

Whitehall, September 9, 1763.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that a Building or Factory, situated at a Place called the Curtain within the Parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch in the County of Middlesex, which was used or employed in the Making of White Lead and other Colours, and divers Implements and Utensils used therein, to the Value of One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds, and upwards, lately belonging to Francis Smith, a Bankrupt, were, on Wednesday Night, the 31st of August last, entirely destroyed by Fire; and that there is great Reason to suppose that the said Building or Factory was maliciously set on Fire by several Persons unknown, in two Parts of the same, namely, in the Middle, and at one End thereof: His Majesty, for the Discovering and Bringing to Justice the Persons concerned therein, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders (except the Person or Persons who actually set Fire to the said Building) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

And, as a farther Encouragement, we James Stone, of Bishopgate Street, London, Colourman, Abraham Abrahams, of Mitre Court, Leadenhall Street, London, Gent. and John Wilson, of Lambeth in the County of Surry, Milkwright, Assignees of the Estate and Effects of the said Francis Smith, do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person making such Discovery, (except as before excepted) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

James Stone.
Abrahams.
Jn^o. Wilson.

Navy Office, September 5, 1763.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday the 20th instant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, Commissioner Hughes will expose to Sale at the Pay-Office in His Majesty's Yard at Portsmouth, several Lots of Old Stores, lying in the said Yard, where such Persons as are willing to be Purchasers, may have the Liberty of Viewing them in the common working Hours of the Yard, till the Day of Sale. Printed Inventories whereof will be delivered at the Clerk of the AEs Office in this Office, and at the Commissioner's Office at Portsmouth.

As a Deposit, at the Rate of 25 per Cent. is to be made by the Purchaser, all Persons that attend the Sale are to take Notice thereof; and unless the Stores so purchased shall be paid for, and taken away at the Time appointed, the Deposit will be forfeited, and the Stores put up to Sale again.

Victualling Office, September 5, 1763.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 14th Instant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, sealed up, from such Persons as may be willing to contract to serve His Majesty's Navy with British Butter, Cheshire, Gloucester and Warwickshire Cheese, or Cheese of equal Goodness, for one Year, commencing from the 30th Instant.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office.

Victualling Office, September 5, 1763.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 26th Instant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to supply Fresh Beef to such of His Majesty's Ships as may touch at Yarmouth in Norfolk, and be in want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office, or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Yarmouth.

Wednesday, September 7, 1763.

General Post-Office.

Whereas the Post-Boy carrying the Chester Mail of last Night from this Office, was this Morning, between the Hours of Three and Four o'Clock, attacked and robbed near the Six Mile Stone on Finedley Common, by Two Footpads, who opened and took out of the said Mail, the following Bags of Letters, viz.

Barnet,	Stony Stratford,
St. Alban's,	Amphill,
Dunstable,	Bedford,
Fenny Stratford,	Asheburne,
Luton,	Leicester,
Daventry,	Derby,
Towcester,	Nottingham,
Northampton,	Mansfield,
Harborough,	Chesterfield,
Loughborough,	Sheffield,
Lutterworth,	and
Rugby,	Rotherham;

As likewise one Bag out of the Irish Mail, containing all the charged Letters, and some Bundle of Franks.

The Persons who committed this Robbery are described to be, one of them rather a tall Man, dressed in a light-coloured Fustian Breech, a black or dark-brown Wig, a slouched Hat, and pitted with the Small Pox; the other, rather a stout Man, dressed in a Sailor's Jacket, with a great Number of small Buttons, a Hat upon his Head, and a checked Sash on.

This is therefore to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Persons who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highway-men; or, if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby both or either of the Persons who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers, will, upon the Conviction of both or either of the Parties, be entitled to the same Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and will also have His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

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

Victualling Office, September 5, 1763.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 26th Instant, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to supply Sea Provisions to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may come to Killybegs Haven, and be in Want thereof; and also Fresh Beef on a separate Contract.

The Conditions of the Contracts may be seen at the Secretary's Office, or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Haverfordwest.

Custom-House, London, Sept. 8, 1763.

The Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs gives Notice, that he shall be ready on the 19th of September Instant, and the Four following usual Days of Payment, to pay all Out-Port Corn Debentures that shall be then due and payable without Interest.

East India House, June 22, 1763.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice, That pursuant to a Resolution of the General Court of the said Company held this Day, the present Interest of Five Pounds per Centum per Annum on the said Company's Bonds shall cease, and determine on the 31st of December next; and that from and after that Day, the said Company's Bonds are to carry an Interest after the Rate of Four Pounds per Centum per Annum.