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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For pardoning such Seamen and Marines as have deserted, and shall return into His Majesty's Service on or before the Thirtieth Day of June next.

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WHEREAS We are desirous to give all due Encouragement to such Seamen as may have deserted from any of Our Ships since the First Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and shall be willing to return to Our Service: We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby promise Our most gracious Pardon to all such Deserters as shall repair on Board any of Our Ships or Vessels on or before the Thirtieth Day of June next; and We do hereby further promise Our most gracious Pardon to all such Seamen as, having deserted, are now belonging to some one of Our Ships (in which Ship they are hereby permitted to continue) and do declare that such Deserters shall be intitled to receive all Wages that may be due to them in the Ship from which they may have deserted, at the Time of such Desertion. And We do also hereby promise Our most gracious Pardon to all Marines who may have deserted from Our Service since the said First Day of January, One thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, and shall, on or before the said Thirtieth Day of June next, surrender themselves at the Head-Quarters of the Marines established at Portsmouth, Plymouth or Chatham, or to any Recruiting Party of Our said Forces: And We do hereby declare, that all Seamen and Marines, so surrendering themselves as aforesaid, shall be released and discharged from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments and Penalties commenced or incurred by reason of such Offence. But We do hereby further declare, that all such Deserters, whether Seamen or Marines, who shall not, on or before the said Thirtieth Day of June next, surrender themselves on Board one of Our Ships or

Vessels of War, or at the Head-Quarters of the Marines established at Portsmouth, Plymouth or Chatham, or to some Recruiting Party of the said Forces, or who shall hereafter absent themselves from the Ships to which they belong, or from the Marine Quarters, without Leave from their Commanding Officers, shall be tried at a Court Martial, and being found guilty, shall be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy, and shall suffer the Punishment of Death, or such other Punishment as they shall be condemned to suffer by Sentence of the said Court. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-first Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

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 future 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 intitled 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.