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“Deserted from his majesty company of soldiers from North Carolina, commanded by Edward Brice Dobbs, Esq.; when on their march to Willis Creek, on the 19th instant, the five following recruits, viz.

John Griggs, a Dutchman, about 33 years of age, 6 feet high, and is strong made: He wore his hair when he went off, and had on long trowsers, and a brown jacket.

Jeptha Hetherington, born in Carolina, is about 20 years of age, 6 feet 3 inches high, well made, and a little mark with the smallpox.

William Riely, born in England, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches and an half high, is smooth faced, and has short black hair.

John Maxedon, born in Carolina, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches and a half, is smooth faced, and has short black hair.

John Rawlins, born in the Jerseys, about 29 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches and a half high, has a brown freckled face, and is marked with the smallpox: Had on an old brown coat, a red waistcoat, and leather breeches: The rest had on their Regimentals, which is blue coats, with red lapels, and blue breeches. Whoever takes up and secures said deserters in any of his majesty goals, and sends a speedy account thereof by the Post to their commanders, or brings them to WillisCreek, shall have Two pistols reward for each, and reasonable charges, paid by EDWARD BRICE DOBBS.

N.B. the above deserters stole and took with them five wagon horses, and their arms, and it is supposed are gone into Pennsylvania.