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BY THE KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

For pardoning all Seamen and Marines who may at any time have deserted from his Majesty's Service.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we are desirous to mark the fiftieth anniversary of our accession to the throne, by extending our pardon to all seamen and marines who may at any time have deserted from our service previous to the issuing of this our royal proclamation: We have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, to publish this our royal proclamation, and do hereby accordingly grant our most gracious pardon to all such seamen as may at any time have deserted from any of our ships or vessels of war: And we do hereby further grant our most gracious pardon to all marines who may at any time have deserted from our service; and we do hereby declare, that all such seamen and marines, whether surrendering themselves, or not, or who having deserted, are now belonging to some of our ships or vessels of war, or are at the headquarters of our royal marine forces, or are belonging to recruiting parties of the said forces, shall be released, and discharged from all prosecutions, imprisonments, and penalties, commenced or incurred by reason of such desertion; and that all such seamen or marines who have not, before the issuing of this our royal proclamation, surrendered themselves, nor entered on board our ships or vessels, nor joined the headquarters or recruiting parties of the royal marines, shall, nevertheless, receive our free pardon, without condition of further service, or being required to join any of our ships, or the headquarters or recruiting parties above mentioned; but that such pardon shall not entitle the said deserters, whether seamen or marines, to any arrears of pay, or to any prize-money forfeited

by such desertion; and we do further declare, that such free pardon shall not extend to any seamen or marines who shall desert from any of our ships or vessels, or from marine quarters or recruiting parties, after the 24th day of this instant October.

Given at our Court at the Queen's Palace, the 18th day of October 1809, in the 49th year of our reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

PROCLAMATION,

For pardoning Deserters from his Majesty's Land Forces.

WAR-OFFICE, October 24, 1809.

Whereas it has been most humbly submitted to the King, whether, on the joyful occasion of his Majesty entering into the fiftieth year of his reign, it might not be desirable to distinguish so memorable an epoch by an act of grace to all deserters; and his Majesty having graciously approved of his free pardon being extended to all such deserters from his land forces as shall deliver themselves up within two months from the 25th instant: *These are publicly to declare his Majesty's benevolent intention; and to direct that all deserters, surrendering themselves to the Commanding Officer of any regiment, or to any of the superintending Field Officers of the recruiting service, whose stations are mentioned in the margin hereof; to the Commandant of the army dépôt in the Isle of Wight; or, where there is no military post, to a Magistrate, shall be pardoned, and they are hereby pardoned accordingly.*

Durham.
Carlisle.
Leeds.
Manchester.
Nottingham.
Ipswich.
Sbrewsbury.
Birmingham.
Hereford.
Bedford.

Such deserters, if from the regular forces, being able-bodied men, and fit for service, shall be sent to the regiments from which

Maidstone. they respectively deserted, or be appointed to such regiments in
Gloucester. the united kingdom as his Ma-
Southampton. jesty may be pleased to command;
Wells. and, when so placed, shall not be
London. liable to be claimed by any other
corps to which they may formerly have belong-
ed: and if from the militia, shall be sent to the
regiments to which they respectively belonged.

And whereas many of the said deserters may have inlisted in other corps, and are now serving therein, his Majesty 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 period above mentioned: and they shall not be liable, at any future time, to be claimed by the regiments in which they formerly served.

The Magistrate to whom any deserter, as above, may surrender himself, is authorized and required to certify the day on which such deserter surrendered himself; which certificate is to continue in force until the arrival of the deserter at the nearest military post, provided he proceed at the rate of ten miles a-day, unless prevented by 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.

His Majesty has been further pleased to direct, that deserters now actually in confinement as such, shall have the benefit of this his royal pardon.

By his Majesty's command,
GRANVILLE LEVESON GOWER.

WHITEHALL, OCTOBER 28, 1809.

The King has been pleased to present the Reverend James Kiyden to the church and pa-

Price Sixpence Halfpenny.



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