

desirous, on all occasions, of evincing their joy in the prosperity of your Royal Family.

We confidently hope that in a very few years, when Christian education and religion shall have taught that part of the inhabitants of our colony lately emancipated from bondage, the connection between their Faith and duty to their Sovereign, that they will most ardently join us on a proper occasion in a dutiful address to your Royal Highness.

We humbly beg your Royal Highness to accept these our humble, but sincere congratulations on an occasion which has filled every heart with joy and promise of future good. This little spot, selected and marked out from the immense and yet benighted Continent of Africa, as the point from which civilization and the concomitant virtues are to proceed, wishes not to be behind in offering its tribute. Long, long may their Royal and Serene Highnesses enjoy the blessings of this life; may happiness pour forth her richest stores upon them; may their path of life be strewn with flowers; and from them descend a race of British Princes, worthy of bearing your illustrious name, and emulous of transmitting to each other, unimpaired, the invaluable benefits of our Constitution to the latest posterity.

By the desire of the Council, Mayor and Aldermen, European and Native Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of Sierra Leone,

C. MacCarthy, Governor.

Court-House, Freetown, Sierra Leone,
March 5, 1817.

PROCLAMATION

FOR PARDONING DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S
REGULAR LAND FORCES.

War-Office, June 18, 1817.

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 18th day of August 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, or to the

Leeds. Commandant of Albany barracks, in the
Coventry. Isle of Wight, or to the Commandant
Liverpool. of the cavalry barracks at Maidstone, or
Bristol. to any of His Majesty's Justices of the
London. Peace in Great Britain.

Glasgow. 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 King-

dom 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 may now be 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 Commanding Officers, on or before the said 18th day of August next, to be deserters; 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 His 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 command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty.
PALMERSTON.

War-Office, June 24, 1817.

The undermentioned Officers to have a step of rank in the Army, having been omitted in former recommendations for special services in the field.

BREVET.

Commissions to be dated 21st June 1817.

MAJORS

Martin Leggatt, of 36th Foot,
George M'Leod, of the Royal Engineers,
Robert Lawson, of the Royal Artillery,
James Hughes, of the 18th Light Dragoons,
Philip Bainbrigge, Permanent Assistant-Quarter-Master-General,