

PROCLAMATION

For pardoning Deserters from His Majesty's Land Forces.

War-Office, October 24, 1809.

WHEREAS it has been most humbly submitted to the King, whether, on the joyful Occasion of His Majesty's entering into the Fiftieth Year of His Reign, it might not be desirable to distinguish so memorable an Epoch by an Act of Grace to all Deserters; and His Majesty having graciously approved of His Free Pardon being extended to all such Deserters from His Land Forces as shall deliver themselves up within Two Months from the 25th Instant: These are publicly to declare His Majesty's benevolent Intention; and to direct that all Deserters, surrendering themselves 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; to the Commandant of the Army Depot in the Isle of Wight; Carlisle. or, where there is no Military Post, to a Magistrate, shall be pardoned, and they are hereby pardoned accordingly.

Manchester. Such Deserters, if from the Regular Forces, being 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 if from the Militia, shall be sent to the Regiments to which they respectively belonged.

And Whereas many of the said Deserters may 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, upon declaring themselves to their respective Commanding Officers, on or before the Period abovementioned: 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, as above, 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 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.

His Majesty has further been pleased to direct, that Deserters now actually in Confinement as such, shall have the Benefit of this His Royal Pardon.

By His Majesty's Command,

GRANVILLE LEVESON GOWER

Whitehall, December 5, 1809.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that, on Saturday the 4th of November last, about Two o'Clock in the Afternoon, a Barn, belonging

to the Right Honourable Lord Braybrooke, in the Parish of Binfield, in the County of Berks, was discovered to be on fire, and the said Barn, together with the Buildings adjacent, and a large Quantity of Corn and Hay, were wholly consumed thereby; and whereas there is strong Ground for suspecting that the Premises abovementioned were wilfully and maliciously set on fire by some Person or Persons unknown;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the Persons concerned in the Felony abovementioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person who actually set fire to the said Barn) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

R. RYDER.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid (except as is before excepted,) to be paid by the Right Honourable Lord Braybrooke, on Conviction of One or more of the Offenders. And, as a still further Encouragement, an additional Reward of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS is also hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery (except as is before excepted) such additional Reward to be paid, on Conviction of One or more of the Offenders, by the Magistrates, on Application being made to Mr. John Roberts, Wokingham, Berkshire.

Commissary in Chief's Office, Great George-Street, Nov. 24, 1809.

IT is His Majesty's Command, that all Officers, without Exception, who are upon the Half-Pay of the Commissariat, do forthwith transmit to this Office, a Report, setting forth their Place of Residence, and Particulars of Service from the Period at which they entered this Department, together with their Age, and, if incapable of further Service, the Cause of such Incapacity.—The Report to be attested upon Oath.

N. B. The Names of such Officers as now appear upon the Half-Pay List of the Commissariat, and shall not be received at this Office, conformably to His Majesty's Commands above mentioned, on or before the 1st Day of January 1810, will be considered as having belonged to Persons not now in Existence, and be erased from the Half-Pay List accordingly.

J. W. Gordon, Commissary in Chief.

ARMY CONTRACTS.

Commissary in Chief's Office, November 28, 1809.

Notice is hereby given to all Persons desirous of contracting to supply the following Articles for the Use of the Army, viz.

BREAD, to His Majesty's Land Forces in Cantonments, Quarters, and Barracks, in the undermentioned Counties and Islands,

Alderney,	Kent,
Hants,	Nottingham,
Jersey,	Surrey,
Isle of Wight,	Suffex.

OATS, to His Majesty's Cavalry in Cantonments and Quarters, in the undermentioned County and Island;

Isle of Wight, | Suffex.

The Deliveries are to commence on and for the 25th Day of January next; that Proposals in Writing,

