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From Tuesday March 29, to Saturday April 2, 1757.

By the KING,  
**A P R O C L A M A T I O N,**  
 For the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen  
 to serve on Board Merchant Ships, and other  
 Trading Ships, and Privateers.

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign, intituled, An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships, and Privateers, We are authorized and enabled, when War is declared against any foreign Power, to publish Our Royal Proclamation, if We should judge it requisite, to permit all Merchant Ships, and other trading Vessels, and Privateers, to be manned with Foreign Mariners and Seamen, during such War, in the Manner as by the said Act is provided.—And whereas War hath been declared against the French King, but the issuing of such Proclamation hath been hitherto rendered unnecessary, by Reason of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the better Supply of Mariners and Seamen to serve in His Majesty's Ships of War, and on Board Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships and Vessels; the Provisions of which last mentioned Act are near expiring—We do therefore now judge it necessary to permit, and do, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby permitting and allowing, that during the Continuance of this present War, and no longer (except in Respect to such Merchant Ships, and other trading Ships or Vessels, and Privateers, which shall be on their Voyage, before the Determination of the War, who shall be, and are hereby allowed the Liberty and Benefit of returning home navigated in the Manner as is herein after provided) it shall be lawful for any Merchant Ship, or other Trading Ship or Vessel, or Privateer, to be navigated by Foreign Seamen or Mariners, not being Natives of Great Britain, or of any of the Colonies or Plantations thereto belonging, or Our natural, or naturalized Subjects, so as the Number of such Foreign Seamen or Mariners do not exceed three Fourths of the Mariners at any one Time employed to navigate such Merchant Ship, or other Trading Ship or Vessel, or Privateer; and that one Fourth at least of the Mariners or Seamen so employed, be at all Times Natives, or Our naturalized Subjects of Great Britain, (sudden Death, and a Hazard and Casualties of War and the Seas, saved and excepted) one Act of Parliament made in the twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty

King Charles the Second, intituled, An Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation, or any other Statute or Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-fifth Day of March 1757, in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

**A**T the Council Chamber *Whitehall*, the 1st Day of *April*, 1757,

P R E S E N T,

The Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

This Day the Right Honourable Charles Townshend, Esq; was, by His Majesty's Command, sworn of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

*Westminster, April 1.*

**T**HIS Day, the Lords being met, a Message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons, by Mr. Quarme, Deputy Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them, that *The Lords, authorized by Virtue of His Majesty's Commission, for declaring His Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate Attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Privy Seal, and several other Lords, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to several publick and private Bills, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to,*

*An Act to amend an Act, made in the Twenty Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, An Act to render more effectual an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George, to prevent unlawful Combinations of Workmen employed in the Woollen Manufactures, and for better Payment of their Wages; and also an Act, passed in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, for the better Regulation of the Woollen Manufacture, and for preventing Disputes among the Persons concerned therein, and for limiting a Time for prosecuting for the Forfeiture appointed by the aforesaid Act, in Case of Payment of the Workmen's Wages in any other Manner than in Money.*

*An Act for making the River Blyth navigable, from Halesworth Bridge, in the County of Suffolk, into the Haven of Southwold.*

*An Act for the ascertaining and collecting the Poor's Rates, and for the better ordering and*