

gimental Custody, His Majesty is likewise pleased to grant them his free Pardon, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival under Escort at Chatham Barracks, where they will be disposed of in the Manner above-mentioned.

Any Soldier who may desert after these His Majesty's gracious Intentions are made public, shall not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

By His Majesty's Command,
W. WINDHAM.

War-Office, September 24, 1796.

TO OFFICERS ON HALF-PAY.

ALL Officers on the Half-Pay of the British Establishment, resident in Great Britain and Ireland, are hereby required to transmit to the Secretary at War, within One Month from the Date hereof, an Account in Writing of their Age, past Services and present Places of Abode: And such as think themselves from Age or Infirmities unfit for further Service even in this Country, are to accompany their Reports with sufficient Vouchers of their Inability, and the Causes thereof: The Officers resident Abroad are to make their Reports in Six Months; those in the East Indies excepted, who are allowed Twelve Months.

Should any of the said Officers neglect to pay due Attention to this public Notice, within the respective Periods above limited, they will be considered as otherwise provided for, or dead; and their Names will be struck off the Half-Pay List accordingly.

By His Majesty's Command,
W. Windham.

Admiralty-Office, October 13, 1796.

Extract of a Letter from Sir Edward Pellew, Bart. Captain of His Majesty's Ship *Indefatigable*, to Evan Nepean, Esq; dated the 2d of October, 1796, off Cape Peris.

HAVING, by the Recapture of the Brig *Queen of Naples* from Lisbon to Cork, received Information of Two Schooner Privateers which infest the Seas in the Neighbourhood of Corunna, and that One of them had, Two Days before, taken a valuable Brig from Bristol, laden with Bale Goods, which she supposed could not be arrived at her Destination, which was Corunna, I immediately pushed for that Port, and was happy enough this Day to capture One of the Schooners, the *Ariel*, of Boston, from Bordeaux Fourteen Days, mounting Twelve Guns and 75 Men; the other Schooner, called *Le Vengeur*, of the same Force, I am in great Hopes we shall meet with. The Bristol Brig, however, is, I hear, arrived at Ferrol, into which Port I have driven Two Frigates.

St. James's, October 8.

The King has been pleased to grant unto John March, of Weeley Hall, in the Parish of Weeley, in the County of Essex, Gent, his Royal Licence and Authority that he and his Issue may assume and take the Surname and bear the Arms of Weeley only, in Compliance with the last Will and Testament, and in grateful Respect to the Memory of Samuel Weeley, of Weeley Hall aforesaid, Esq; lately deceased.

Whitehall, October 15.

THE following Address having been transmitted to his Grace the Duke of Portland, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been by him presented to the King; which Address His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,
The humble Address of the Hull and Cottingham Volunteers.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Hull and Cottingham Volunteers, esteem it an indispensable Duty to omit no Opportunity of tendering your Majesty the sincerest Assurances of Loyalty and Attachment. The many and great Blessings enjoyed under your Majesty's mild and gracious Government must at all Times excite and demand the warmest Expressions of Affection and Zeal for your Majesty's Person and the happy Constitution of our Country. At this Time, when the common Disturbers of the Peace of Europe threaten to interrupt the Tranquillity and Happiness of your Majesty's British Dominions by an Invasion, we your faithful Subjects, first embodied for the immediate Defence of the neighbouring Coast, beg Leave to offer our Services, on any existing Emergency, in the Case of an Invasion, to any Part of Great Britain your Majesty may think it necessary to command us.

By Desire of the Corps,
Christopher Macbell, Major Commandant.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

IMPRESSED with the most sincere Regard for your Majesty's sacred Person, and with the most profound Reverence for our glorious Constitution, we, the Three Companies of Canterbury Volunteers, humbly beg Leave to approach your Throne, to testify our Loyalty, and to tender our Services at this awful Moment, when our daring and desperate Foes have insolently avowed their Intention of making a Descent upon our Country.

Under the mild and benign Influence of your Majesty's Government, we feel ourselves impelled, on the present Occasion, to come forward with the utmost Zeal and Energy in Defence of those equal Laws, that holy Religion, and those invaluable Liberties, which all your Majesty's Subjects so eminently enjoy.

Permit us therefore, most gracious Sire, to lay before you the following Resolutions, to which the whole Corps of Canterbury Volunteers, both Officers and Privates, have individually affixed their respective Signatures.

Resolved,

That we will hold ourselves in Readiness, on being called upon by special Direction of His Majesty, to march to any Part of the County of Kent upon the Appearance of an Invasion, and, in case of an actual Invasion, to march to any Part of the Kingdom to repel such Invasion.

Resolved,

That we will march, on being called on in pursuance of an Order from His Majesty, or from the Lord Lieutenant or Sheriff of the County, to act within