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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themselves on Board His Majesty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for discovering such Seamen as shall conceal themselves; for pardoning such Seamen as have deserted, and shall return into the Service; and also for taking up all straggling Seamen.

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WHEREAS for the speedy Manning of Our Fleet, We did, by Our Order in Council of the Fourteenth of April last, amongst other Things, 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 Second Day of June next, 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 said Second Day of June next, discover any concealed Seamen, so that such Seamen should be taken for Our Service. — And whereas Our Service doth at this Time require a more speedy Supply of Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, to serve on Board Our Ships of War, and it being Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all such Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, who shall voluntarily enter themselves in Our Service: We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to revoke that Our former Order, and in lieu thereof to publish this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby promise and declare, That the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall, on or before the Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal

Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as shall be employed for raising Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And also that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who shall, on or before the said Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themselves to serve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board such Tenders as shall be employed for raising Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And that the said respective Sums be paid to all such Seamen and Landmen upon their being brought on Board Our Ships at any of Our Dock Yards in England, by the Clerks of the Cheque, or upon their being put on Board any Ship or Vessel appointed to receive Men at Leith or Greenock in Scotland, or at Dublin or Corke in Ireland; by the Captains or Commanders of the Ships or Vessels whereinto such Seamen or Landmen shall be put, or by the Sea Officer employed in raising Men on Shore. And for Prevention of any Abuses by any Persons leaving the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and entering themselves on Board any other Our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money; We do hereby declare and command, That such Seamen or Landmen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels, as shall absent themselves from any of the said Ships or Vessels, to which they shall belong, and enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships or Vessels, in order to obtain the said Bounty, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships or Vessels they shall leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further promise and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, shall be paid any Person who shall discover any Seaman or Seamen who may secret themselves, so that such Seaman or Seamen shall be taken for Our said Service, on or before the said Third Day of July next, by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raising Men: The said Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen so discovered and taken, in and about London, by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy; and, at the Out Ports, by the Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raising

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