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By the KING.

## A PROCLAMATION.

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**W**HEREAS His Majesty being at peace with all the Powers and States of Europe and of America, has repeatedly declared His royal determination to maintain a strict and impartial neutrality in the different contests in which certain of those Powers and States are engaged :

And whereas the commission of acts of hostility by individual subjects of His Majesty against any Power or State, or against the persons and properties of the subjects of any Power or State, which being at peace with His Majesty is at the same time engaged in a contest, with respect to which His Majesty has declared his determination to be neutral, is calculated to bring into question the sincerity of His Majesty's declarations :

And whereas if His Majesty's subjects cannot be effectually restrained from such unwarranted commission of acts of hostility, it may be justly apprehended that the Governments aggrieved thereby might be unable, on their part, to restrain their subjects from committing acts of violence upon the persons and property of unoffending subjects of His Majesty :

And whereas the Ottoman Porte, a Power at peace with His Majesty, is and has been for some years past engaged in a contest with the Greeks, in which contest His Majesty has observed a strict and impartial neutrality :

And whereas great numbers of His Majesty's loyal subjects reside and carry on a beneficial commerce, and possess establishments and enjoy privileges within the dominions of the Ottoman Porte, protected by the faith of treaties between His Majesty and that Power :

And whereas His Majesty has received recent

and undoubted information, that attempts are now making to induce certain of His Majesty's subjects to fit out ships of war and privateers in the ports of His Majesty's kingdom, and to embark therein, for the purpose of carrying on, under the Greek flag, hostile operations against the Ottoman Government, of capturing and destroying Turkish ships and property, and of committing depredations on the coasts of the Turkish dominions :

And whereas such hostile operations would be directly contrary to the provisions of the Act, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act to prevent the enlisting or engagement of His Majesty's subjects to serve in a foreign service, and the fitting out or equipping, in His Majesty's dominions, vessels for warlike purposes, without His Majesty's licence," in which it is, amongst other things, enacted, "that if any natural born subject of His Majesty, his heirs, or successors, without the leave or licence of His Majesty, his heirs, or successors, for that purpose first had and obtained under the sign manual of His Majesty, his heirs, or successors, or signified by Order in Council, or by Proclamation of His Majesty, his heirs, or successors, shall take or accept, or shall agree to take or accept, any military commission, or shall otherwise enter into the military service as a commissioned or non-commissioned officer, or shall enlist or enter himself to enlist, or shall agree to enlist or to enter himself to serve as a soldier, or to be employed, or shall serve in any warlike or military operation in the service of, or for, or under, or in aid of any foreign prince, state, potentate, colony, province, or part of any province or people, or of any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, the powers of government, in or over any foreign country, colony, province, or part of any province or people, either as an officer or soldier, or in any other military capacity ; or if any natural born subject of His Majesty