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By His Royal Highness the Prince
Regent of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Ireland.

Whereas an Act has been made and passed in this present session of Parliament, entitled, "An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters." And Whereas We, in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty, have been pleased to establish Articles of War for the better Government of His Majesty's Forces, which Act of Parliament and Articles of War are hereunto annexed; We for the more effectually carrying the purposes of the said Act and Articles of War into execution within the limits of your Command, have thought fit to direct, and We do hereby authorize and empower you from time to time as occasion may require, to convene or cause to be assembled, General Courts Martial for the Trial of any Officer or Soldier of His Majesty's Forces under your Command, charged with Mutiny or Desertion, or with any other Offence against the Rules of Military Discipline, whether the same shall have been so committed previous to or after you shall have taken upon yourself such Command; And We do hereby further empower you to direct your Warrant to any Officer (not under the degree of a Field Officer) having the Command of a Body of His Majesty's said Forces, authorizing him to convene Courts Martial for the Trial of Offences committed by any Officer or Soldier under his Command; every of which Courts Martial shall consist of a President and of a competent number of other Officers who can be conveniently summoned to attend the same, regard being always had, as well in the appointment of such President as in the Rank and Quality of the other Officers composing such Courts Martial, to the Rules prescribed by the said Act of Parliament and Articles of War, and We do hereby authorize and empower such Courts Martial to hear and examine into all such matters

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and informations as shall be brought before them touching the misbehaviour of any Commissioned Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, by Mutiny, Desertion, or otherwise as aforesaid, and to proceed in the Trial of such Charges, and in giving Sentence and awarding Punishment according to the powers and directions contained in the said Act of Parliament and Articles of War. And whereas it is necessary to have a Military Discipline kept up amongst the said Troops under your Command, in as great exactness as possible, and as nothing can contribute more to retain the Soldiers in due obedience to their Officers, and to make them diligent in discharging the duties incumbent upon them, than the bringing delinquents to speedy justice; Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, and We do hereby further authorize and empower you when and as often as any Sentence is given and passed by a General Court Martial legally constituted as aforesaid, to cause such Sentence to be put in execution, or to suspend, mitigate, or remit the same, as you shall judge best, and most conducive to the good of His Majesty's Service, without waiting for further Orders; except in the case of Commissioned Officers, adjudged to suffer Death, or to be cashiered, in which case, as in other instances wherein you shall think it proper to suspend the execution of any Sentence, the proceedings of the Court Martial upon such Trial are to be transmitted to His Majesty's Judge Advocate General in Great Britain, (in order to their being laid before Us,) who is afterwards to send them to the Commander in Chief, or in his absence to the Adjutant General for Our decision thereupon. And that there may not in any case be a failure of Justice from the want of a proper Person authorized to act as Judge Advocate, We do hereby further empower you in default of a person appointed by Us, or deputed by the Judge Advocate General of His Majesty's Forces, or during the illness or occasional absence of the person so appointed, or deputed, to nominate and appoint a fit person from time to time for executing the Office of Judge Advocate at any such Court Martial for the more orderly proceedings of the same. And for enforcing the Adjudication or Sentence of every such Court Martial, We do also give you authority to appoint a

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Provost Marshal to use and
in the Law Martial; and
and Things herein expressed, at
Courts Martial and all others
and Authority.

Given at Our Court at
day of June 1817, in the 17th

To
The Officer com
for the time being, a
His Majesty's Forces in
Island of Jamaica.

them touching the misbehaviours
committed Offence, or Soldier, by
Us, and to proceed in the Trial of
awarding Punishment according
the said Act of Parliament
is necessary to have a Military
Judge under your Command, in as
much as contribute more to retain the
Army and to make them diligent in
their duty than the bringing delinquents
therefore is, and We do hereby
enjoin as often as any Sentence
Martial legally constituted as
before Us, in execution, or to suspend,
or to alter, the best, and most conducive to
the service, waiting for further Orders;
condemned to suffer Death, or to
any other sentence wherein you shall think
fit, the proceedings of the
Court, transmitted to His Majesty's
Secretary, (in order to their being laid
before the Commander in Chief, or
before Us, for Our decision thereupon.
In case of Justice from the want
of an Advocate, We do hereby
enjoin, that by Us, or deputated
by His Majesty's Forces, or during the
absence of an appointed, or deputated,
Judge, for executing the Office
of a Judge, or for the more orderly pro-
ceeding to Adjudication or Sentence
by your authority to appoint a
Judge.

By Command of His Royal Highness
the Prince Regent, in the Name and
on the behalf of His Majesty.

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To
The Officer commanding
for the time being a Body of
His Majesty's Forces employed in the
Island of Jamaica.

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Warrant authorizing
the Officer commanding
the Forces in the Island
of Jamaica; to hold
Courts Martial, confirm
Sentences &c, amongst
the Troops under his
command.

25th June 1817