

And whereas many of the said Deserters may have enlisted in other Regular 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, without being under the Necessity of declaring themselves Deserters, in order to entitle them to the Benefit of this Pardon; and they shall not be liable, at any future Time, to be claimed by the Regiments in which they formerly served: But this Clause is not to extend to Deserters enlisted by the Corps raising Recruits for general Service; which Deserters are only to be entitled to their Pardon on declaring themselves at Chatham Barracks to be such, and being there transferred to some established Regiment.

And whereas several of the said Deserters have been apprehended, and are now in Gaol, 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 under Escort at Chatham Barracks, where they will be disposed of in the Manner above-mentioned.

Any Soldier who may desert after these His Majesty's 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,  
W. WINDHAM.

St. James's, October 26, 1796.

**T**HIS Day the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Common Council of the City of London, waited upon His Majesty, (being introduced by the Lord in Waiting) with the following Address, which was read by Sir John William Rose, Knt. the Recorder.

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty,

The humble Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**W**E, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London, in Common Council assembled, at all Times deeply sensible of the paternal Regard and Solitude manifested by your Majesty for the Welfare of your People, and the Security of the Honor and Prosperity of the British Empire, are at this Time peculiarly desirous to express our Sentiments of Gratitude for your most gracious Communication to both Houses of Parliament, in the present most important Conjunction of Affairs.

Conscious as we are that no Endeavours for setting on Foot Negotiations to restore Peace to Europe, and to secure for the future the general Tranquillity, have been omitted on the Part of your Majesty, it is with the most heartfelt Satisfaction that we understand your Majesty's most gracious Intention is to send immediately a Person to Paris, with full Powers to

treat for this Object; and we are impressed with the most sanguine Hopes that the Success of that Measure may secure to Britain, and her Allies, a just, honorable and solid Peace.

At the same Time, most gracious Sir, much as we desire so great a Blessing, and feelingly as we deplore the calamitous Means which have hitherto retarded it's Attainment, yet, as Britons, we are not so unmindful of the Blessings we really enjoy in this free and happy Country, under the glorious Constitution handed down to us by our Ancestors, nor so careless of the Consequences of endangering it by too fatal a Security, as to deny, that should the Issue of the Negotiation be unfavourable, and preclude the Possibility of restoring Peace at once honorable and substantial, it is the united Determination of your Majesty's faithful Citizens of London to support and assist your Majesty in opposing, with increased Activity and Vigour, the farther Efforts with which the Country may have to contend:

We sincerely congratulate your Majesty on the general Attachment of your People to the British Constitution, and on the Energy and Wisdom of the Laws, which have repressed the Endeavours of those who wished to introduce Anarchy and Confusion into the Land.

We humbly beg Leave to renew our Assurances of Loyalty to your Majesty's Person and Government, and pray that the great Disposer of all Events will long secure to your Majesty the happy and firm Possession of the illustrious Crown of these Realms, and the unshaken Throne of your People's Hearts.

Signed by Order of Court,  
WILLIAM RIX.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:

**I** Thank you for these fresh and cordial Assurances of your Attachment to My Person and Government.

Should My Endeavours for the Restoration of general Peace, on just and honourable Terms, not meet with Success, I confidently trust that the Spirit and Firmness of My Councils, supported by the Bravery of My Fleets and Armies, and the united Efforts of My People, will, under the Blessing of Providence, enable Me to maintain the Safety, Honour and Interests of My Kingdoms against all Attempts of the Enemy.

My loyal City of London may rely upon My unremitting Attention to it's Welfare and Happiness.

They were all received very graciously, and had the Honor to kiss His Majesty's Hand.

After which His Majesty was pleased to confer the Honor of Knighthood, on Stephen Langston, Esq; Alderman and Sheriff, and William Staines, Esq; Alderman and Sheriff.

War-Office, October 29, 1796.

3d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, — Stephenson, Gent. to be Cornet, without Purchase, vice Orde, promoted.

2d Regiment of Dragoons, Lieutenant James Richmond to be Captain-Lieutenant, by Purchase, vice Hamilton, who retires.

Cornet — Clarke to be Lieutenant, vice Richmond.

3d Ditto, John Crow, Gent. to be Surgeon, vice Wilson, appointed to a Cornetcy.

6th Ditto, Major Ralph Bates to be Lieutenant-Colonel, by Purchase, vice Gunn, who retires.