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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For encouraging Seamen and Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's 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 remain on Board our Ships of War, or any other of our Ships or Vessels 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 Eighteen Years) who on or before the First Day of January last have voluntarily entred, or on or before the Eleventh Day of March next shall voluntarily enter themselves in our Service, either with the Officers of our Ships or Vessels of our Royal Navy, or other Officers of our Navy, impowered to enter Men to serve on Board our said Ships or Vessels, shall receive, as our Free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Rewards and Allowances following; *viz.* Every able bodied Seaman, who shall so enter and remain on Board, Twenty Shillings; and every ordinary Seaman, or able bodied Landman, Fifteen Shillings; the same to be paid to them by the Clerk of the Cheque residing at the Port or Place where the Ship or Vessel shall be, whereinto he enters, upon his coming and remaining on Board of her, or Ten Days after the same. And we do hereby require and direct, That if any such Seamen or able bodied Landmen shall, within the Time before mentioned, enter themselves with any Justice of the Peace, or Vice Admiral, to serve on Board any of our said Ships of War, or other Vessels, as aforesaid, such Justice of the Peace, or Vice Admiral 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 shall thereby limit such a Number of Days, not exceeding Twelve, as may be necessary for his repairing on Board; in which Certificates the said Vice Admirals and Justices of the Peace are to insert the Names of the Persons so entering, and to describe their Persons and Ages, and to mention also therein the Time allowed them to repair on Board our said Ships. And we do hereby declare, that all such Seamen and able bodied Landmen, who shall, on or before the said

Eleventh Day of March next ensuing, enter themselves as aforesaid, and within the Time limited and appointed in such Certificate repair on Board, and remain in any of our said Ships or Vessels, shall be intituled to our Royal Bounty herein before appointed, according to their respective Qualifications, as aforesaid, and not otherwise; which Qualifications are to be certified and attested by the Captain, Master, and Boatswain of the Ship or Vessel in which they are to serve, And we do hereby require and command all Persons whatsoever, that may be authorized or impowered to impress Mariners for our Service, that they do not impress or molest any such Seamen or able bodied Landmen, to whom such Certificates 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 the Captains of our Ships or Vessels to which they belong, have or shall have Leave to be absent from their Duty for any Time not exceeding Twelve Days, before which Time they shall not fail to render themselves on Board our said Ships or Vessels, whereto they shall belong, according to the Time limited by such their Certificates or Tickets. And to the end we may be truly informed what Persons shall so enter and render themselves to serve on Board our Royal Navy, in pursuance of this our 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 and Vice Admirals within this Realm 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 of the Time which shall be allowed them respectively for rendering themselves on Board, and of the Times of their respective repairing on Board any of our said Ships or Vessels. And we do hereby command and require the said Seamen and Landmen to repair on Board the respective Ships or Vessels, 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 pleased to declare, that Conduct Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen, so voluntarily entering and rendering themselves on Board, according to the true Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation. And for prevention of any Deceits or Abuses, which may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships or Vessels to which they