



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
Sir HENRY CLINTON, K. B.

General and Commander in Chief of all His MAJESTY'S Forces, within the Colonies laying on the Atlantic Ocean, from Nova-Scotia to West Florida, inclusive, &c. &c. &c.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

Whereas there are several deserters from his Majesty's troops, as well as from the foreign Troops under my command, who are known to be serving with the Enemy, and who, from a just reflection upon the infamy of bearing arms against their SOVEREIGN & their country, would return to their duty, did not the fear of punishment deter them ; I do hereby proclaim a free pardon to every deserter, of whatsoever rank or denomination, who shall voluntarily surrender himself to any of his Majesty's troops before the first day of May next.

*Given under my hand at Head-Quarters, in
New-York, the 23d day of February, 1779.*

H. CLINTON

By his Excellency's Command,
JOHN SMITH, Sec'y.