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By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

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**W**HEREAS divers marines now serving in His Majesty's Royal Marine forces did, at the time of their respective enlistments, engage to serve His Majesty for the limited period of seven years, provided His Majesty should so long require their service, and also for such further term, not exceeding six months, as should be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station, and not exceeding three years, as should be directed by any Proclamation of His Majesty, provided always, that in the latter case the additional period should determine whenever six months of continued peace, to be reckoned from the ratification of any definitive treaty, should have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of the said seven years; and whereas His Majesty was pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing date the fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, to direct that all marines then serving in His Majesty's Royal Marine forces, who had been enlisted as aforesaid, should continue to serve therein for the term of three years after the expiration of such limited period of seven years; provided always, that the said additional period should determine whenever six months of continued peace, to be reckoned from the ratification of any definitive treaty should have elapsed subsequent to the expiration of such limited period of service: and

whereas the war between His Majesty and the United States of America unhappily continues to exist, and marines enlisting as aforesaid, cannot therefore claim the benefit of this provision, notwithstanding a definitive treaty of peace between His Majesty and His Most Christian Majesty, was signed at Paris on the thirtieth of May last, and the ratification thereof was duly exchanged on the seventeenth of June following; We, taking the same into Our most gracious consideration, have therefore thought fit, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to publish this Proclamation; and We do hereby direct that all marines now serving in His Majesty's Royal Marine Forces, who have been enlisted for such limited period as aforesaid, and whose services were extended by His Majesty's said Proclamation of the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for the further term of three years after the expiration of such limited period as aforesaid, the original period of whose services is not yet expired, shall be entitled to their respective discharges from the expiration of such limited period for which they were so enlisted as aforesaid. And that all marines now serving in His Majesty's Royal Marine forces who have been enlisted for such limited period as aforesaid, and the period of whose services was extended by His Majesty's said Proclamation of the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for the further term of three years after the expiration of such limited period as aforesaid, and whose original period of service for which they were so enlisted is expired, shall be forthwith enti-