

General Post Office, December 7, 1762

Public Notice is hereby given, that the Preliminary Articles of Peace, between Great Britain, France, and Spain, being now signed and ratified, no Passports, for the Future, will be required, of Persons either going or coming, in any of His Majesty's Packet Boats whatsoever.

By Command of the Postmaster General,
Anthony Todd, Secretary.

General Post-Office, December 11, 1762.

Public Notice is hereby given, That the Mail for Flanders will, for the Future, be sent by the Way of Ostend, instead of Flushing, every Tuesday and Friday, as formerly.

By Command of the Post-Master General,
Anthony Todd, Secretary.

Custom House, London, December 8, 1762.

Whereas on Wednesday the 1st Day of September last, about Eight of the Clock at Night, a most violent Outrage was committed on the Person of Joseph Manuel, of Isford in the Parish of Christ Church Tawynham in the County of Southampton, Labourer, by a Gang of supposed Smugglers, consisting of Eight Persons, who, (under Pretence of being a Press Gang) in an outrageous Manner, forced open the Door of the House of William Manuel, Father of the said Joseph Manuel, at Isford aforesaid, violently seized his Son the said Joseph Manuel; said they were King's Men, and dragged him by Force out of the House, carried him across the Heath to the Sea Shore towards Poole, and forced him down to Bourn Mouth to a lonely House there, called the Decoy-pond House, notoriously frequented by Smugglers, where, after he had been some little Time confined, he was put into a Boat, afterwards thrown into the Sea, and then carried on board a Smuggling Cutter called the Ranger Privateer of Guernsey, Thomas Donnals, Commander, and well known amongst the Smugglers by the Name of the Dorcas Cutter, which soon after set under Sail and put to Sea: That, in their Passage to sea, and after their Arrival there, the said Joseph Manuel was treated with great Cruelty, and would probably have been murdered, if some few of the Crew relenting had not interposed: That the said Joseph Manuel was compelled to fire off (with Intent, as it is supposed, to destroy him) an overcharged Blunderbuss, which burst, and sore off his Left Thumb: That having lost life in this Condition at Alderney, he found Means since to escape from thence, and to return Home.

This Outrage having been committed on Account of the said Joseph Manuel's being supposed to have given Information to the Officers of the Revenue; and there being great Reason to believe that it was not (as some of them have declared) any Resentment of their own, that induced the Master and Crew of the Ranger, otherwise called the Dorcas Cutter, to commit this atrocious Outrage, but that they were hired or instigated to do it by some of the principal Smugglers on that Part of the Coasts of Dorsetshire and Hampshire.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in order to bring the Offenders to Justice, and to suppress the enormous Smuggling now most audaciously carried on upon that Part of these Coasts, do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any one or more of the principal Offenders or Ringleaders of this Gang, and more especially the Person who first entered the House of the said William Manuel, and pretended to have the King's Authority—the said Thomas Donnals, who commanded the Vessel or Smuggling Cutter when Joseph Manuel was forced on Board, the Persons who threw him into the Sea, or who forced him to fire off the overcharged Blunderbuss above-mentioned; to be paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction. And the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do also promise

the like Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any of the Persons by whose Means or Instigation any of the Offenders before-mentioned were hired or induced to commit the said Outrages, to be likewise paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

By Order of the Commissioners,
Wm. Wood, Secretary.

His Majesty having been pleased to grant His Royal Commission to the several Commissioners therein named, for an Extension of the Public Wharfs within the Port of London, the said Commissioners do hereby give Notice to all Persons who are Proprietors of any Wharfs or Ground on the River of Thames Eastward from London Bridge, and are willing to have the same appointed Public Wharfs, that they are desired to attend the said Commissioners at the Merchant Seamen's Office over the Royal Exchange, on Friday the 10th and Monday the 13th Days of this Instant December, at Five of the Clock in the Evening, with their Proposals, together with the Plans and Descriptions of such Wharfs and Ground, and the Extent, Metes, Bounds and Situation thereof.

Visualling Office, December 7, 1762.

The Commissioners for Visualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that all Bills registered on the Course of the Visualling in the Month of November 1761, are ordered to be paid, about one Eighth thereof in Exchequer Bills, and the Remainder in Money: And such Persons as are possessed of Bills, are desired to bring them to this Office to be assigned on the Treasurer of the Navy for Payment.

Navy Office, December 7, 1762.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that all Bills registered on the Course of the Navy in the Month of November 1761, are ordered to be paid, near seven Eighths thereof in Money, and the Remainder in Exchequer Bills: And such Persons as are possessed of Bills, are desired to bring them to this Office to be assigned on the Treasurer of the Navy for Payment.

Navy Office, December 6, 1762.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Thursday the 16th Instant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Morning, they will expose to sale at this Office, the Hulls of His Majesty's Ship Woolwich and Baltimore Sloop, lying at Deptford, with sundry Stores on board them: Printed Inventories whereof will be delivered at the Clerk of the A. S. Office in this Office, and on board the said Ship and Sloop.

And as a Deposit at the Rate of 25 l. per Cent. is to be made by the Purchasers, all Persons that attend the Sale are to take Notice, and come prepared for that Purpose; and unless the said Ship and Sloop, together with their Stores, are fully paid for and taken away at the Time appointed, the Deposit will be forfeited, and the Ship and Sloop put up to sale again.

Royal Exchange Assurance Office, London,

December 11, 1762.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company do hereby give Notice, That their Transfer Books will be shut from Thursday the 16th Instant, to Tuesday the 18th of January next: And that the Annual General Court, appointed by their Charter, will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 22d Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon; and that a Dividend will be considered of at the said Court.

Westminster Bridge Office, December 7, 1762.

This is to give Notice, that a General Meeting of the Commissioners for building a Bridge Cross the River Thames,