

sensible that the circumstances under which the long and arduous contest in Europe had been carried on and concluded, have unavoidably led to arrears for which we cannot but see the necessity of providing, as well as for the continuance of those exertions which the war still subsisting with America renders indispensable.

We are aware that the peculiar character of the late war, as well as the extraordinary length of its duration, must have materially affected both the internal situation of all the countries engaged in it, and the commercial relations which formerly subsisted between them.

Under these circumstances, we shall not fail to proceed, with due caution, in the adoption of such regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of extending our trade and securing our advantages; relying, with perfect confidence, on the cordial co-operation and assistance of your Royal Highness in every measure which is calculated to contribute to the prosperity and welfare of His Majesty's dominions.

*J. Dyson, Cl. D. Dom. Com.*

*His Royal Highness's Most Gracious Answer.*

"GENTLEMEN,

"I thank for this loyal and dutiful Address.

"The sentiments which it conveys are fresh proofs of that attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, which must always be most grateful to My heart, and of that regard for the honour and interests of our country which has so long distinguished the House of Commons, and so greatly contributed to raise this kingdom to its present eminence among the nations of the world."

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.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS 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 there-

in 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 entitled to their discharges from and immediately after this Our Proclamation, notwithstanding the provisions of His Majesty's Proclamation of the fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, in the fifty-fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

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.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS divers soldiers, now serving in His Majesty's army, under the provisions of the Mutiny Act, passed in the forty-sixth year of His Majesty's reign, cap. 66, schedule A. did,