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Westminster, Decemb. 21.

**H**ER Majesty came this Day to the House of Peers; and being in Her Royal Robes seated on the Throne, with the usual Solemnity, Mr. Aston, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from Her Majesty to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for granting an Aid to Her Majesty, by a Land Tax, to be raised in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six.

An Act to Repeal several Clauses in the Statute made in the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty's Reign, for Securing the Kingdom of England from several Acts lately passed in the Parliament of Scotland.

An Act for the Naturalization of the most Excellent Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of Hannover, and the Issue of Her Body.

And to Three private Acts.

After which Her Majesty made a most Gracious Speech to both Houses, which follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

**T**HE Unanimity of your Proceedings in this Parliament, has already had so good an Effect all over Europe, that I can't but take Notice of it to you with great Satisfaction.

The good Disposition you have shewn in doing your Part, so fully towards an Union with Scotland, is also very Acceptable to Me, and I hope it will prove for the Advantage and Quiet of both Kingdoms.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I must not Omit to take this Occasion of returning you My hearty Thanks, for the great Dispatch of this Seasonable Supply, which you have given Me: I look upon it as a sure Pledge, that the same Zeal and Affection for My Service, and the good of the Kingdom, will carry you through all the necessary Parts of the Publick Business in this Session.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

In case you now think of some Recess, as is usual at this Season, I make no doubt you will afterwards return with the same good Disposition, to give all possible Dispatch to the Publick Affairs still depending, and bring this Session of Parliament to a happy Conclusion.

By the QUEEN,

## A PROCLAMATION.

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**W**HEREAS 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 Remain 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 five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years,) who, on or between the Twentieth 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, (Tenders only excepted,) who are or before that time shall be in Sea-Pay, or with any Justice of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral, or other 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 Months 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 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 Serve 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, of his Entry, and the Time of such Entry, and for what Ship, and shall thereby limit 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 on 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 Tenders appointed to Receive them, (according to their respective Qualifications aforesaid, and not otherwise) shall be Entitled to Our Royal Bounty herein before-appointed, and intended for them respectively, and their Pay from the Time of their first Entering with such Justice of the 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 Time (without Molestation) 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 Seamen, or Able-Bodied Landmen, 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 fail to Enter themselves on Board such of Our said Ships or Vessels, on which they shall Enter themselves to Serve, or to which they shall Belong, according to the Time limited by such Certificates or Tickets; nor any Person or Persons Protected or Employed in the River or on the Coasts, by the Commissioners of Our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Customs, or Transportation, or the Watermen in Our Service, or the Service of Our Most 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 every respective Captain 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 Voluntarily shall Enter themselves with them, and the Time