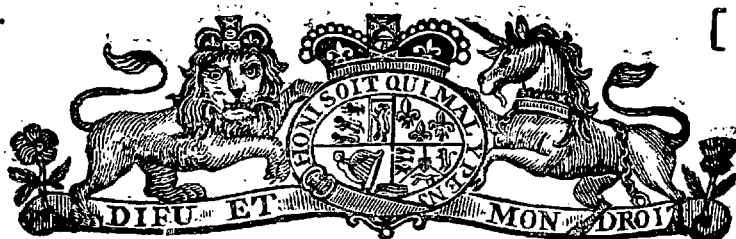


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By the KING.

## A PROCLAMATION,

*For pardoning Deserters from the Militia Forces.*

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the Reduction of the Militia Forces; at the Time and in the Manner therein limited; for enabling His Majesty more effectually to encrease His Regular Forces for the vigorous Prosecution of the War; and for amending the Laws relating to the Militia; it is, amongst other Things, enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for Us, by Our Royal Proclamation, pardoning, if We shall think fit, all or any such Militia Men as shall have enlisted into any of Our Regular Forces before the passing of such Act, to direct that such Men so pardoned shall not be liable to be claimed by, or returned to serve in the Regiment, Battalion, or Company of Militia from which they shall have deserted; and further, to pardon every such Militia Man as had, before the passing of the said Act, deserted from any such Regiment, Battalion, or Company of Militia, on Condition that such Militia Man shall voluntarily surrender himself, as a Deserter, on or before the First Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, or shall, on or before the said First Day of August, voluntarily enlist into some one of Our Regular Regiments; and to direct that such Militia Man so pardoned, and enlisting, shall not be liable to be claimed by, or returned to serve in the Regiment, Battalion, or Company aforesaid: And all Militia Men who shall have deserted at any Time before the passing of such Act, and who shall not have surrendered themselves, or enlisted as aforesaid, in consequence of such Proclamation, on or before the First Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, shall be liable to be tried, and punished, as in the said Act mentioned: And

whereas We are graciously disposed to extend Our Mercy to Offenders who may be willing to take the Benefit of the said Act, 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 Offence and Offences of Desertion, from any Regiment, Battalion, or Company of Militia, committed by any Person before the Twelfth Day of July instant, the Day of passing such Act; provided such Person shall, before the passing of the said Act, have enlisted into any of Our Regular Forces, or shall voluntarily surrender himself as a Deserter, on or before the said First Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and shall, on or before the said First Day of August, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, voluntarily enlist into some one of Our Regular Regiments; and We do hereby direct that every such Man so pardoned, and enlisting, or having enlisted as aforesaid, shall not be liable to be claimed by, or returned to serve in the Regiment, Battalion, or Company of Militia from which he deserted: And We do also release and discharge such Offenders respectively from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments, and Penalties, commenced or incurred for or by Reason of any such Offence, so pardoned as aforesaid.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Twenty-fourth Day of July, One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; in the Thirty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Westminster, July 26, 1799.*

The Lord Chancellor has been pleased to appoint Thomas Macaulay Cruttwell, of the City of Bath, Gentleman; a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.