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By the KING,
A PROCLAMATION,
For giving Currency to a new Coinage of Copper
Money of One Penny and Two Penny Pieces.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS in consequence of the unanimous Address of Our Commons of Great Britain, in Parliament assembled, praying that We would be graciously pleased to give Directions that Measures might be taken for an immediate Supply of such Copper Coinage as might be best adapted to the Payment of the Laborious Poor in the present Exigency; We have thought fit to order, that certain Pieces of Copper should be coined, which should go and pass for One Penny and Two Pennies, and that each of such Pieces of One Penny should weigh One Ounce Avoirdupois, and that each of such Two Penny Pieces should weigh Two Ounces Avoirdupois; the intrinsic Value of such Pieces of One Penny and Two Pennies, Workmanship included, corresponding as nearly as possible with the nominal Value of the same respectively; every such Piece having, on one Side thereof, Our Effigies or Portraiture, with Our Name or Title, and on the Reverse, the Figure of Britannia, represented sitting on a Rock in the Sea, holding a Trident in her Left Hand, and a Branch of Olive in her Right Hand, with the Year of our Lord.—And whereas Penny and Two Penny Pieces of Copper, of the Weight and Description aforesaid, have been coined, and will be soon ready for Delivery, according to the Orders which We have given for that Purpose: We have therefore, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ordain, declare and command, that the said Pieces of Copper Money, so coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful Money of Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and shall pass and be received as current and lawful Money of

Our said Kingdom; that is to say, such Penny Pieces as of the Value of One Penny, and such Two Penny Pieces as of the Value of Two Pennies, in all Payments and Transactions of Money; provided that no Person shall be obliged to take more of such Copper Money in any one Payment, than shall be of the Value of One Shilling, after the Rate aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-sixth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, in the Thirty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

G O D. save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 26th of July, 1797,

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty was graciously pleased, by His Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty-sixth Day of December, 1792, to promise and declare, that the Bounties of Five Pounds for every Able Seaman, and Two Pounds Ten Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, fit for His Majesty's Service, should be paid in the Manner thereby directed to every such Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should, on or before the Twenty-eighth Day of February then following, enter themselves to serve in His Majesty's Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels, or Officers employed on Shore for raising Men for the Service of the Royal Navy: And whereas His Majesty was also graciously pleased, by his said Proclamation, to declare, that all Able-bodied Landmen, not above the Age of Thirty-five nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who should so enter themselves as aforesaid, should receive the Sum of Thirty Shillings each Man, as His Ma-

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