

GENERAL POST-OFFICE, FEBRUARY 9 1782.  
TO PREVENT MAIL ROBBERIES:

*IT is recommended to all Persons, at present uninformed, who may have Occasion to send BANK NOTES by the Post, to cut them in Two Parts, according to the following Specimen, where it is marked with a Black Line, and send them by different Posts, first writing the Name, Date and Year at one End of the Note, and the Letter and Number at the other End: By this Means each Part will contain a sufficient Specification of the Whole, and prevent any Kind of Difficulty in the Payment of it at the Bank of England to the right Owner, in case of the Loss of the other Part.*

By Command of the Postmaster-General,  
ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

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I Promise to pay to John Doe, - - - - or Bearer, on Demand the Sum of **Ten** Pounds:

London, the 9th Day of February, 1782:

For the Governor and Company of the Bank of England.

Richard Roe:

Ent<sup>d</sup>. Timothy Titus.

**£ Ten**

B 108.

To John Doe, February 9th, 1782.

This Specimen will be put up at every Post-Office in the Kingdom.

General Post-Office, January 8, 1782.

**FROM** Variety of Circumstances, there is the strongest Reason to believe, that one George Weston, and Joseph Weston his Brother, were concerned in the Robbery of the Bristol Mail near Cranford-bridge, on the 29th of January, 1781, for the apprehending of the Person who committed the same, a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS was offered, by Advertisement from hence in the London Gazette of Saturday the 10th of February last, and in several succeeding Gazettes, to be paid out of this Revenue upon Conviction.

The said George Weston and Joseph Weston are two of the Sons of one George Weston, now deceased, who was born in the Parish of Stone, in Staffordshire, and all resided in that County, and in the Parish of Allchurch in Worcestershire, until the Year 1773 or 1774, when they quitted that Country.

The latter End of 1774, they resided on a Farm near Lynn, by the Names of Stone; having defrauded several Persons there, they decamped in the Spring following.

In 1775, they resided upon an Estate of George Moncrief, Esq; at Blackburn in the Parish of Lintithgow in Scotland, by the Names of either Weston or Gilbert; and, having conducted themselves here in the same Manner as at Lynn, they speedily left that Country.

The Beginning of the Year 1776, they resided for a short Time at Brough, in Lincolnshire, on the Banks of the Humber, where they acted a similar Part.

In the Spring of 1776, they rented an Estate near Beckenham, in Kent, in the Names of Green, and soon quitted it on the same Account.

In the Summer of 1776, they resided at Brathay, in Lancashire, near Windermere Lake, where they assumed the Names of Gilbert; from thence they absconded in October 1776, were pursued and apprehended at Bishops Castle in Shropshire, and taken before Mr. Alderman Hewitt at Coventry.

In 1777, they resided upon a Farm of Lord Aldborough's in Ireland, and, during their short Stay in that Kingdom, put off several forged Drafts.

In the Spring of 1778, the two Sons (George taking the Name of Scott, and Joseph taking the Name of James Watson) were at Tenby, in Pembrokeshire, on a Tour of Pleasure, where they negotiated a forged Draft; from thence they went by Sea to Biddeford in Devonshire.

In August, 1778, they were in the Neighbourhood of Brecknock, Grouse-shooting, where they went by the Names of James Clark and ——— Smith, and put off a forged Draft at Brecknock. Also, in that Year Joseph put off a forged Draft near Sutton Coldfield, in Warwickshire, taking the Name of Joseph Hart.

The two Westons are supposed to be well known either by some of the before-mentioned Names, or the Names of Smith, Walker, Hill, and West, in almost every Part of this Kingdom, except the West of England, and to be connected with an Attorney of notorious Character in Worcestershire, and his Confederates.

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