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By the KING,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For Pardoning Deserters from the Land Forces.

G E O R G E 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 further 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 law-

fully 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.

G O D save the KING.

AT the Court at St. James's, the 6th of June, 1783.

P R E S E N T,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed this Session, intituled, "An Act for preventing certain Instruments from being required from Ships belonging to the United States of America, and to give to His Majesty, for a limited Time, certain Powers for the better carrying on Trade and Commerce between the Subjects of His Majesty's Dominions and the Inhabitants of the said United States," it is amongst other Things enacted, That during the Continuance of the said Act, it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty in Council, by Order or Orders to be issued and published from Time to Time, to give such Directions and to make such Regulations with respect to Duties, Drawbacks or otherwise, for carrying on the Trade and Commerce between the People and Territories belonging to the Crown of Great Britain, and the People and Territories of the said United States, as to His Majesty in Council shall appear most expedient and salutary, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby order and direct, That Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Indico, Malts, Yards, and Bowsprits, being the Growth or Production of any of the United States of America, may (until further Order) be imported directly from thence into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, either in British or American Ships, by British Subjects or by any of the People inhabiting in and belonging to the said United States or any of them; and that the Articles above recited shall and may be entered and landed in any Port of this Kingdom, upon Payment of the same Duties as the same are or may be subject and liable to, if imported by British Subjects in British Ships from any British Island or Plantation in America, and no other, notwithstanding such Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, Indico, Malts, Yards, and Bowsprits, or the Ships in which the same may be brought, may not be accompanied with the Certificates or other Documents heretofore required by Law: And His Majesty is hereby further pleased, by and with the Advice aforesaid, to order and direct, That any Tobacco, being the Growth or Production of any of the Territories of the said United States of America, may likewise (until further Order) be imported directly from thence, in Manner above mentioned, and may be landed in this Kingdom, and upon the Importer paying