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By the King and Queen,

## A PROCLAMATION

Requiring all Seamen and Mariners to Render themselves to Their Majesties Service.

WILLIAM R.

**W** Hereas divers Seamen and Mariners have lately left their usual and ordinary Places of Abode, and have removed themselves into some private and obscure Place, endeavouring thereby to Avoid or Escape from Our present Service: We therefore, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Seamen and Mariners remaining in any County of England or Wales, and not Listed in Our Service, That they forthwith Render themselves unto the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy in London, or to the Commissioners of the Navy at Chatham, or to the Commissioners of the Navy at Portsmouth, or to the Store-keeper and Master-Master for the Navy at Harwich for the time being, or to Henry Greenhill Agent for the Navy at Plymouth, or to Robert Henley at Bristol, or to the respective Collectors of the Customs for the several Ports and Places following, viz. Ipswich, Wells, Lynn, Boston, Scarborough, Sunderland, Writby, S uthampton, Cowes, Poole, Weymouth, Lyme, Topsham, Dartmouth, Falmouth, Looe, Fowey, Truro, Penbroke, Newcastle, Hull, Liverpool, and Great Yarmouth, in order to their being Received into Pay, and sent on Board such of Our Ships as shall be found most expedient for Our Service: And if any of them shall hereafter be found out or discovered to have neglected to Obey this Our Royal Command, they shall be proceeded against with all Severity. And We do hereby Require all Mayors, Bayliffs, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Constables, and other Officers to whom it doth or may appertain, That they cause diligent Search to be made within all and every their Precincts, for the said Seamen and Mariners, and to Seize and Secure the Persons of such of them as shall be there found, and also all loose and unknown Persons whatsoever, who may justly be suspected to be Seamen or Watermen, and Cause them to be sent to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy in London, or to such other of the Persons and Places aforesaid, to which they may most conveniently be sent, in order to their being Employed in Our Service; And also send up to Our Privy Council a List of the Names of all such Seamen and Mariners as they shall procure for the Service aforesaid, together with the Names of the respective Persons to whom, and Places to which they shall send them. And the said Principal Officers and Commissioners, and other Persons aforesaid, shall give Receipts in Writing for the several Seamen and Mariners delivered to them in pursuance hereof. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command, That no Person or Persons whatsoever, do presume to Conceal, or to Further or Favour the Escape of any Seamen or Mariners, or loose and unknown Persons aforesaid, upon Pain that all and singular Persons offending herein, be forthwith Committed to Prison by the next Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate, and Prosecuted with all Severity according to Law, as Persons conspiring against Us and the Safety of Our Kingdom. And We are hereby pleased further to make known, That We have given special Orders to the respective Officers and Per-

sons herein above appointed, to Receive the said Men, and for Paying forthwith to the Conductors the Imprest and Conduct-Money Disbursed upon this Service.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Twenty eighth Day of January, 1691. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

By the King and Queen,

## A PROCLAMATION.

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**W** Hereas We have received Information, That divers Seamen and Mariners, who have been Hired and Impressed in Our Service, and do belong to Our Ships of War, do absent themselves from Our said Ships, and betake themselves on Board several Merchant Ships and Vessels, with an intent to depart out of this Our Kingdom without Our Royal Licence in that behalf first Obtained; We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Require and Command all and singular Seamen, Mariners, and Seafaring Men belonging to any of Our Ships of War, and Absenting themselves from the same, as aforesaid, that they and every of them, do forthwith upon the Publishing of this Our Proclamation, Repair on Board such of Our respective Ships or Vessels unto which they do belong, upon Pain of their being punished as Deserters; Hereby Declaring, That as We are very desirous of giving all due Encouragement to such Seamen and Mariners Employed in Our Service, as shall be found doing their Duty in their several Stations and Employments, So We are resolved to Proceed with the utmost Severity of Law against all such as shall neglect to give Obedience to this Our Proclamation. And We do hereby Command all Captains, Commanders, and other Officers of Our Ships, whom it may concern, to make diligent Search on Board all Merchant Ships, for any such Seamen who do or shall Absent themselves from Our Service, and upon finding them, to take them from on Board such Merchant Ships, and Secure them, in Order to their being brought to Condign Punishment.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Twenty eighth Day of January, 1691. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

The Western Circuit appointed for this Lent-Assizes, is as follows,

Lord Chief Baron Atkins.

Mr. Justice Potwell.

Southampton, Wednesday February 24. at the Castle of Winton.

Wilt, Saturday February 27. at New Sarum.

Dorset, Wednesday March 2. at Dorchester.

Somerset, Monday March 7. at the Caltie of Taunton.

Cornwall, Saturday March 12. at Launceston.

City of Exon, Saturday March 19. at the Guildhall of the City of Exon.

Devon, the same day at the Castle of Exon, in the County of Devon.

Jawarow in Poland, Jan. 15. On Sunday last Te Drum was sung here, in the Church of the Dominicans, for the late Success of our Forces, in defeating the Turkish Con-