

**A S C H E M E** whereby His Majesty would never want a Choice of Able Seamen on any Occasion, and at the same time save the great Charge and Trouble of Impressing, &c.



It is too notorious that our Seamen choose rather to serve in Merchant Ships than Men of War, and what deserves particular Notice and Prevention, great Numbers of late Years run into  
 \* Foreign Service: And tho' his Majesty's Pay is larger, and his Ships better victualled than any in Europe, yet on an Expedition or other  
 \* *About 12000 in Foreign Service.*  
 Emergent Occasion the Crown is put to great Expence, as well as Trouble and Delay, in hunting out Seamen, who are hauled into Ships as into Jaysls.

ON the other Hand our Neighbours the Dutch never want Seamen on any Occasion, and the Reason is plain: They make prompt Payments in ready Money, and such of the Seamen who have Families, Care is taken to support 'em out of their Pay whilst their Ships are out on a long Voyage: We make our Payments in the first place chiefly in Paper Tickets, which tho' they are at length paid to a Farthing, yet the Advantage chiefly accrues to those who buy such Tickets, and who are a sort of People very rich and numerous about the Eastern Parts of London, and are such great Extortioners that the necessitous Seamen are obliged to sell their Tickets and Wages at a scandalous Discount, and many times for less than half their Value.

TO remedy and prevent all these Evils, and at the same Time save great Expence and Trouble to the Crown, the following plain and easy Method is laid down, viz.

THAT every Ship be paid in full with ready Money on Return from an Expedition at the End of 6 Months Cruise, and when laid up.

TO effect this, when the Parliament has voted a Sum of Money for a succeeding Year's Service, the like Value in Exchequer Tickets must be prepared: These Tickets to be made and coin'd of Brass and Copper conjoin'd about the Dimension of a playing Card, but much thicker; to have on one Side a curious Impression with the Value stamp'd thereon, and on the other two blank Columns, on which is to be engrav'd occasionally the Day of the Month and Year (in Figures) when issued, with the Number.

THAT these Tickets be of Value from 5, 10, 20 to 100 *l.* and to carry the Interest of *per Cent. per Ann.* and when they have been issued and circulated a Year, then to be paid both Principle and Interest out of the Money granted by Parliament for the Sea-Service, and then lie ready for the next Year's Service, and so on for above 50 Years, or so long as a Date can be engrav'd on the two blank Columns.

*N. B.* A Specimen of these Tickets is ready prepared, by which at first View it plainly appears, that by a new Invention all counterfeiting either by Casting or Stamping is prevented; and not being so subject to be burnt, lost, worn out, or otherwise destroy'd as Paper, will be much more acceptable and preferable than Exchequer Bills; and by reason of the Interest and Goodness of Parliamentary Security, be readily exchang'd for Specie by the Bank and Bankers, and other Money'd Men, with whom a previous Agreement may be made for such purpose.

THAT these Tickets be issued and paid by Degrees, and as the intended Use of 'em requires when the Date is to be engrav'd thereon in one of the Columns and not before, for from thence they carry Interest; but this Interest must be settled, and the Money granted as aforesaid appropriated, to pay it with the Principle by Act of Parliament, which may be intitled, *An Act for the better paying and encouraging Seamen.*

THUS an Affair of the greatest Importance may be very easily effected by the Anticipation of such Money as the Parliament grants for the Sea Service, thro' the Help of these Tickets, and at no greater Charge to the Nation than paying, as Occasion requires, an Interest of *per Cent. per An.* for such Tickets as are issued; and supposing 3 *per Cent.* should be allow'd, it would not amount to near so much as the Charge of Impressing, and Incidents thereto, now come to, (as by a modest Computation would appear) so that there would be no Occasion to burthen the Nation with a new Fund or Tax to effect this Great Work.

THE Seamen are so disgusted about the former Register (as to which they have been Money out of Pocket instead of Receiving) that hardly any Inducement will engage 'em to come into another, but if the Method hereby propos'd be put in Practice, we should soon see many thousands of our Seamen, now in Foreign Service, return home, and the greatest Part of the Youth of these Kingdoms encourag'd to learn Navigation; and it may be justly averr'd in Behalf of these Tickets, that nothing of the like Nature, and so well contriv'd, was ever yet produced to the World, and would be very useful in other important Affairs.