

that Prince entertains of the great courage and intrepidity displayed by the said Lieutenant-Colonel in several actions with the enemy during the recent arduous campaigns in the Peninsula; provided nevertheless, that His Majesty's said licence and permission doth not authorise, and shall not be deemed or construed to authorise, the assumption of any style, appellation, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining unto a Knight Bachelor of these realms:

And His Royal Highness hath been further pleased to command, that the said royal concession and declaration be registered, together with the relative documents, in His Majesty's College of Arms.

PROCLAMATION

FOR

PARDONING DESERTERS

FROM

HIS MAJESTY'S REGULAR LAND FORCES.

War-Office, May 20, 1815.

WHEREAS it has been represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, 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 Royal Highness's gracious pardon, and, that such an instance of His Royal Highness's clemency might have a due influence upon their future behaviour; His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant His free pardon to all deserters from His Majesty's regular land forces, who, not having been previously apprehended, shall surrender themselves on or before the 20th day of July next, to the Commanding Officer of any regiment, or to any of the Inspecting Field-Officers of the Recruiting Service, whose stations are mentioned in the margin hereof,

Leeds.

Newcastle-under-Line.

Nottingham.

Gloucester.

Aylesbury.

Chelmsford.

Taunton.

Andover.

Edinburgh.

Glasgow.

Aberdeen.

or, to the Commandant of Albany Barracks in the Isle of Wight, or, to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in Great Britain.

Such deserters, if able-bodied men, and fit for service, shall be sent to the regiments from which they respectively deserted, or be appointed to such regiments in the United Kingdom as

His Royal Highness may be pleased to command; and when so placed, shall 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 enlisted into other regular corps, and are now serving therein, His Royal Highness 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, upon declaring themselves to their respective Command-

ing Officers on or before the said 20th day of July next, and, after having so declared themselves, they shall not be liable, at any future time, to be claimed by the regiments from which they had formerly deserted.

The Magistrate, to whom any deserter from His Majesty's regular forces shall surrender himself, is authorised and required to certify the day on which such deserter surrendered; which certificate is to be delivered to the deserter, to continue in force until the arrival of the deserter at the head-quarters of the nearest military post, provided he proceed at the rate of ten miles a day, unless prevented by sickness, such sickness to be certified by some medical practitioner, on the back of the Magistrate's certificate, or, to be otherwise proved, to the satisfaction of the Officer commanding at such military post.

And His Royal Highness having further commanded, that the greatest exertions shall be used, for the future apprehension of all deserters, every soldier now serving ought to be deeply impressed with a sense of the danger to which he will expose himself, if he should be guilty of the crime of desertion; and all those, who have already committed that offence, ought to feel, that they will render themselves liable to the severest punishment if they do not immediately avail themselves of the pardon held out in this Royal Highness's most gracious Proclamation.

Any soldier who may desert after these His Royal Highness's gracious intentions are made public, shall not be included in the above pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost severity.

By the command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, PALMERSTON.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

War-Office, May 25, 1815.

WHEREAS His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to increase the rates of the pensions allowed to the widows of the Officers of the land forces and royal marines. These are to give notice, that the said pensions have been increased to, and established at, the following rates, from 25th December 1813, inclusive:

Widows of	£
Generals, Lieutenant-Generals, and Major-Generals	120
Colonels of Regiments, not being General Officers	90
Lieutenant-Colonels of Regiments	70
Majors of Regiments, Directors of Hospitals, and Inspectors of Hospitals	60
Deputy Inspectors of Hospitals	50
Captains, Paymasters, Chaplains to the Forces, and Physicians, who have died subsequently to the 24th June 1806, after having served abroad as such	50
Lieutenants, Adjutants, Physicians, not having served abroad as such, Surgeons, and Purveyors	40