

PROCLAMATION FOR PARDONING
DESERTERS.

War-Office, August 4, 1801.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the King, 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 Majesty's gracious Pardon, and that such an Instance of His Royal Clemency would have a due Influence upon their future Behaviour: His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant his Free Pardon to all Deserters from his regular Land Forces, who shall surrender themselves, on or before the 10th Day of September next, to the Commanding Officer of any Regiment, or to any of the Superintending Field Officers of the Recruiting Service, whose

Exeter. Stations are mentioned in the Margin hereof, or to the Inspector General of the Recruiting Service in the Isle of Wight.

Winchester. 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 as His Majesty 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.

Marlborough.
Hereford.
Bedford.
Ipswich.
Maidstone.
Nottingham.
Birmingham.
Shrewsbury.
Manchester.
Leeds.
York.
Kendal.
Durham.
Edinburgh.
Glasgow.
Aberdeen.
Inverness.

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 in the Isle of Wight to be such, and being there transferred to some established Regiment.

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,

C. YORKE.

TO OFFICERS ON HALF-PAY.

War-Office, August 1, 1801.

ALL Officers on the Half-Pay of the Land Forces, resident in Great Britain and Ireland, who are not serving in the Militia, or who do not hold Offices under Government, are hereby required immediately to transmit to the General Officers commanding in the Districts within which they respectively reside, an Account, in Writing, of their Age, past Services, and present Place of

Abode, in order that their Services may be called for as Circumstances shall render it expedient: And such as think themselves, from Age or Infirmities, unfit for further Service even in this Country, are to accompany their Reports with sufficient Vouchers of their Inability, and the Causes thereof.

Such Officers on Half-Pay as are serving in the Militia, or are otherwise employed under Government, (Officers of the Yeomanry and Volunteer Corps excepted, whose Reports are to be made to the Generals commanding in Districts as above-mentioned,) are to transmit similar Accounts to the Secretary at War, specifying also the Nature of the Public Situations which they possess.

The General Officers commanding in Districts will make Returns to the Secretary at War of the Names of the Officers who shall report themselves in pursuance of the above Notice. And every Officer who shall neglect to make his Report, either to the Commander of a District or to the Secretary at War, according to the Circumstances of his Situation, within One Month from the Date hereof, will be considered as otherwise provided for, or dead, and his Name will be struck off the Half-Pay List accordingly.

By His Majesty's Command,

C. YORKE.

NEW STAMP DUTIES ON DEEDS, &c.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, July 3, 1801.

IN pursuance of Directions received from the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, His Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That, in order to prevent any Inconvenience to those Persons in the different Parts of the Kingdom, who shall not have been able to supply themselves with Vellum, Parchment, and Paper stamped according to an Act of Parliament, to which the Royal Assent was given Yesterday, owing to the Period for its Commencement taking place so soon after the passing thereof, there is a Clause in the said Act, empowering the Commissioners to cause such Instruments, viz. any Indenture, Lease, or other Deed, charged with an additional Duty of Three Shillings by an Act of the Thirty-seventh of the King, Cap. 90. as may, through Necessity, have been executed by any, or all of the Parties, upon Stamps in Use previous to the Year 1801, to be stamped with the additional Duties of FIVE SHILLINGS granted by Two Acts of the last Session of Parliament, on Payment of the said Duties only, without any Penalty, provided the same shall be brought or sent to the Head Office in Somerset-Place, before the ensuing 5th of December.

By Order of the Commissioners,

C. E. Beresford, Secretary.

East India-House, August 26, 1801.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House, in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 14th of April 1802, for the Election of Six Directors of the said Company for Four Years.

Isaac Maddocks, Assistant Secretary.