

PROCLAMATION

FOR  
PARDONING DESERTERS.

FROM  
HIS MAJESTY'S REGULAR LAND FORCES.

*War-Office, May 20, 1815.*

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, 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 Royal Highness's gracious pardon, and, that such an instance of His Royal Highness's clemency might have a due influence upon their future behaviour; His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to grant His free pardon to all deserters from His Majesty's regular land forces, who, not having been previously apprehended, shall surrender themselves on or before the 20th day of July next, to the Commanding Officer of any regiment, or to any of the Inspecting Field-Officers of the Recruiting Service, whose stations are men-

- Leeds.*
- Newcastle-under-Line.*
- Nottingham.*
- Gloucester.*
- Aylesbury.*
- Chelmsford.*
- Taunton.*
- Andover.*
- Edinburgh.*
- Glasgow.*
- Aberdeen.*

tioned in the margin hereof, or, to the Commandant of Albany Barracks in the Isle of Wight, or, to any of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in Great Britain.

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 Royal Highness 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 into other regular corps, and are now serving therein, His Royal Highness 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 said 20th day of July next, and, after having so declared themselves, they shall not be liable, at any future time, to be claimed by the regiments from which they had formerly deserted.

The Magistrate, to whom any deserter from His Majesty's regular forces shall surrender himself, is authorised and required to certify the day on which such deserter surrendered; which certificate is to be delivered to the deserter, 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, such sickness to be certified by some medical practitioner, on the back of the Magistrate's certificate, or, to be otherwise proved, to the satis-

faction of the Officer commanding at such military post.

And His Royal Highness having further commanded, that the greatest exertions shall be used, for the future apprehension of all deserters, every soldier now serving ought to be deeply impressed with a sense of the danger to which he will expose himself, if he should be guilty of the crime of desertion; and all those, who have already committed that offence, ought to feel, that they will render themselves liable to the severest punishment if they do not immediately avail themselves of the pardon held out in this Royal Highness's most gracious Proclamation.

Any soldier who may desert after these His Royal Highness's gracious intentions are made public, shall not be included in the above pardon, but be proceeded against with the utmost severity.

By the command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, PALMERSTON.

*War-Office, June 10, 1815.*

To Officers of the Land Forces.

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, having taken into consideration the great convenience that would result to Officers on the Half-Pay, or on the Retired List, and to General Officers, entitled to the pay of their army rank, if they were allowed to receive their pay or half-pay from the establishment of that country in which they shall actually reside, without regard to the establishment upon which the pay or half-pay was originally allowed, has been pleased to direct, that in future all such Officers shall, from the 25th December 1814, inclusive, or from such subsequent date to which their pay or half-pay shall have been issued, receive payment of the same in the country in which they shall reside; and that the following rules be observed in this respect:

Any Officer residing in Great Britain, whose pay or half-pay is now issued in Ireland, should notify his place of residence to the War-Office in Dublin, in order that an official communication may be made from thence, for the transfer of the payment of his pay or half-pay in Great Britain.

In like manner any Officer residing in Ireland, whose pay or half-pay is now issued in Great Britain, should make a similar report to the War-Office in London, when instructions will be given for the payment of his pay or half-pay in Ireland.

If any Officer should afterwards be desirous of changing his place of residence, he is to give two months previous notice of his intention to the War-Office of the country in which he shall then be resident.

*War-Office, June 10, 1815.*

2d Regiment of Dragoon Guards, John Lawrence Brodriek, Gent. to be Cornet, by purchase, vice W. R. Graham, who retires. Commission dated June 1, 1815.