

justly deserved, and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on Our Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to Us and Our Kingdoms: And We do strictly charge and command, that the said Publick Fast be reverently and devoutly observed by all Our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favor of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation; and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly inflict on all such as contemn and neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and We charge, that this Our Proclamation seen, ye forthwith pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful; and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleasure is, that Our Solicitor do cause printed Copies hereof to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires, Stewarts of Stewartries, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom We ordain to see the same published: And We appoint them to send Copies hereof to the several Parish Churches within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's Day immediately preceding the Day above mentioned, the same may be published and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the 1st Day of March, 1793, in the Thirty-third Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the K I N G.

By the K I N G,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

G E O R G E R.

WHEREAS Attempts may be made to seduce some of Our Subjects, contrary to their Allegiance and Duty to Us, to enter on board French Ships or Vessels of War, or other Ships or Vessels of France, with Intent to commit Hostilities against Us or Our Subjects, or otherwise to adhere or give Aid or Comfort to Our Enemies upon the Sea: Now We, in order that none of Our Subjects may ignorantly incur the Guilt and Penalties of such Breaches of their Allegiance and Duty, have thought it necessary, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to publish this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby notifying and declaring, that all Persons being Our Subjects, who shall enter or serve on board any French Ships or Vessels of War, or other Ships or Vessels of France, with Intent to commit Hostilities against Us or Our Subjects, or who shall otherwise adhere or give Aid or Comfort to Our Enemies upon the Sea, will thereby become liable to suffer the Pains of Death, and all other Pains and Penalties of High-Treason and Piracy. And We do

hereby declare Our Royal Intention and firm Resolution to proceed against all such Offenders according to Law. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twentieth Day of February, 1793, in the Thirty-third Year of Our Reign.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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P A R D O N I N G D E S E R T E R S.

War-Office, February 26, 1793.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, that there are at this Time several Deserters from the different 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 upon their future Behaviour; His Majesty has been graciously pleased, by His Order in Council, to grant His free Pardon to all Deserters from His Regular Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves, on or before the 30th of April next, to the Corps from which they originally deserted; but if such Corps be not within this Kingdom, they shall then be entitled to the like Pardon, on Condition of surrendering to any other Regular Corps in His Majesty's Land Service, or to any 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, unless it shall appear that such other Corps, or some Part thereof, was actually in Great Britain at the Time of their surrendering.

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, without being under the Necessity of declaring themselves Deserters in order to entitle them to the Benefit of this Pardon; and they shall not be liable at any future Time to be claimed by that in which they formerly served; Deserters from the Royal Regiment of Artillery, or Corps of Royal Military Artificers and Labourers excepted; who, if serving in other Corps, are only to be entitled to the Benefit of this Pardon upon Condition of declaring themselves Deserters from, and of returning to, the Corps under the Department of the Ordnance to which they originally belonged; and, not so declaring themselves, they shall be liable at any future

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