

By the KING.
A PROCLAMATION,
For a General Fast.

GEORGE R.

WE, taking into Our most serious Consideration the just and necessary War in which We are engaged, and putting Our Trust in Almighty God that He will graciously bless Our Arms both by Sea and Land, have resolved, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby command, that a Publick Day of Fasting and Humiliation be observed throughout that Part of Our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, on Thursday the Ninth Day of February next ensuing; that so both We and Our People may humble Ourselves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon of Our Sins, and, in the most devout and solemn Manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty for averting those heavy Judgments which Our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and for imploring His Blessing and Assistance on our Arms for the Restoration of Peace and Prosperity to Us and Our Dominions: And We do strictly charge and command that the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland; as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemp and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty: Our Will is, therefore, and We charge that this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith proceed to the Market-Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication thereof, that none pretend Ignorance: And Our Will and Pleasure is, that Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We do appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds; and that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day abovementioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at the Queen's Palace, this Twenty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and eight, in the Forty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

LEGACY DUTY.

TO EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

WHEREAS it appears by the Abstracts of Wills and Letters of Administration, returned to the Stamp-Office from the several Ecclesiastical Courts, that the Duties granted by the Acts of the 36 Geo. 3. c. 52, 44 Geo. 3. c. 98, and 45 Geo. 3. c. 28, have not been paid in respect of divers Legacies and Annuities bequeathed by Will out of Personal or Real Estate, and in respect of divers Residues of Personal Estate given by Will,

or devolved to Next of Kin upon Intestacies, particularly in Cases where the Executors were themselves Legatees, or Residuary Legatees, and where the Administrators were the sole Next of Kin of the Deceased;

This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners of Stamps are empowered, by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, to remit the Penalties incurred by Executors and others in consequence of the Non-Payment of the abovementioned Duties within the Time prescribed by Law, provided the same be paid on or before the 31st of January 1809; and that after that Day the Commissioners of Stamps will proceed to institute Prosecutions in the Exchequer against such Executors and Administrators as shall not avail themselves of the Indemnity offered, for recovering the Arrears of the said Duties.

By Order of the Commissioners,

C. E. Beresford, Secretary.

Stamp-Office, 24th December 1808.

Admiralty-Office, December 16, 1808.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas, within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held at Justice-Hall, in the Old-Bailey, London, on Friday the 20th Day of January next, at Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

W. W. Pole.

Transport-Office, December 20, 1808.

THE Commissioners for conducting His Majesty's Transport Service, for taking Care of Sick and Wounded Seamen, and for the Care and Custody of Prisoners of War, do hereby give Notice, that they will be ready at this Office, on Thursday the 5th of January 1809, to receive sealed Tenders, and treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for

Victualling Prisoners of War in Health at Chatham, for Six Months certain, from the 1st February 1809.

No Tender will be received after One o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed, unless the Party, or an Agent for him, personally attend. Each Tender must be accompanied by a Letter from Two respectable Persons engaging to become bound with the Person tendering, in the Sum of 2000l. for the due Performance of the Contract.

Further Particulars may be known by applying at this Office; or to Captain Hutchinson, Chatham.

Alex. M'Leay, Secretary.

Navy-Office, December 20, 1808.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 28th Instant, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for building

A Number of Gun-Boats.

A Drawing of the Boats may be seen at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed, unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, December 24, 1808.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Thursday the 5th of January next, at One o'Clock, they