

Thomas Tasker Esq^r presents the Address of several Masters of Ships now riding in the Harbour of Saguenay River to his Excellency whereupon ordered that a proclamation should issue pursuant to that address and the said proclamation being prepared is as followeth

By his Excellency ^{Gov} the Capt^l Gen^l
A Proclamation

Whereas Application hath been made to me by several Captains and Commanders of Ships and Vessels now trading on & frequenting this Province who do severally complain of the great Damage & loss they daily sustain by their Mariners & seamen deserting their said Ships & Vessels which does likewise Redound to the prejudice of his Majesty's Interest in the great delay it gives to the Trade of this Province several Vessels being often Impeded & stopp'd & by such deserting rendered incapable to proceed upon their respective Voyages

Therefore to remedy the aforesaid great & growing evil as in me byeth do at the request of the said several Capt^{ns} & Commanders of Vessels whose Names are hereunder written & by & with the advice & Consent of his Majesty's honorable Council within this Province hereby published & give Notice to the Several Inhabitants thereof that they do not give Entertainment to any such deserting Sailors but that they use their utmost endeavour to discover and have them apprehended & secured in order to be Conveyed to the several & respective Ships and Vessels to which they belong

And for the better Encouraging of all persons whatsoever