

Proclamation to the Sailors (14 May 1628)

George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham

Transcript

British Library, Additional MS 35331, ff. 18r–18v

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The Lo[rd] dukes message to the marryners, clapt upp on sondry postes by {Lakies laques}, beinge taken in the very dispersinge but it was as followes w[i]thout any sup[er]scription or name unto [*Left margin: may:14:th*] yt. .

I haue done more for you then ever my p[re]decessors have done, I haue procured the increase of yo[u]r paye to be a thirde parte more then it was: I haue parted w[i]th my owne money to paye you, and engaged all my

owne estate

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An[n]o Domini 1628.

owne estate for your satisfaction, albeyt yt belongs not to my place to p[ro]vide for yo[u]r paym[en]t nor was yt expected from my p[re]decessors./ Before I wente the laste voyage, by my often sollicitac[i]ons I p[ro]cured assignm[en]t for money, to paye you att your retourne, but yt was diverted in my absence for other occasions: and soe my selfe & you suffered by forgetfulnesse and neglecte when I was absente, in the service. Your selues well knowe the kinge hath noe meanes to paye you till the p[ar]liam[en]t giue yt, or that by the breache of yt, his ma[jes]tie maye raise money other waies./ As for your threatninge to pull downe the walles of my howse aboute my eares, when I shall see you come, w[i]th any such intencion, I will lett you knowe, that I cann and will correcte you as sharpely for your insolencye and disorder as I have bynn forward to p[ro]cure you satisfaction, and have bynn sencible of your sufferinges./

Other manuscript witnesses

- Alnwick Castle, MS 540B, ff. 199–200
- British Library, Additional MS 48059, ff. 407r–408r
- British Library, Additional MS 72373, f. 31r
- British Library, Additional MS 8827, f. 379r
- British Library, Harley MS 161, f. 253r
- British Library, Harley MS 2217, f. 32r
- British Library, Harley MS 2217, f. 49r
- British Library, Harley MS 2305, f. 281r
- British Library, Harley MS 4264, ff. 197v–198r
- British Library, Harley MS 6800, f. 285r
- Beinecke Library, Osborn fb166, f. 239r
- Bodleian Library, MS Add. C 186, ff. 329r–v
- Bodleian Library, MS Add. C 187, ff. 255r–v
- Bodleian Library, MS Tanner 276, f. 114r
- Hampshire Record Office, 44M69/L23/20
- Lambeth Palace Library, Sion College MS ARC L.40.2/E10, ff. 58x–59x

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