

was sworn at Guildhall; when the Chair and other Ensigns of Mayoralty were surrendered to him in the accustomed Manner.

And this Day the new Lord Mayor, accompanied by the late Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Recorder, and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, went in their Coaches to the Water-side, the Sword and Mace being carried before them, and the City-Officers attending, and from thence proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the several Companies in their respective Barges adorned with Streamers and Pendants to Westminster; and having walked round the Hall, and solemnly saluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer Bar, and the new Lord Mayor did there take the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, returned by Water to Black Friars, and from thence in Coaches with the usual Solemnity to Guildhall, where a magnificent Entertainment was provided; at which were present the Great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, the Judges, and other Persons of Quality and Distinction.

St. James's, November 5, 1767.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That an anonymous threatening Letter has been lately sent to John Shorter, a Dyer in the Town of Whitney in the County of Oxford, containing the Words, Letters, and Figures following, viz.

“Sirs,

“I hope that will be so good in a week or two's time to oblige the Bakers to make the Bread according as the Price of Wheat is As they do at Oxford, Abingdon, and many other Places. And do not suffer such damned wheefing fat gutted Rogues to Starve the Poor by such Hellish Ways on purpose that they may follow hunting horse-racing &c and to maintain their families in Pride and extravagance. therefore you Bailliffs of Witney follow the Orders that are Writing above or in a short time I and thirty more of my true Companions will do our best endeavour to destroy all such Vermin as you are, likewise your Houses ricks or goods on the rack.”

“we are 31. that's just the game.

“and surely will perform the same”

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in Writing the said anonymous threatening Letter, and in Sending the same to the said John Shorter, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Facts, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

H. S. CONWAY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Bailiffs of the said Town of Whitney, do hereby promise a Reward of Ten Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid by them upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders. John Shorter.

St. James's, October 28, 1767.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That a threatening Letter, directed “To Mr. William Mason” (inclosed in a Cover, which had the General Post-Office Mark on it, and was directed,

“To Mr. William Mason, at his House in Lower-Brook-Street, London,”) was received by the said Mr. William Mason, at his House in Lower Brook-Street aforesaid, on the 21st of this Instant; which said threatening Letter contains the Words, Letters, and Figures following, viz.

“Wapping October 19th. 1767.

“Sir

“We understand That You have undermin'd Our Contryman in taking His Houste over his Head But be asured if You Inioy them Primeses A speedy Distrustion shall thortly inlie if You have not Bought Your Morning We make no Doubt But Your Family may have A Call for Theirs soon, from Y^r humble Serv^t”

Nothing But Justice

“N: B Invious Person I may make bold to Say

“It was Hell that spaud You on a Dirty Day.”

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in Writing and Sending the said threatening Letter to the said William Mason, as above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Fact, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S H E L B U R N E.

And, as a further Encouragement, the said William Mason does hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Guineas to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted;) to be paid by him upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders. William Mason.

Bank of England, November 7, 1767.

The Transfer-Books of the 4^l. per Cent. Annuities 1763, will be shut on Wednesday December 2, 1767, and opened on Wednesday January 13, 1768, for the Payment of One Fourth Part of the Principal, and Three Months Interest that will be due thereon the 5th Day of January 1768, pursuant to an Act of Parliament of the 7th of George III. for Redeeming One Fourth Part of the said joint Stock of Annuities. And the Transfer Books of Navy 4^l. per Cent. Annuities will also be shut on Wednesday December 2, 1767, for the Payment of the Remaining Principal in Full, and Three Months Interest thereon to the 25th Day of December, 1767, pursuant to an Act of Parliament of the 7th of George III. for Redeeming the Remainder of the said joint Stock of Annuities.

* * * The Warrants for the Payment in Full of the Remaining Principal of the said Navy 4^l. per Cent. Annuities and Interest thereon, will be delivered and paid on Saturday and Monday the 26th and 28th of December 1767, and every following Day, from Nine to Eleven o'Clock, and from One to Three, Holidays excepted: And the Warrants for the Payment of One Fourth Part of the Principal of the said 4^l. per Cent. Annuities 1763, and Interest thereon, will be delivered and paid on Wednesday January 6, 1768, and every following Day, at the said usual Times of Payment.

Free British Fishery Office, Royal Exchange, Thursday November 5, 1767.

The President of the Society of the Free British Fishery doth hereby give Notice, that a General Court of the said Society will be held at this Office on Thursday the 26th Instant, from Eleven in the Forenoon till Two in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor, President, Vice-President, and also a Council, consisting of thirty Persons, out of and from the Members of the said Society.

O R W E L L, President.

The Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Mayor, Recorder, and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, went in their Coaches to the Water-side, the Sword and Mace being carried before them, and the City-Officers attending, and from thence proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the several Companies in their respective Barges adorned with Streamers and Pendants to Westminster; and having walked round the Hall, and solemnly saluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer Bar, and the new Lord Mayor did there take the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, returned by Water to Black Friars, and from thence in Coaches with the usual Solemnity to Guildhall, where a magnificent Entertainment was provided; at which were present the Great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of His Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, the Judges, and other Persons of Quality and Distinction.

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