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AT the Court at St. James's, the 14th Day of April, 1759,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 20th of February last, to direct, that the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and of Thirty Shillings for every Able Bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, should be continued to be paid, immediately after the first Muster, to such Seamen and Landmen respectively, who should, on or before the 21st Day of this Instant April, enter themselves in the Royal Navy; and that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, should likewise be continued to be paid to such Person or Persons, who should, on or before the Day above-mentioned, discover any concealed Seamen, so that such Seamen should be taken for His Majesty's Service; Which Time being now near expiring, His Majesty doth hereby order, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, that the said Bounties and Rewards be continued to be paid from the said 21st of this Instant April, until the 2d Day of June next. And whereas since the Issuing the aforementioned Order of the 20th of February, His Majesty had been given to understand, that there were dispersed in various Parts of the Kingdom, great Numbers of Seamen and Seafaring Men, some of whom were endeavouring to conceal themselves in order to avoid His Majesty's Service, and that others of them might be inclined to enter as Volunteers into the Service, and reap the Benefit of His Majesty's aforementioned Bounties, provided that the Justices of the Peace, or other Magistrates (near to whom the said Seamen reside) were authorized and directed to receive them, and to cause them to be conducted to any of the Ships of War—His Majesty was thereupon pleased, by His Orders in Council of the 9th of March last, to Require and Command all the Justices of the Peace, and Mayors of Cities

and Towns throughout the Kingdom of England and Wales, and likewise the Provoests of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, in Scotland, to cause strict Search to be made, within their respective Jurisdictions, for all straggling Seamen and Seafaring Men, fit for His Majesty's Service, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and to take them up, and send them by careful Conductors to a Sea Officer employed in raising Men on Shore, or to the nearest Sea Port Town, in order to their being put on Board His Majesty's Ships of War: Which Conductors were to be paid by the said Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of such Ships to whom such Seamen should be delivered, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six-pence a Mile for each Man, for every Mile they might respectively Travel:—And the said Justices, and other Magistrates, were thereby likewise required and commanded, to receive all such Seamen and Seafaring Men, who should appear before them, and offer to enter as Volunteers, in Case they were of Health and Ability fit for His Majesty's Service, and not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and to grant to each Seaman a Certificate of such his voluntary Offer, and to cause them to be conducted, in like Manner, and with the same Allowances, as above directed with respect to Straggling Seamen:—And the Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of such Ships, to whom such Volunteer Seamen should be delivered, were directed to pay to every such Seaman, after his being so put on Board (upon producing the Certificate aforementioned) the Bounties of Three Pounds to every able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings to every ordinary Seaman;—And His Majesty judging it necessary for His Service, that all the afore-recited Directions, contained in His Majesty's said Orders in Council, of the 9th of March last, should be continued until the 2d Day of June next, doth hereby Order, with the Advice of His Privy Council, that the same be continued, and remain in full Force, until the said 2d Day of June next accordingly.—Whereof all the aforesaid Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, as likewise all other Persons, whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and yield due Obedience hereunto.

Hen. Fane.

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