

of Residence and Employment, and Service for which they are protected: And that any of them who shall be found upon the Water in any other Service than what they were protected for, shall lose the Benefit of their Protection, (except the Watermen belonging to us and our Royal Family, the Admiralty, Navy, Victualling, Ordnance and Customs.) And we do hereby require and command our Commissioners of our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling and Customs, that they do not protect more Men than their Service absolutely requires; and to renew all their Protections within their Reach by the End of the said Time limited for Bounty-Money; and to revoke 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. And for encouraging Persons to discover Seamen, Watermen, Lightermen and Bargemen, who shall abscond or secrete themselves as aforesaid; We do hereby promise and declare, That for every such Man, who after the said Fifteenth Day of February next shall be discovered and brought on Board any of our Ships of War or Tenders for the Receipt of Seamen, the Person so discovering them, shall receive the Sum of Two Guineas for every able Seaman, and Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman, from our Commissioners of our Navy, or the Naval Officers at the Port where he shall be brought; or if there shall be no Naval Officer, from the Collector of the Customs there. And whereas we are informed, that great Numbers of Mariners and Seafaring Men, our natural-born Subjects, are in the Service of divers Foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of our Kingdom; We do therefore hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and wheresoever, (being our natural born Subjects) who are in the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, that forthwith they and every of them do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from, and quit such Foreign Services, and return home to their native Countries. And we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever (being our natural born Subjects) from entering, and do charge and command them and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without our special Licence first had and obtained in that Behalf, to all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And we do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of the Law. And we do hereby declare, that if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men (being our Subjects) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by us as Subjects of Great Britain.

And whereas divers Mariners and Seafaring Men have deserted our Service, We being unwilling to proceed to the utmost Severity of Law, in case they shall return to their Duty, are graciously pleased by this our Royal Proclamation to declare, that we shall and do hereby pardon all such Mariners or Seafaring Men who have deserted our Service, provided they do on or before the said Fifteenth Day of February next, render themselves on board any of our Ships of War, or Tenders employed in impressing or taking in Men for manning our Royal Navy. And as a farther Encouragement to them to return to their Duty, We do likewise hereby most graciously promise, upon their rendering themselves as aforesaid, the R set against their Names in the Ships Books shall be taken off and their Wages paid them. But in case any such Deserters shall not accept of this our gracious Offer, and render themselves within the Time aforesaid, they shall be seized wherever they can be found, and tried before a Court Martial, and upon Condemnation suffer Death as Deserters, without any Hopes of Pardon.

*Given at our Court at St. James's the Twenty fourth Day of December, 1740, and in the Fourteenth Year of our Reign.*

God save the King.

*Stockholm, November 28.* M. Bestuchef had Audiences of the King and Queen of Sweden on Monday last, in which he delivered his Letters of Notification from the Czar, and the late Regent; and this Morning he was to have a second Audience of their Majesties, to deliver his new Credentials from the Great Dutchess.

*Whitehall, December 29.*

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions, viz.

Francis Earl of Effingham, to be Captain and Colonel of the Fourth Troop of Horse-Guards.

The Earl of Crawford to have the Second Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards.

The Lord Sempill to have the Earl of Crawford's Regiment.

Colonel Huske to have the Regiment of Foot late Col. Defcury's.

Col. Bland to have a Regiment of Dragoons in Ireland.

Col. Flemming to have Col. Bland's.

The Colonels Fowke, Long, Houghton, Price, Mordaunt, Cholmondeley, De Granques, are to have the Seven Regiments of Foot which are to be raised.

And the Colonels Cornwall, Hanmere, Pawlet and Jefferys are to have the Four Regiments of Marines which are to be raised.

Col. George Churchill is made First Major to the Second Regiment of Foot-Guards in the room of Col. Huske.

William Douglas Secor. Major in the said Regiment.

And George Byng Third Major in the said Regiment.

*Whitehall, December 30.*

This Morning about Half an Hour after Seven of the Clock, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was safely delivered of a Princess.