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By the QUEEN, A PROCLAMATION, For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to Enter themselves on Board Her Majesties Ships of War.

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WHEREAS it is Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, who shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and Repair on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy: We have thought fit, (by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council) to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all such Seamen, and Able-bodied Landmen (not above the Age of Fifty Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years) who between the Tenth Day of this Instant December, and the Eleventh Day of February next, shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, either with the Officers of Our Ships of War, Fire-ships or Bomb-Vessels, or with any Justice of Peace, or Chief-Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral or Commission-Officer, to Serve on Board any of Our said Ships or Vessels, shall Receive, as Our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Rewards and Allowances following; That is to say, Every such Seaman Two Months Pay, and every such Able-bodied Landman One Month Pay, to be Paid to them respectively by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, before the respective Ships, on which they shall be, do Proceed to Sea. And whereas upon the Humble Address of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeesses of the House of Commons, hath presented unto Us, We have been Graciously Pleas'd to Declare, that We would give, and accordingly have given Directions for the Issuing of Our Royal Bounty upon the Seamen and Landmen who Return themselves so Gallantly in the late Actions both by Sea and Land; We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all such Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, (who were in Our Service on Board Our Fleet and Engaged off Cape Malaya in the Mediterranean, and have since been Discharged) as shall before the said Eleventh of February next, Voluntarily Re-enter themselves in Our Service, with any Officers or Magistrates, as aforesaid, shall be Entitled to Partake of Our said Royal Bounty, for such their Behaviour in the said late Engagement, as well as others that were therein Engaged, and have since been Discharged, but have Continued in Our Service, over and above Our said Free Gift and Royal Bounty first herein before mentioned, and intended for such as shall, before the said Eleventh of February next, Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, as aforesaid. And We do hereby Require and Direct, That if any such Seaman, or Able-bodied Landman, shall, within the Time before-mentioned, Enter himself with any Justice of the Peace, or Chief-Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral, or other Commission-Officer, to go on Board any of Our Ships of War, or other Vessels before mentioned, such Justice of the Peace, or Chief-Magistrate, Vice-Admiral, or other Commission-Officer respectively, shall give to each Man so Entering a Certificate under his Hand and Seal, without Fee or Reward, whereby shall be limited such a Number of Days, (not exceeding Fourteen Days) as may be Necessary for his Repairing on Board such Ship, or any other Ship or Bomb-Vessel in Our Service, at the next Port. And We do hereby Declare, That all such Seamen, and Able-bodied Landmen, who within the Time aforesaid, shall Enter themselves, as aforesaid, and within the Time limited and appointed in such Certificate, Repair on Board any of Our said Ships or Vessels, appointed to receive them, according to their respective Qualifications aforesaid, and not otherwise, shall be Entitled to Our Royal Bounty herein before-mentioned, and intended for them respectively, and their Pay from the Time of their first Entering with such Justice of Peace, or other Officer, as aforesaid; And that they, and also such who shall so Enter themselves within Twelve Days after the Tenth of February next, shall be allowed the Time (without Mutation) to Render themselves on Board Our Ships of War: And therefore We do hereby Require and Command all Captains Commanding any of Our Ships of War, or other Our Ships aforesaid, and all other Persons whatsoever, Authorized or Impowered to Impress Mariners for Our Service, That they do not Impress any such Seaman or Able-bodied Landman, to whom such Certificate, as aforesaid, shall be given, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation, or any Men now in Our Service, who by Tickets Signed by any of Our Flag-Officers, have or shall have leave to be absent from their Duty to the said Eleventh Day of February next, before they shall so Enter themselves on Board such of Our said Ships or Vessels, on which they shall Enter themselves to Serve, or to which they shall be going, according to the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets; nor any Person or Persons Pretended, or Employed in the River or on the Coast, by the Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Gunpowder or Transportation, or the Watermen in Our Service, or the Servants of Our dear Consort. And to the end We may be truly informed what Persons shall so Enter and Render themselves to Serve on

