

which Time we reeved new Braces, and repaired all the Damages we had sustained, in the best Manner it was possible, and then renewed the Engagement, which continued till Eleven at Night, when the Enemy made all the Sail they possibly could, and used every Effort to escape. I pursued her till Noon the next Day, but, to my great Concern, she had the Advantage of sailing so much better than the Flamborough, that she had almost run us out of Sight, otherwise I flatter myself I should have been able to have given their Lordships a more distinct Account of her. The Flamborough being much disabled, and every Course and Topsail rendered useless, it was in vain to pursue the Enemy any longer, and I therefore made the best of my Way for Lisbon, where I arrived the 6th Instant. I am confident by the latter Behaviour of the Ship which engaged me, that she must have received great Damage, the Fury of their Fire being much abated.

I had only Five Men killed and Ten wounded; amongst the Former is Mr. Thomas Price, Lieutenant of Marines, and the Latter Mr. Edwards the Boatswain. They behaved extremely well; and I should do great Injustice to all my Officers and Men, was I to omit acquainting their Lordships, that they behaved with Conduct and undaunted Courage. The Biddeford behaved gloriously, keeping a brisk and constant fire against her Antagonist, until some Time before Ten at Night, when I lost Sight of her. Since I wrote the above, I have heard that the Ships we engaged are King's Frigates, and came lately from Brest, One of Thirty-six; and the other of Thirty-two Guns, 250 Men each. The largest is called La Malicieuse, commanded by Monf. De Goimpy, the other L'Opale, commanded by Monf. Le Marquis D'Ars. On the 7th Instant, I had the great Satisfaction to see the Biddeford safely arrive here; but it is with the utmost Regret I acquaint their Lordships, that Captain Skynner was slain at the Beginning of the Engagement; soon after Mr. Knollis, the Lieutenant, was dangerously wounded, and died the 10th Instant. I refer their Lordships to the inclosed Account sent me by the Master of the Biddeford, of the Action between her and the Frigate she was engaged with.

Whitehall, May 10, 1760.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Saturday the 19th of last Month, Elizabeth Symonds, Widow, and Shopkeeper, of the Parish of Stanton, in the County of Gloucester, did receive, by the Broadway Post, in the County of Worcester, the following threatening Letter.

"Mrs Symonds if you dont put Forty Pound under your bak geat at the next Mr Winit's Jut under against the post on that side next Mr Winit and put a flat ston ouer it before saterday next you and all your generation shall be destruid in a fornites time by fird and fire put Just under the bak of the geat against the post so do as you please for if you dont you shal dy and if you set a wach you shal all doy Ap: ye 14 1760.
"you most not tel nobody for for if it is noisd a brod, you and al your frinds shal dy soon."

His Majesty for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Author or Authors of the said threatening Letter, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices.

W. PITT.

And as a farther Encouragement, the said Elizabeth Symonds does promise a Reward of Forty Pounds, to be paid by John Tracy Atkins, Esq; one of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

J. T. Atkins.

Whitehall, May 10, 1760.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that some evil-minded Person or Persons, did, some Time in the Night of the 25th of April last, maliciously cut to Pieces a Gate of a new Inclosure against Pilard Field,

the Property of Mr. Robert Barfoot, of the Parish of Bishop Waltham in the County of Southampton, and at the same Time left an incendiary Letter to him the said Robert Barfoot, to the Purport following, that is to say, that he, meaning the Farmer, if he had been at the Gate, he would have cut him to Pieces: And also did at the same Time, steal from the Sheepfold, which was in the Inclosure, one Iron Bar, and threw down the Hurdles, and let the Sheep out of the Fold where they were then penned. His Majesty for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Offender or Offenders therein, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein.

W. PITT.

And as a farther Encouragement, Mr. Robert Barfoot, does promise a Reward of Ten Guineas to any Person making such Discovery, to be paid upon the Conviction of any of the Offenders.

Whitehall Treasury Chamber, May 9, 1760.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give Notice, that they are ready to receive Proposals from any Person or Persons willing to supply Ammunition Bread, Bread Waggon with four Horses each, Forage, Wood for Firing, and Straw, for the Use of His Majesty's Troops to be encamped this Summer, and to be delivered at or near the several Places of Encampments; which Proposals are to be delivered, sealed up and directed to either of their Lordships Secretaries at the said Treasury Chambers, any Time on or before the 20th Instant.

This is to give Notice, that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to appoint Money to pay all the Arrears due to the Pensioners belonging to the Chest at Cbatnam, to Lady-Day 1760; and that the said Pay will begin on Monday the 23d of June 1760, at the Chest Room in His Majesty's Dock Yard at Cbatnam.

Northampton, April 29, 1760.

The next General Meeting of the Lord Lieutenant, Deputy Lieutenants, and Justices of the Peace, for carrying into further Execution the Militia Laws now in Force, will be held at the George Inn in this Town, on Monday the 9th Day of June next, at which it is desired that the Gentlemen concerned will attend, as the amended Lists of all Persons liable to serve in the Militia for this County, will then and there be brought in: And as the Lists of Lieutenants and Ensigns in the said Militia are not yet full, all Gentlemen willing to accept the vacant Commissions, are desired to send in their Names to me, or the Clerk of the General Meetings, on or before the said next General Meeting.

Rogers, Clerk of DUNK HALIFAX.
the General Meetings.

May 1, 1760.

The Deputy Lieutenants of the County of Gloucester are desired to meet at the George Inn at Stow in the Would, on Thursday the 22d Day of May instant, for the further Carrying into Execution the several Acts of Parliament relating to the Militia. At which Meeting, all Persons, qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the said County, and willing to accept Commissions therein, may then deliver their Names in Writing to the Lord Lieutenant, or whom he shall appoint to receive the same, specifying the Rank in which they are willing to serve.

James Dalby, Clerk to the General Meetings.

Custom House, London, May 16, 1760.

The Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs gives Notice, that he shall be ready on the 28th Day of May Instant, and the Four following usual Days of Payment, to pay all Out-Port Corn Debentures that became due between the 5th of March 1760, exclusive, and the 14th of the same Month inclusive, without Interest.

The said Receiver General gives this further Notice, that in Case any of the said Debentures shall remain unpaid for want of being tendered for Payment on one of the five Days above-mentioned, that no Interest will be paid thereon.

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