

War-Office, May 4, 1782.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, That there are at this Time many **DESERTERS** from the Regular 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 a due Influence on their future Behaviour: His Majesty is pleased to grant His Free **PARDON** to all **DESERTERS** from His Regular Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves before the 17th Day of June next, either to the Regiments to which they belong, or to some other Regular Corps in His Majesty's Land Service, or to any Additional Company or Recruiting Party thereof 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 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, not being Militia; and they shall not be liable to be claimed by that in which they formerly served.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Goal, or in Regimental Custody; His Majesty is likewise pleased to grant them His Free Pardon, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival at their respective Regiments, or upon their being attested in some other Regular 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,
THO. TOWNSHEND.

Whitehall, May 25, 1782.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Friday the 17th Instant, about Eleven o'Clock at Night, Mr. John Herd, of the Custom-House, London, Captain Best, and Two Servants, were attacked, in the Foot-way leading from the Shepherd and Shepherds, near the City Road, towards Islington, by Five desperate Footpads, who demanded their Money, one of them presenting a Pistol to the Breast of Captain Best's Servant; That, on Mr. Herd's not immediately complying, he was cut in several Places with their Hangers, and the Servant very much wounded in his Head and Arm, and thrown into the Ditch, where they rifled his Pockets; That immediately afterwards a Blunderbuss was fired at Mr. Herd, which tore off his Forehead and Part of his Skull, of which Wound he instantly died; That Captain Best, seeing Mr. Herd fall, ran to a Public House near Islington for Assistance, and on his Return found that the Deceased had been robbed of his Watch and Money: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Murder and Robbery, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to one any of them, (except the Person who actually committed the said Murder) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SHELBURNE.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary Islington do hereby promise a Reward of **FIFTY POUNDS** to any Person making such Discovery as above-mentioned, (except as before excepted) to be paid by them upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Office of Ordnance, St. Margaret's-street,
May 27, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, That Proposals for furnishing 1200 Chaldron of Pontop or Tanfield-moor Coals, at Woolwich, on or before Michaelmas next, will be received and opened in Presence of the Master-General, at this Office, on Friday next, the 31st Instant.

John Boddington.

Office of Ordnance, May 3, 1782.

WHEREAS Shipping is wanted for Government Service; Notice is hereby given, that Proposals in Writing, sealed up, addressed to the Master-General of the Ordnance, and marked on the Outside, "Proposals for Shipping," will be opened in the Presence of such Persons who may offer Ships fit for the Service.

John Boddington

Office of Ordnance, St. Margaret's-street,
Westminster, May 20, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all Persons holding Ordnance Debentures are desired to meet the Master-General, at this Office, on Wednesday the 29th Instant.

John Boddington.

East India House, May 22, 1782.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 19th of June next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend from Christmas last to Midsummer next.

East-India House, May 22, 1782.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 13th of June next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thursday the 11th of July following.

And that the Dividend Warrants on the said Stock, due the 5th of July, will be ready to be delivered on Monday the 19th of August next.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of His Majesty's Ships Experiment, Sir James Wallace, Commander, and Fowey, John Henry, Esq; Commander, who were actually on Board at the Capture of the Swift Schooner, and to those of the Experiment, who were at the taking of the Little Ned, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Produce of the said Prizes, at the French Horn, in Crutched-friars, on Thursday next, the 30th Instant; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at the House of Mess. Marsh and Creed, Savage Gardens, the First Thursday in every Month for Three Years from that Time.

John Henry, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Sloop Drake, William Brown, Esq; Commander, who were on Board at taking the Waja Orden (a Swede) on the 13th of August, 1779, in Company with His Majesty's Sloop Fairy, and Cutters Rambler, Flying Fish, and Expedition, that they will be paid their Shares of the Produce of the Cargo of the said Ship, at the French Horn, in Crutched-friars, on Thursday the 30th Instant; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at the House of Mess. Marsh and Creed, Savage Gardens, the First Thursday in each Month for Three Years from that Time.

Marsh and Creed, Agents.

London, May 24, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of His Majesty's Ships Portland, Dedalus, Bruce, Vestal, and Fairy, who were at the taking the Privateer Ship Royal Louis, upon the Banks of Newfoundland, last Year, that they will be paid their respective Shares of Head money for the said Vessel, at Portsmouth, on Thursday next, the 30th Instant; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled the First Monday in every Month for Three Years to come, at the Agent's, in Compton-street, Bloomsbury.

A. Graham, Agent.

London, May 25, 1782.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Termagant, Arthur Kempe, Esq; Commander, who were actually on Board at the Capture of the Encraght, Dutch Merchant-Ship, on the 29th of December, 1780, (in Company with His Majesty's Ship Hero) that they will be paid their respective Shares of 18,000l. (between the Two Ships) being nearly the Whole of the Proceeds of said Prize,