Board our Fleet, in pursuance of this Our Royal Proclamation, We do hereby Require and Command Our respective Captains Commanding any of Our said Ships of War, or other Our Ships or Vessels aforesaid, and also all Justices of the Peace, Chief Magistrates, Vice-Admirals, and other Commission Officers aforesaid respectively, to transmit to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy exact Lists and Accounts of the Names, Ages and Descriptions of the Persons who shall Voluntarily Enter themselves with them, and the Time when, and Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which shall be allowed them respectively for Rendering themselves on Board, and of the Time of their respective Repairing on Board any of Our said Ships. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen to repair on Board the respective Ships, on which they shall so Enter themselves, or to which they shall belong, within the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets, on Pain of Our highest Displeasure. And We are also Graciously Pleas'd to Declare, That Connaught-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen so Voluntarily Entering themselves on Board, according to the true Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for the Preventing of any Deceits or Abuses which may happen by any Person or Persons Landing the Ships to which they belong, and Entering them or themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, as aforesaid, in order to Obtain the Bounty-Money herein before-mentioned, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall absent themselves from any of the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in order to Obtain the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships they shall so Leave, but also be severely Punished according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further Declare, That if such Men in Our Service, who are or shall be permitted to be Absent by such Tickets, as aforesaid, do not repair on Board their respective Ships by the Time allowed by such Tickets, they shall not only be liable to be Imprised, but to suffer such further Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And We do hereby Require all Our Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, and also all Our Captains of Our Ships, and others, who shall be Employed in Impressment Men for Our Fleet, That they take particular Care not to Take up, Impress or Entertain any such Old Men, Boys, or others, who, by reason of Infirmity or otherwise, are not fully Qualified for Our Service in Our Royal Navy, for that none such shall be received by the Officers of Our Fleet into Our Service. And whereas it has been often found, that in Times of War, great Numbers of Seamen, and also of Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for Our Sea Service, have left the usual Places of their Abode, and have removed themselves into Private and Obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid the Publick Service when there is the greatest Occasion for them; We do hereby Require and Command all Our Justices of the Peace, Constables and other Officers, That they not only give all necessary Assistance to Our Officers employed in Impressment, as aforesaid; but that they do Use their utmost Endeavours to Discover, Secure and Send to some near Sea-Port Town all such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen, fit for Our Service, as shall so Abscond, after the said Tenth Day of February next, in order to their being put on Board Our Fleet, in Our Service; and that of what they shall do therein, they from time to time send an Account to the Commissioners of Our Navy. And We do hereby Direct the respective Officers of Our Fleet, who shall receive such Seamen, to give Receipts for them, therein expressing the Names of such Seamen, and on Board what Ship or Vessel, and the Time when, and the Place where they are Received. And the Commissioners of Our Navy are hereby Directed, upon producing (at any Port where there are Officers immediately under their Directions) the said Receipts, to Pay to the Person producing the same, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six Pence per Man for each Mile he shall be brought, if under Twenty Miles, and Ten Shillings for each Seaman that shall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and besides the said Twenty Shillings. And We do hereby Declare, That no Protection of any Men in any Ships or Vessels employed in the River or on the Coast, by the Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs or Transportation, shall be in Force for more than Six Months from the Date thereof, except such as shall be Signed by Our Lord High-Admiral, or in His absence by His Council. And We do further Direct, That in all Protections the Persons be not only Named, but Described by their Place of Residence and Imployment, and Service for which they are Protected. And We do hereby Require and Command our Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs and Transportation, That they do not Protect more Men than their Service absolutely Requires, and to Renew all the Protections within their Reach by the end of the said Time limited for Bounty-Money, and to Remove all Protections by them or any of them Granted respectively, so soon as the Service is over, for which the same respectively were or shall be Granted.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the 14th day of December, 1704.
In the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.