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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Pardoning such Deserters from His Majesty's Marine Forces as shall return into His Majesty's Service on or before the Thirty-first Day of December next.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto Us, that there are at this Time several Deserters from Our Marine Forces, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of Pardon, and that such an Instance of Our Clemency might have a due Influence upon their future Behaviour, 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 Deserters from Our Marine Forces, who shall surrender themselves on or before the Thirty-first Day of December next, to the Commanding Officers of the Chatham, Portsmouth or Plymouth Divisions of Marines; and We do hereby declare, that such Marines, so surrendering themselves as aforesaid, shall not be liable to be claimed by any other Corps to which they may have formerly belonged: And We do further declare, That Our said Pardon shall extend to such Deserters as have been apprehended, and are now in Gaol or Regimental Custody, upon their Arrival under Escort at Head Quarters. But We do hereby further declare, that any Marine Soldier who shall desert after these Our Intentions shall have been made publick, shall not be included in the Pardon above offered, but

shall, if found guilty by a Court Martial, be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy.

Given at Our Court at St. Jamés's, the Second Day of November, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in the Thirty-seventh Year of Our Reign.

G O D save the K I N G.

W A R - O F F I C E,

October 1, 1796.

HIS Majesty doth hereby direct and require, that all the OUT-PENSIONERS of CHELSEA-HOSPITAL, residing in South Britain, who were discharged from their respective Corps as Corporals or Private Men (those resident in London, or within Twenty-five Miles theteof, who are to attend at Chelsea on such Days as the Commissioners of the said Hospital shall appoint; the Out-Pensioners from the Cavalry; those Men also who by the Hospital Books are now more than Fifty-five Years of Age, or had served Twenty-five Years in the Army previously to their Discharges; and those who have lost an Eye or a Limb, excepted) do personally appear at the Places, and on the Days, hereinafter mentioned; that such of them, as on Examination shall be found fit, may be sent to Garrison Duty only, viz.

Kent and Surrey, (more than 25 Miles from London)

—Maidstone, 24th and 25th October; or Winchester 4th and 5th November.

Suffex—Lewes; 29th and 31st October; or Winchester, 4th and 5th November. *Ham/b. 179*

[Price Eighteen Pence.]