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From **Tuesday** February 20, to **Saturday** February 24, 1776.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 21st Day of *February*, 1776.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**H**IS Majesty in Council was this Day pleased to appoint William Taunton, of Stratton, Esquire, to be Sheriff of the County of Dorset, in the Room of John Meech, of Dorchester, Esquire.

AT the Court at *St. James's*, the 21st Day of *February*, 1776.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS the Time limited by His Majesty's Order in Council of the 22d of November last, for prohibiting the Exporting out of this Kingdom, or carrying Coastwise, Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, will expire on the 23d of this Instant February: And whereas it is judged expedient, that the said Prohibition should be continued for some Time longer, except in those Cases where (for the Benefit and Advantage of Trade, and for the Use and Defence of Ships trading to Foreign Parts, and of the Transports and Victualling Vessels employed in His Majesty's Service) His Majesty, by His several Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and of the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, and of the 5th and 19th of this Instant February, has thought proper to permit and allow the Exportation of and carrying Coastwise Gunpowder, Saltpetre, Arms and Ammunition, under certain Conditions and Restrictions mentioned in the said Orders: His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order, require, prohibit and command, that no Person or Persons whomsoever (except the Master-General, Lieutenant-General, or Principal Officers of the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service) do at any Time, during the Space of Three Months, to commence from the said 23d Day of this Instant February, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or ship or lade any Gunpowder, Saltpetre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, except in the Cases comprised within the aforementioned Orders in Council of the 13th and 27th of October, and the 6th and 22d of November, 1775, and of the 5th and 19th of this Instant February, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf first obtained from His Majesty or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the 29th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Saltpetre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Saltpetre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition:"—And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master General of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

G. Chetwynd.

War-Office, February 22.

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to the King, That there are at this Time several Deserters from the different Corps in His Majesty's

Land Service, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of His Majesty's gracious Pardon; and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have due Influence upon their future Behaviour: His Majesty is pleased to grant His Free Pardon to all Deserters from His Land Forces who shall surrender themselves, before the 10th Day of April next, either to the Regiments to which they belong, or to some other Corps in His Majesty's Service, or to any Additional Company or Recruiting Party in Great Britain or Ireland.

Such Deserters, if able-bodied Men and fit for Service, shall be attested in the Corps to which they surrender, and not be liable to be claimed by any other Corps to which they may formerly have belonged.

And whereas many of the said Deserters may have enlisted in other Corps, and are now serving therein; His Majesty is graciously pleased to extend to such Deserters the Benefit of this Pardon, and to direct, That they shall continue to serve in the Corps wherein they now are, and not be claimed by that in which they formerly served.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Gaol or in Regimental Custody: His Majesty is likewise pleased to grant to them His Free Pardon, of which they are to have the Benefit, upon their Arrival at their respective Regiments, or upon their being enlisted by some other Corps, or Recruiting Party.

Any Soldier who may desert, after these His Majesty's most 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,  
BARRINGTON.

War-Office, February 20, 1776.

Royal Regiment of Horse Guards, Lieutenant Gustavus Belford is appointed to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Pate Lyster; by Purchase.

Ditto, Cornet Edward Holland to be Lieutenant, vice Gustavus Belford; by Purchase.

Ditto, Cornet George Fitz William, of 6th Dragoons, to be Cornet, vice Edward Holland; by Purchase.

7th Regiment of Dragoons, Cornet Sir Nathaniel Dukinfeld to be Lieutenant, vice William Tuffnell; by Purchase.

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Captain John Woodford to be Captain of a Company, vice Samuel Wollaston; by Purchase.

Ditto, Ensign Colin Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice John Woodford; by Purchase.

Ditto, George Keene Hayward Couffmaker, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Colin Campbell; by Purchase.

Ditto, Ensign — Finch to be Adjutant, vice John Woodford.

Ditto, Captain William Charles Farrell Skeffington to be Captain of a Company, vice William Hudson; by Purchase.

Ditto, Cornet Henry Fitzroy Stanhope, of 15th Dragoons, to be Lieutenant, vice William Charles Farrell Skeffington; by Purchase.

Ditto, Ensign Walter Strickland to be Lieutenant, vice Nicholas Nugent.

Ditto, Thomas Van, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Walter Strickland; by Purchase.

Ditto, Ensign Henry Fanshawe to be Lieutenant, vice William Leeves; by Purchase.

Ditto, Anthony Hardolph Eyre, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Henry Fanshawe; by Purchase.

Ditto, John Douglas, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Milbank; by Purchase.

Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards, Ensign William Tomkins to be Lieutenant, vice Richard Byron; by Purchase.



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