

Friends into Danger, when any Doubt could remain of their Success; so now, that that is certain, he trusts that One and All will heartily join, and, by a general Concurrence, give Effect to such necessary Measures for that Purpose as, from Time to Time, may be pointed out to them. And they may rest assured, that every Means will be used to avoid giving them any Trouble that may not be necessary to secure to them Peace, Liberty, and Prosperity.

In order to attain these happy Ends, it is the Duty of all Men, who wish well to themselves and their Country, to be ready at a Moment, with their Arms, to regain their just Rights, and support the free Constitution of their Forefathers, under which we all increased and prospered.

Those who have Families will form a Militia to remain at Home, and occasionally to assemble in their own Districts, when required, under Officers of their own chusing, for the Maintenance of Peace and good Order. Those who have no Families, and can conveniently be spared for a Time, it is hoped will cheerfully assist His Majesty's Troops in driving their Rebel Oppressors, and all the Miseries of War, far from the Province.

For this Purpose it is necessary that the young Men be ready to assemble when required, and serve with the King's Troops for any Six Months of the ensuing Twelve that may be found requisite, under proper Regulations. They may choose Officers to each Company to command them, and will be allowed, when on Service, Pay, Ammunition, and Provisions, in the same Manner as the Troops. When they join the Army, each Man will be furnished with a Certificate, declaring, that he is only engaged to serve as a Militia Man for the Time specified; that he is not to be marched beyond North Carolina and Georgia, and that when the Time is out, he is freed from all Claims whatever of Military Service, except the common and usual Militia Duty where he lives.

He will then have paid his Debt to his Country, and be entitled to enjoy undisturbed that Peace, Liberty and Property at Home, which he had contributed to secure.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

By his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, General and Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Forces within the Colonies lying on the Atlantick Ocean, from Nova Scotia to West Florida inclusive.

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas notwithstanding the gracious Offers, which have been made to receive to His Majesty's Peace and Protection, with Pardon and Oblivion for their past Offences, all those his deluded and infatuated Subjects, who should return to their Duty and a due Obedience to the Laws; yet there are some wicked and desperate Men, who, regardless of the Ruin and Misery in which the Country will be involved, are still endeavouring to support the Flame of Rebellion, and, under Pretence of Authority derived from the late usurped Legislatures, are attempting by enormous Fines, grievous Imprisonments, and sanguinary Punishments, to compel His Majesty's faithful and unwilling Subjects to take up Arms against His Authority and Government; and it is therefore become necessary, as well for the Protection of the loyal Subjects, as to procure the Establishment of Peace and good Government in the Country, to prevent, by the Terror of Example, such enormous Offences being committed in Future; I have therefore thought fit to issue this my Proclamation to declare, that if

any Person shall hereafter appear in Arms in order to prevent the Establishment of His Majesty's Government in this Country, or shall, under any Pretence or Authority whatsoever, attempt to compel any other Person or Persons to do so, or who shall hinder or intimidate, or attempt to hinder or intimidate, the King's faithful and loyal Subjects from joining His Forces, or otherwise performing those Duties their Allegiance requires, such Person or Persons so offending shall be treated with that Severity so hardened and criminal an Obstinacy will deserve, and his or their Estates will be immediately seized in order to be confiscated. And for the Encouragement of the King's faithful and peaceable Subjects, I do again assure them, that they shall meet with effectual Countenance, Protection and Support; and whenever the Situation of the Country will permit of the Restoration of Civil Government and Peace, they will, by the Commissioners appointed by His Majesty for that Purpose, be restored to the full Possession of that Liberty in their Persons and Property, which they had before experienced under the British Government. And that so desirable an Event may be the more speedily accomplished, I do hereby, in His Majesty's Name, require and command all Persons whatever to be aiding and assisting to His Forces, whenever they shall be required, in order to extirpate the Rebellion, and thereby restore Peace and Prosperity to this, at present, desolated and distracted Country.

Given under my Hand, at Head Quarters in Charles Town, the 22d Day of May, 1780.

(Signed) H. CLINTON.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) Nathaniel Philips,
Assisting Secretary.

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Whereas after the Arrival of His Majesty's Forces under my Command in this Province in February last, Numbers of Persons were made Prisoners by the Army, or voluntarily surrendered themselves as such, and such Persons were afterwards dismissed on their respective Paroles; And whereas since the Surrender of Charles Town, and the Defeats and Dispersion of the Rebel Forces, it is become unnecessary that such Paroles should be any longer observed; and it is fit and proper that all Persons should take an active Part in settling and securing His Majesty's Government, and delivering the Country from that Anarchy which for some Time past hath prevailed; I do therefore issue this my Proclamation to declare, that all the Inhabitants of this Province who are now Prisoners upon Parole and were not in the Military Line, (those who were in Fort Moultrie and Charles Town at the Times of their Capitulation and Surrender, or were then in actual Confinement, excepted) that from and after the Twentieth Day of June instant, they are freed and exempted from all such Paroles, and may hold themselves as restored to all the Rights and Duties belonging to Citizens and Inhabitants. And all Persons under the Description before mentioned, who shall afterwards neglect to return to their Allegiance, and to His Majesty's Government, will be considered