knights Companions being seated, the Chancellor signified to the Chapter the Sovereign's Pleasure for filling up the vacant Stall in *St. George's Chapel*, at *Windsor*; and, as by the Statutes none but a Knight can be elected, Garter and Black Rod were sent to introduce *Earl Spencer*, who was knighted by the Sovereign with the Sword of State.

The Knights Companions then proceeded to the Election, and the Suffrages being collected by the Chancellor, and presented to the Sovereign, *George John Earl Spencer* was, by His Majesty's Command, declared duly elected. His Lordship was thereupon received at the Door of the Chapter-Room by the Two Junior Knights Companions, and conducted between them to the Sovereign, pre-