

War-Office, April 29, 1782.

**H**IS Majesty has been pleased to order, that over and above the usual Bounty Money of **THREE GUINEAS** allowed to Recruits at the Time of Enlisting, every Man who, on or after the 13th Day of May next, shall enlist with any Regular Corps of Infantry, shall receive, on his Arrival at the Quarters of the Regiment, and on being approved by the Commanding Officer thereof, the further Sum of **THREE GUINEAS**: And each Soldier, so hereafter enlisted and approved, shall receive another **GUINEA** at the End of Twelve Months from the Time of his being approved; and One more **GUINEA** at the End of the Second Twelve Months, if he continue so long in the Service without deserting.

The Men who shall enlist with the Recruiting Parties of Regiments on Foreign Stations, or with any of the Independent Companies, are to be entitled to receive the First additional Bounty of **THREE GUINEAS** on their Arrival at Chatham; or such other Place in Great Britain as they shall be ordered to; and on their being approved there by the Inspector-General of the Recruiting Service, or such other Officer as may be appointed for that Purpose.

By His Majesty's Command,  
**THO. TOWNSHEND.**

War-Office, May 4, 1782.

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to the King, That there are at this Time many **DESERTERS** from the Regular Corps in His Majesty's Land Service, who might be induced to return to their Duty by an Offer of His Majesty's Gracious **PARDON**; and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have a due Influence on their future Behaviour: His Majesty is pleased to grant His Free **PARDON** to all **DESERTERS** from His Regular Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves before the 17th Day of June next, either to the Regiments to which they belong, or to some other Regular Corps in His Majesty's Land Service, or to any Additional Company or Recruiting Party thereof in Great-Britain or Ireland.

Such Deserters, if able-bodied Men and fit for Service, shall be attested in the Corps to which they surrender; and not be liable to be claimed by any other Corps to which they may formerly have belonged.

And whereas many of the said Deserters have enlisted 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, not being Militia; and they shall not be liable to be claimed by that in which they formerly served.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Goal, or in Regimental Custody; His Majesty is likewise pleased to grant them His Free Pardon, of which they are to have the Benefit upon their Arrival at their respective Regiments, or upon their being attested in some other Regular Corps or Recruiting Party.

Any Soldier who may desert, after these His Majesty's most Gracious Intentions are made Public, shall not be included in the above Pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

By His Majesty's Command,  
**THO. TOWNSHEND.**

War-Office, May 8, 1782.

**I**T is His Majesty's Pleasure, That all absent Officers belonging to Regiments in England, do immediately join their respective Corps; those excepted who are employed on the Recruiting Service.

By His Majesty's Command,  
**THO. TOWNSHEND.**

Whitehall, May 25, 1782.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Friday the 17th Instant, about Eleven o'Clock at Night, Mr. John Herd, of the Custom House, London, Captain Best, and Two Servants, were attacked, in the Foot-way leading from the Shep-

herd and Shepherds, near the City Road, towards Islington, by Five desperate Footpads, who demanded their Money, one of them presenting a Pistol to the Breast of Captain Best's Servant; That, on Mr. Herd's not immediately complying, he was cut in several Places with their Hangars, and the Servant very much wounded in his Head and Arm, and thrown into the Ditch, where they rifled his Pockets; That immediately afterwards a Blunderbuss was fired at Mr. Herd, which tore off his Forehead and Part of his Skull, of which Wound he instantly died; That Captain Best, seeing Mr. Herd fall, ran to a Public House near Islington for Assistance, and on his Return found that the Deceased had been robbed of his Watch and Money: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Murder and Robbery, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to one any of them, (except the Person who actually committed the said Murder) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

**S H E L B U R N E.**

And, as a further Encouragement, the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary Islington do hereby promise a Reward of **FIFTY POUNDS** to any Person making such Discovery as above-mentioned, (except as before excepted) to be paid by them upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Admiralty-Office, May 16, 1782.

**H**IS late Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th Day of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Cheque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Belson, at the Admiralty-Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea-Officers who died before the 30th of August, 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st of May instant; This is to give Notice, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows, whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, as soon as possible, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

Office of Ordnance, May 3, 1782.

**W**HEREAS Shipping is wanted for Government Service; Notice is hereby given, that Proposals in Writing, sealed up, addressed to the Master-General of the Ordnance, and marked on the Outside, "Proposals for Shipping," will be opened in the Presence of such Persons who may offer Ships fit for the Service.

John Boddington

Office of Ordnance, May 6, 1782.

**T**HE Master General and Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance give Notice, That they will sell by public Auction at the Tower, on Thursday the 23d Instant, sundry Lots of Cartridges, Match, Tanned Hides, Sheepskins, Tarpaulins, Hair Cloths, Harness, Brass, Copper and Iron Work for Fire Engines, Leather Hefe, Lignum Vitæ Sheaves, Bedding, Drums, Trumpets, Colours, Lanthorns, Tin Canteens, Powder Horns, Standing Vices, Iron Gyn Blocks, Grates, &c. Hatchets, Axes, Spades, Shovels, White and Tarred Rope, Old Copper, Cast, Bushel, Lump, Hammered and Wrought Iron, and other old and unserviceable Stores, which may be viewed at the Tower till the Day of Sale, and printed Lists of the Lots will be delivered to such Persons as apply for the same.

By Order of the Board,

John Boddington.