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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 31st day of December next.

Whereas we are desirous to give all due encouragement to such seamen as may have deserted from any of our ships since the 10th day of October 1805, 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 31st day of December next; and we do hereby further promise our most gracious pardon to all such seamen as, having de-serted, 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 10th day of October 1805, and shall on or before the said 31st day of December next, surrender themselves at the head-quarters 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 aforesaid, shall be released and discharged from all prosecutions, imprisonments, and penalties commenced or incurred by reason of any such offence; but that such pardor, 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 31st day of December next, surrender themselves on board one of our

ships or vessels of war, or at the head-quarters | 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 4th day of May 1808, in the 48th year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, MAY 4, 1808.

The Right Honourable George Canning, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for foreign affairs, has this day notified to the Ministers of friendly and neutral powers resident at this Court, that his Majesty has judged it expedient to establish the most rigorous blockade of the Port of Copenhagen, and of all the other ports in the Island of Zealand; and that the same will be maintained and enforced in the strictest manner, according to the usages of war acknowledged and allowed in similar cases.

Red Squadron of his Majesty's fleet, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Dominions, Islands, and Territories thereunto belonging.

WAR-OFFICE, MAY 6, 1808.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-General his Royal Highness Ernest Augustus Duke of Cumberland, K. G. to be General in the army, by commission dated 25th April 1808.

His Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-General his Royal Highness Adolphus Frederick Duke of Cambridge, K. G. to be General in the army, by commission dated 25th April 1808.

His Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Lieutenant General his Highness William Frederick Duke of Glouchester, K. G. to be General in the army, by commission dated 25th April

MAY 7, 1808.

His MAJESTY has been pleased to appoint

I.IEUTENANT-GENERALS Edmund Fanning, Henry Johnson, Hon. Henry Edward Fox, John Wat-son T. Watson, Lowther Pennington, Francis Edward Gwyn, Francis 1.ord Heathfield, Thomas Sloughter Stanwix, Sir James Pulteney, Bart. to be GENERALS in the army.

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WHITEHALL, MAY 7, 1808.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable Henry Baron Mulgrave; Sir Richard Bickerton, Bart. Vice-Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's fleet; William Johnstone Hope, and Robert Ward, Esqs.; the Right Honourable Henry John Viscount Palmerston; James Buller, Esq. and William Domett, Esq. Rear-Admiral of the William Domett, Esq. Rear-Admiral of the lesley, K. E., Hon. Edmund Phipps, William Cartwright,

Price Sixpence.

