

in promoting the Practice of all Christian Duties, and in diffusing a Spirit of Charity and Benevolence.

We regard the Appointment of the Earl of Leven to represent your Royal Person in the present Assembly as a fresh Mark of your Majesty's Favour to the Church of Scotland. His warm Attachment, like that of his Ancestors, to this Church; his Zeal for the Interests of Religion; the Virtues of his Life; and our happy Experience of those distinguished Qualifications, which have recommended him to your Majesty's repeated Choice; conspire to render him most acceptable to us in the Execution of the high and important Trust committed to him.

We receive with much Thankfulness your Royal Donation for promoting the Knowledge of the Protestant Religion in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland: And we shall study to shew ourselves not unworthy of the Confidence which your Majesty is pleased to repose in us, by applying it with Fidelity and Diligence to the pious and important Purpose for which it is bestowed.

Your Majesty has shewn the most gracious Attention to the Dignity and Efficacy of our Proceedings, by recommending Moderation and Propriety of Conduct. We wish most earnestly to avoid all unnecessary Disputes and Altercations; and we feel that it is the Duty of the Ministers of the Prince of Peace to set an Example of that Harmony and Good-Will which they inculcate upon the People committed to their Care, as most congenial to the Spirit of our Religion, and most essential to the Happiness of Society.

That the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom Kings reign, may preserve your Majesty's Person, and direct your Councils; that He may bless the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that He may continue to us the many National Blessings in which your Subjects now rejoice; that, after a long and prosperous Reign over a free, a happy, and a grateful People, you may receive that Crown which fadeth not away; and that a Race of Princes, descended from your Illustrious House, and formed after your Example, may, to latest Posterity, sway the British Sceptre with Moderation and Renown; are the earnest Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient,
and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders, met in this
National Assembly of the Church
of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our
Appointment, by

(Signed) *John Walker*, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 22, 1790.

Whitehall, May 8, 1790.

IT is His Majesty's Pleasure, that all Officers, belonging to Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, now serving in Ireland, except such as are employed on the Recruiting Service, do join their respective Corps without Delay; and it is His Majesty's further Pleasure, that all Officers belonging to any of the Garrisons in Ireland, do repair to their respective Posts without Delay.

W. W. GRENVILLE.

War-Office, May 29, 1790.

WHEREAS 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 fu-

ture Behavior; His Majesty is pleased to grant His free Pardon to all Deserters from His Land Forces who shall surrender themselves before the Tenth Day of July next, either to the Regiments to which they belong, or to some other Corps in His Majesty's Service, or to any 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,

GEO. YONGE.

War-Office, May 7, 1790.

IT is the King's Pleasure, that, notwithstanding any Leave of Absence granted by His Majesty, all Officers belonging to Regiments in Great Britain, or on Foreign Stations, do join their respective Corps without Delay; except such Officers as are employed in the Recruiting Service.

GEO. YONGE.

Admiralty-Office, May 11, 1790.

NOTICE is hereby given to all Officers of His Majesty's Navy and Marine Forces, who are absent from this Kingdom with Leave from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, That it is their Lordships' Directions they return to England within Six Months after the Date hereof; and that in Failure thereof they will forfeit all the Half-Pay that may be due to them.

Ph. Stephens.

Admiralty-Office, May 11, 1790.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are hereby pleased to direct, that such Captains, Commanders, and Lieutenants of His Majesty's Navy, and Marine Forces, as are unemployed, do transmit hither an Account of their Places of Abode, in order to their being sent to when His Majesty's Service may require their Attendance; and they are to continue to do the same, as often as they may happen to change their Habitations.

Ph. Stephens.

Office of Ordnance, May 28, 1790.

Royal Regiment of Artillery, Captain-Lieutenant John Smith is appointed to be Captain of a Company, vice Francis Downman, retired.

First Lieutenant Henry Hutton to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Smith, promoted.

Second Lieutenant James Hunter to be First Lieutenant, vice Henry Hutton, promoted.

Captain-Lieutenant William Cuppage to be Captain of a Company, vice Stephen P. Adye, retired.

First Lieutenant John Harding to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice William Cuppage, promoted.

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