

*Manchester.* Men, and fit for Service, shall be sent  
*Nottingham.* to the Regiments from which they  
*Ipswich.* respectively deserted, or be appointed  
*Shrewsbury.* to such Regiments in the United  
*Birmingham.* Kingdom as His Majesty may be  
*Hereford.* pleased to command; and when so  
*Bedford.* placed, shall not be liable to be claim-  
*Maidstone.* ed by any other Corps to which they  
*Gloucester.* may formerly have belonged.  
*Southampton.* And whereas many of the said  
*Wells.* Deserters may have enlisted in other  
*London.* 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, upon declaring themselves to their respective Commanding Officers on or before the Twenty-fourth of October next, 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 from His Majesty's Regular Forces 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 Head-Quarters of 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.

And, with a View to prevent as far as possible all Soldiers from Desertion after these His Majesty's most gracious Intentions shall be made known, His Majesty has been pleased to command, that the Name of every Soldier who may hereafter desert shall be transmitted, through the Secretary at War, to the Church Wardens of the Parishes to which the Deserters belong, in order that their Names may be exposed to public View in the Church, or such other conspicuous Place as may render it impossible for Men, who have been guilty of this Crime, to return Home to their Friends, on whom they have brought Disgrace by their Misconduct, without immediate Detection; and His Majesty has further commanded that this Measure shall be made public, that every Soldier may be assured that the greatest Exertions will be used for the Apprehension of any Man who may hereafter desert, and that those who have already been guilty of that Crime may be aware of the daily Risk they incur of Detection, and of the most severe Punishment, if they do not immediately avail themselves of the Pardon held out in this His Majesty's most gracious Proclamation.

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.

It is to be clearly understood, that this Proclamation of Pardon is intended to include all Deserters from the Army of Reserve and Additional Force Act, but not to extend to any Deserter from His Majesty's Militia Forces.

By His Majesty's Command,  
 JAMES PULTENEY.

## NEW STAMP DUTIES.

*Stamp-Office, September 26, 1808.*

Notice is hereby given, that by an Act, passed at the Close of the late Session of Parliament, the Stamp Duties on Deeds, Law Proceedings, and other written Instruments, and the Duties on Legacies and Successions to personal Estate upon Intestacies, now payable in Great Britain, are repealed from and after the 10th Day of October next, and other Duties are granted in lieu thereof, to commence immediately after that Day.

The new Duties are of the like Nature, and in general of the same Amount, with the present Duties; but a more precise and accurate Description is given of the Instruments on which they attach. There are some Duties altogether new, and some new in Amount; of which the principal ones are, *ad valorem* Duties on Conveyances upon the Sale of any Property, according to the Amount of the Purchase-Money; increased Duties on Promissory Notes allowed to be re-issued; and a Duty on Licences to be taken out Yearly by Bankers and others issuing such Promissory Notes. There is also a Duty on Policies of Insurance on Lives, and on Three or Four Law Proceedings, not now charged. The Duties on Mortgages for small Sums, and on Conveyances on the Sale of Property of small Value, are less than at present. The Duties are contained in a Schedule, in which the Instruments charged are classed and alphabetically arranged, with numerous References, so as to afford a complete Table of Duties in the most convenient and practical Form, and to supersede the Necessity of those Compilations to which the Profession of the Law and the Public have hitherto found it expedient to resort. The Schedule is also framed so as not to admit of an Abridgment that can be safely relied upon. The Commissioners therefore recommend it to the Profession, and others whom it may concern, to look only to the Schedule itself.

The Act contains special Provisions for securing the Duties on Conveyances on the Sale of Property, on Bills of Exchange, and Drafts on Bankers post-dated, or issued beyond Ten Miles from the Bankers' Residence, and on Instruments relating to Copyhold Estates, which the Commissioners recommend to the Notice and Attention of Purchasers and Sellers, Attornies, Solicitors, Bankers, Stewards of Manors, and others, that they may not incur Penalties, which it will be the Duty of the Commissioners to enforce. The Provisions respecting Drafts on Bankers take effect after One Month from the passing of the Act.

## LEGACY DUTY.

It being apprehended that many Persons may have neglected to pay the Duties on Legacies, and on Residues of personal Estate given by Will, or devolved to next of Kin upon Intestacies, within the Time prescribed by Law, through Ignorance or Inadvertence, or from accidental or unavoidable Causes; the Act authorises the Commissioners to remit the Penalties which may have been incurred in such Cases, provided the Duty shall be paid on or before the 31st Day of January 1809. In giving Notice of this Provision of the