

Tuesday the 3d day of October next, at twelve o'clock at noon (being the last Tuesday preceding the 10th of the same month), pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the forty-second year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for amending the laws relating to the militia in England, and for augmenting the militia."

By order of His Grace the Duke of Beaufort,
Lord Lieutenant,
Thos. Davis, Clerk of the General Meetings.

WILTS LIEUTENANCY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the county of Wilts will be holden at my house, situate within the city of New Sarum, in the said county, on Tuesday the 3d day of October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of carrying into execution the several Acts of Parliament relating to the militia.

By order of the Right Honourable the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, K. G. His Majesty's Lieutenant,
Samuel Foot, Clerk of the General Meetings.

LIEUTENANCY—COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of Lieutenancy of the county of Somerset will be held at the Market-house in Taunton, in the same county, on Tuesday the 3d day of October next, by twelve o'clock at noon. Dated September 13, 1826.

By order of the Vice-Lieutenant,
Thomas Edward Clarke, Clerk of the General Meetings of Lieutenancy of the county of Somerset.

DENBIGHSHIRE LIEUTENANCY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the county of Denbigh will be held at my Office, in Wrexham, in the said county, on Tuesday the 3d day of October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for passing the accounts of the Clerk of the General Meetings.

By order of Colonel Sir W. W. Wynne, Bart.
His Majesty's Lieutenant for the county,

Edwin Wyatt, jun. Clerk of the General Meetings of Lieutenancy for the said county.

CAUTION.

A Seizure having lately been made on board a merchant ship in the Thames, by the Officers of the Thames Police, of certain muskets, marked on the locks with the crown and the word Tower, and it having been proved by evidence, that these muskets had never been made for His Majesty's service, nor received into the public stores, and consequently that the said marks were forgeries.

And the Master-General and Board of Ordnance having reason to believe, that the imitation of the

King's marks on small arms has been by no means confined to the instance above-mentioned, and having considered it probable that individuals, purchasing arms so marked, may not be aware of the heavy penalties they incur by having such arms in their possession, have thought proper to publish the following abstract of the Acts of Parliament now in force on this subject:

By an Act of Parliament, passed in the 9th and 10th years of the reign of King William 3d, it is enacted, "That all persons in whose possession any military or other stores, marked with the usual marks, shall be found, or who shall conceal such stores (unless such possession is in the usual course of public employment as contractors), shall forfeit such stores and the sum of £200, together with the costs of prosecution, one moiety to His Majesty and the other moiety to the informer; and shall also suffer imprisonment until payment and performance of the said forfeiture, unless such persons shall upon their trial produce a certificate, under the hands of three or more of His Majesty's Principal Officers of the Public Department, expressing the numbers, quantities, or weight of such stores, as they shall then be indicted for, and the reason of such stores coming into their possession."

By an Act passed in the 55th year of the reign of King George the 3d, it is enacted, "That after the passing of that Act, the said Act of the 9th and 10th of King William the 3d; and also the several other Acts of the 9th of King George 1st, the 17th King George 2d, and the 40th King George 3d, so far as they relate to His Majesty's naval, ordnance, and victualling stores, and all the pains, penalties, &c. contained in them, shall extend to all public stores whatsoever, marked with any of the marks specified in the said Acts, or with the broad arrow, and the letters B. O. or with the crown and the broad arrow, or with His Majesty's arms, or with the letters G. R.; and to all persons not authorized to use such marks, or making any goods marked with such marks, and to all persons in whose possession any such stores shall be found, without such certificate, as in the said Act mentioned, or who shall wilfully and fraudulently destroy, take out, or deface such marks, as effectually to all intents and purposes, as if all the penalties and forfeitures, matters and things in the said several Acts contained, so far as the same relate to His Majesty's naval, ordnance, and victualling stores, and the punishment of persons offending in manner therein mentioned, were herein and hereby severally repeated and re-enacted, in respect to all other public stores whatever."

As the imitation of the King's marks, contrary to law, can only be done for purposes of disgraceful imposition, and the practice is as detrimental to His Majesty's service, as it is fraught with danger to individuals. It is the determination of the Master-General and Board to prosecute with the utmost rigor all offenders against the said Acts, and more especially to pursue and bring to justice all persons concerned in illegally marking small arms, or in aiding or abetting the sale thereof.

By Order of the Master-General
and Board of Ordnance,
William Griffin, Secretary.