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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Pardoning Deserters from the Land Forces.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS divers Persons duly enlisted, or in Pay, as Soldiers in certain Regiments and Military Corps, which have been since disbanded or disembodied, and in other Regiments or Corps now subsisting, have deserted Our Service, and thereby incurred the Penalties respectively inflicted for such Offence, by several Acts of Parliament passed for punishing Mutiny and Desertion: And whereas We are graciously disposed to extend Our Royal Mercy to the said Offenders, who may be hereafter useful to their Country in following their honest and lawful Occupations, in case they are enabled thereto by receiving Our free Pardon; We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, pardon and remit all and every such Offence and Offences of Desertion from any such Regiments or Military Corps, committed by any Person or Persons, previous to the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation: And We do also release and discharge the said Offenders from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments, and Penalties, commenced or incurred for or by Reason of any such Offence or Offences. And whereas many of the said Deserters have been apprehended at various Times, and committed for safe Custody to the several Gaols or Prisons belonging to the Counties, Towns, or Places, where such Deserters have been found or apprehended, to the End that they might be proceeded against according to Law; the Names of which Deserters have been from Time to Time transmitted to Our Secretary at War for the Time being, pursuant to the Provisions of such Acts of Parliament made for punishing Mutiny and Desertion as aforesaid; We do hereby, by and with the Advice of Our said Privy Council, declare Our farther Pleasure, and do will and require all and every Gaoler and Gaolers, Keeper and Keepers of any Gaol, House of Correction, or Prison, where any such Deserter or Deserters is or are in Custody, to discharge him or them forthwith, without Fee or Reward, upon receiving a Certificate or Certificates, under the Hand of Our Secretary at War for the Time being, that the Name or Names of such Deserter or Deserters do appear to him to have been transmitted to the War Office, pursuant to the Provisions of any of the said Acts: And We do hereby farther charge and command every such Gaoler or Keeper, within the Space of Seven Days after receiving any such Certificate as aforesaid, to make a Return to Our Secretary at War for the Time being, of what such Gaoler or Keeper shall have done in pursuance of such Certificate, and of this Our Royal Proclamation. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall extend to discharge any Person or Persons so in Custody for any such Offence of Desertion, who shall have been lawfully committed or detained in the Custody of any such Gaoler or Keeper for any Crime, Cause, or Matter, other than such Offence or Offences of Desertion.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Eleventh Day of June, One thousand seven hundred and eighty three, in the Twenty-third Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

Whitehall, June 14.

The King has been pleased to order a Congé d'Elire to pass the Great Seal, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Bristol to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Lewis Bagot, late Bishop thereof, to the See of Norwich; and His Majesty has been pleased, by His Royal Sign Manual, to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter, the Reverend Christopher Wilson, Doctor in Divinity, One of the Canons Residentiary of St. Paul's, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Bristol.

The King has been pleased to grant to the Reverend Cyril Jackson, Doctor in Divinity, the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Christ, in the University of Oxford, void by the Translation of the Right Reverend Father in God Lewis, late Bishop of Bristol, to the See of Norwich.

Berlin, May 31. His Prussian Majesty returned to Potsdam on the 29th, in perfect Health, and will proceed To-morrow into Prussia, to make the usual Reviews at Cultrin, Stargart, and Graudentz.

Admiralty-Office, June 10, 1783.

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the 26th Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information has been sent to this Office, That on the 19th of last Month, the Ship St. Johannis, whereof Benjamin Lamert was Master, bound from Bourdeaux to Koninsburgh, was forced on Shore at Langney Point, near Shoreham.

Ph. Stephens.

New Pay Office, Piazza, Stable Yard, St. James's,

June 13, 1783.

NOTICE is hereby given, That Salaries and Allowances by Warrant in the Lord Chamberlain's Department, and also Pensions on Account of Suppressed Offices for said Department, will be paid every Friday, from Eleven to Four o'Clock, till the Whole is discharged.

East-India House, June 13, 1783.

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

That the Quarterly General Court of the said Company, appointed to be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday next the 18th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, is for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend from Christmas last to Midsummer next, and on special Affairs.

Office of Ordnance, St. Margaret's-street, Westminster, June 14, 1783.

THE Master-General and Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give Notice, That on Wednesday the 25th Instant, at Twelve o'Clock, they will receive Proposals from such Person or Persons as are willing to supply this Office, at the Tower, Portsmouth, or Plymouth, with Timber Deals, &c. according to a Printed List ready to be delivered at their Office in St. Margaret's-street, Westminster, or at the Tower. Payment to be made by Debenture in the Course of Office.