

Ensign Thomas Greening Twigg to be ditto. Dated April 6, 1808.  
 Ensign Thomas Beaufoy Leonard to be ditto. Dated April 7, 1808.  
 William Meadows, Gent. to be ditto. Dated May 2, 1808.  
 Vere Hunt, Gent. to be ditto. Dated September 7, 1808.  
 Edward Canning, Gent. to be ditto. Dated as above.

*Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of Hants. North Hants Regiment of Militia.*

Richard Terry, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated September 28, 1808.  
 Samuel Brailsford, Gent. to be Ensign. Dated September 29, 1808.

*Portsmouth Victualling Office Artillery.*

Lieutenant James Edward Spearing to be Captain, vice Matthews, resigned. Dated October 3, 1808.  
 Charles Morgan, Gent. to be Second Lieutenant, vice Spearing, promoted. Dated as above.

*Basingstoke Volunteer Infantry.*

Ensign Edward Adams to be Lieutenant, vice May, resigned. Dated October 3, 1808.  
 John Lunn, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Adams, promoted. Dated as above.

*Southampton Battalion of Fusiliers.*

Lieutenant Alexander King to be Captain, vice North, resigned. Dated September 7, 1808.

*Commission in the Inverness Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.*

John Marquis, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Cameron, appointed to the Line. Dated September 17, 1808.

*Downing-Street, October 8, 1808.*

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-General George Beckwith to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of Barbadoes:

Sir Charles Brisbane, Knt. Captain in the Royal Navy, to be Governor and Commander in Chief of the Island of St. Vincent:

Hugh Elliot, Esq; to be Captain-General and Governor of the Leeward Islands:

And William Woodley, Esq; to be Lieutenant-Governor of Barbice.

**PROCLAMATION for pardoning Deserters from His Majesty's Regular Land Forces.**

*War-Office, August 25, 1808.*

**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 Twenty-fourth Day of October, 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, or to the Commandant of the Army Depôt in the Isle of Wight.

- Durham.*
- Carlisle.*
- Leeds.*
- Manchester.*
- Nottingham.*
- Ipswich.*
- Shrewsbury.*
- Birmingham.*
- Hereford.*
- Bedford.*
- Maidstone.*
- Gloucester.*
- Southampton.*
- Wells.*
- London.*

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 in the United Kingdom 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.

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, 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 Procla-