

# PROCLAMATION.

By the Right Hon. Samuel Lord Hood, Vice Admiral of the Red, and Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's Squadron in the Mediterranean, &c. &c.

To the Inhabitants in the Towns and Provinces in the South of France.

DURING four years you have been involved in a Revolution, which has plunged you in Anarchy, and rendered you a prey to factious leaders. After having destroyed your Government, trampled under foot the laws, assassinated the virtuous, and authorised the commission of crimes, they have endeavoured to propagate throughout Europe their destructive system of every social order. They have constantly held forth to you the idea of Liberty, while they have been robbing you of it. Every where they have preached respect to persons and property, and every where in their name it has been violated; they have amused you with the Sovereignty of the people, which they have constantly usurped; they have declaimed against the abuse of Royalty, in order to establish their Tyranny upon the fragments of a Throne still reeking with the blood of your legitimate Sovereign.

Frenchmen! you groan under the pressure of want, and the privation of all specie; your commerce and your industry are annihilated, your agriculture is checked, and the want of provision threaten you with a horrible famine. Behold, then, the faithful picture of your wretched condition: a situation so dreadful sensibly afflicts the coalesced powers; they see no other remedy but the re-establishment of the French Monarchy. It is for this, and the acts of aggression committed by the Executive Power of France, that we have armed in conjunction with the other coalesced powers. After mature reflection upon these leading objects, I come to offer you the force with which I am intrusted by my Sovereign, in order to spare the further effusion of blood, to crush with promptitude the factious, to re-establish a regular government in France, and thereby maintain peace and tranquility in Europe. Decide therefore, definitively and with precision. Trust your hopes to the generosity of a LOYAL and FREE Nation. In it's name I have just given an unequivocal testimony to the well disposed inhabitants of Marseille, by granting to the Commissioners sent on board the fleet under my command a passport for procuring a quantity of grain, of which this great town now stands in so much need. Be explicit, and fly to your succour, in order to break the chain which surrounds you, and to be the instrument of making many-years of happiness succeed to four years of misery and

anarchy, in which your deluded Country has been involved.

Given on board his Majesty's ship Victory, off Toulon, the 23d day of August, 1793.

(Signed) HOOD.

By command of the Admiral,

(Signed) JOHN M'ARTHUR.

## DECLARATION

MADE TO ADMIRAL LORD HOOD.

THE General Committee of the Sections of Toulon, having read the Proclamation of Admiral Lord Hood, Commander in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's squadron, together with his Preliminary Declaration; and, after having communicated these two papers to all the Citizens of the town of Toulon, united in sections,

Considering that France is torn by anarchy, and that it is impossible to exist longer a prey to the factions, with which the country is agitated, without it's total destruction;

Considering that the Southern Departments, after having made long efforts to resist the oppression of a party of factious men, who have conspired to ruin them, find themselves drained and deprived of all resources to annihilate this coalition of the evil disposed;

Considering, in short, that determined not to submit to the tyranny of the Convention that has sworn to ruin the nation, the people of Toulon and those of Marseilles, would rather have recourse to the generosity of a loyal people, who has manifested the desire of protecting the true Frenchmen against the Anarchists who wish to ruin them.

DECLARE TO ADMIRAL HOOD.

I. That the unanimous wish of the inhabitants of Toulon is to reject a Constitution which does not promote their happiness, to adopt a Monarchic Government, such as it was originally by the Constituent Assembly of 1789, and, in consequence, they have proclaimed Louis XVIIIth, son of Louis XVIth, King, and have sworn to acknowledge him, and no longer suffer the despotism of the Tyrants, which at this Time govern France.

II. That the white flag shall be hoisted the instant the English squadron anchors in the Road of Toulon, and it will there meet the most friendly reception.

III. That the ships of war in the Road will be disarmed according to Admiral Hood's wishes.

IV. That the Citadel and the Forts of the Coast shall be provisionally at the disposal of the said Admiral; but, for the better establishing the union which ought to exist between the two people, it is requested that the garrison shall be composed of an equal number of French and English, and that nevertheless the command shall devolve to the English.

V. The people of Toulon trust the English Nation will furnish speedily a force sufficient to assist in repelling the attack with which they are at this moment threatened by the army of Italy, which marches to-

wards Toulon, and by that of Gen. Carteau, who directs his forces against Marseilles.

VI. That the people of Toulon, full of confidence in the generous offers of Admiral Hood, trust that all those who hold civil and military employments shall be continued in their places and shall not be annoyed in their respective occupations.

VII. That the subsistence and succours of every kind, of which Toulon stands so much in need, will be assured to the inhabitants by the combined fleet of the powers coalesced.

VIII. That when peace will have been re-established in France, the ships and forts which will be put into the hands of the English shall be restored to the French nation, in the same state they were in when their inventory was delivered.

It is according to this declaration, if approved by Admiral Hood, that the Toulonese will regard themselves, with good heart and will, as belonging to the English and the other powers coalesced, and by whose succour will be brought about that peace after which they have panted so long.

(Signed)

Beaudeal, President. Reboul, Vice President. Reynaud, Secretary. La Poye Vertrieux. Deydier Cadet. Andraw. Vialis Barthelemy, Commissary of the Department. Possell. Fournier. Grival Etc. Devant. Antoine Gabert. Porte Joffre, Commissary of the Municipality. C. Garribow. Boullement. Ferrand. Chaussegros, Commandant of Arms. Bergues. Richard, Commissary of the Municipality. Meistrund, President of the Municipality. Bertrand. Sicard.

Admiralty Office; Sept. 23, 1793.

Lord Hugh Coaway, Captain of his Majesty's ship the Leviathan, arrived here this day with a dispatch from Vice Admiral Lord Hood, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships and vessels in the Mediterranean, to Philip Stephens, Esq. of which the following is a copy.

Victory, in the outer Road of Toulon, August 29, 1793.

SIR,

IN my letter of the 25th, (of which I herewith send a duplicate, and also of it's inclosures) I had the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of the situation of things at Toulon and Marseilles. Since that several messages have passed between me and the Sections of Toulon; and, having assurances that they had proclaimed Louis XVII King, and had sworn to acknowledge him, and no longer suffer the despotism of the Tyrants which at this time govern France, and that they would be zealous in their endeavours to restore peace to their distracted and calamitous country, I came to the resolution of sending 1500 men,