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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 Thirty-first Day of December next.*

GEORGE R.

**W**HEREAS We are desirous to give all due Encouragement to such Seamen as may have deserted from any of Our Ships since the Tenth Day of October One thousand eight hundred and five, 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 Thirty-first Day of December 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; and We do also hereby promise Our most gracious Pardon to all Marines who may have deserted from our Service since the said Tenth Day of October One thousand eight hundred and five, and shall on or before the said Thirty-first Day of December next, surrender themselves at the Headquarters of the Royal 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 Royal Marines so surrendering themselves as afore said, shall be released and discharged from all Prosecutions, Imprisonments, and Penalties commenced or incurred by reason of any such Offence; but that such Pardon shall not entitle Deserters, whether Seamen, or Marines, to any Arrears of Pay forfeited by such Desertion: And We do hereby further declare, that all such Deserters, whether Seamen or Marines, who shall not on or before the said Thirty-first Day of December next, surrender themselves on board One of Our Ships or Vessels of War, or at the Headquarters of the Royal 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 the Queen's Palace, the Fourth Day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eight, in the Forty-eighth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 5, 1808.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be a Drawing-Room at St. James's, on Thursday the 12th Instant.

*Admiralty-Office, May 10, 1808.*

*Extract of a Letter from John Palmer, Esq; Commander of His Majesty's Sloop the Pheasant, to the Honourable W. W. Pole, dated on board that Sloop, at Spithead, the 8th Instant.*

**O**N the 5th of last Month, in Latitude 22°. 10'. Longitude 56°. W. I fell in with a French Privateer, and, I am happy to add, that after a Chace of Four Hours, I captured her. She belonged to Guadaloupe, her Name Tropicard, had been out Six Weeks, taken nothing; was formerly, from Report of the Prisoners, His Majesty's late Schooner the King's Fish, or Flying Fish, built at Bermuda for His Majesty's Service, coppered, and Copper fastened, now rigged as a Sloop; had on board when taken Five Guns, viz. One long Eighteen-Pounder, a Traverser, and Four Six-Pounders, and manned with a Crew of Sixty-two Men.

*War-Office, May 10, 1808.*

HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

Robert Morfe, of the Royal Engineers,

To be GENERAL in the Army.

MAJOR-GENERAL

William Congreve, of the Royal Artillery,

To be LIEUTENANT-GENERAL in the Army.