

St. James's, February 27, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Night between the 14th and 15th Instant, His Majesty's Custom-House at Bridlington in the County of York was feloniously broke and entered by Persons unknown, and the two Locks of the King's Chest forced open, in which was deposited upwards of Seventy-four Pounds, which was feloniously taken and carried away: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concern'd in the said Offence, does hereby promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

WEYMOUTH.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to the Person making such Discovery; to be paid by the Receiver of His Majesty's Customs upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders.

Edw. Stanley, Secretary.

Whitehall, February 27, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that a Water Grist-Mill, called Houghton Mill, in the Parish of Houghton in the County of Southampton, being the Property of Thomas South, of Bassington in the said County, Esq; and late in the Occupation of Esther Holmes, of the said Parish of Houghton, Widow, was on Tuesday the 9th of this Instant February, between Nine and Ten o'Clock at Night, set on Fire and consumed, whereby the said Persons have sustained Loss and Damage to a very considerable Amount; and that there is great Reason to suspect the said Mill was set on Fire by some malicious Person or Persons in the Neighbourhood: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned therein, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Mill,) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SHELBURNE.

And as a further Encouragement the said Thomas South, Esq; doth hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid by the said Thomas South, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Huntingdonshire Militia

At a General Meeting of His Majesty's Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenants of the County of Huntingdon, this Day for that Purpose held; it was ordered and directed, that the Militia Forces raised in and for the said County do assemble and meet together at the Town of Huntingdon in the said County, on Saturday the 1st Day of October next, to be trained and exercised for the Space of Twenty-eight Days together, to be accounted from the said 1st Day of October; of which all Persons serving in the said Militia are hereby required to take Notice. Dated the 20th Day of February, 1768.

By Order,

Wm. Stephenson, Clerk of the General Meetings.

Westminster Fire-Office, Bedford-Street,
Covent-Garden, March 3, 1768.

The Office of Principal Clerk being vacant by the Resignation of Mr. Ogle; Notice is hereby given to all Persons having any Receipts signed by him for Insurance in this Office, and who have not received their Policies, are desired to apply for the same.

General Post-Office, March 5, 1768.

His Majesty's Postmaster-General thinks it necessary to give this Public Notice, to all Members of Parliament and others whom it may concern, That by an Act of the Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign, no Letters or Packets shall be exempted from paying the Duty of Postage, except to or from Members of Parliament during the Sitting of any Sessions of Parliament, or within Forty Days before or Forty Days after any Summons or Prorogation of the same.

From the Dissolution, therefore, of the present Parliament, all Letters and Packets are to be charged with the Duty of Postage, until Forty Days before the Meeting of the new Parliament; from which Time the Letters and Packets to and from the Peers and Lords of Parliament pass Free; and also to and from the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and to and from each respective Member of the Honourable House of Commons, or 30 Joon after as they may be elected.

By the said Act, printed Votes, or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed News-Papers, being sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, which shall be signed on the Outside thereof by the Hand of any Member of Parliament, in such Manner as hath been heretofore practised, or which shall be directed to any Member of Parliament at any Place whereof he shall have given Notice in Writing to the Postmaster-General, or to his Deputy at Edinburgh or Dublin respectively, shall be received Free of the Duty of Postage. As this Clause contains no Limitation in point of Time, the Peers and Lords of Parliament may continue to send and receive Free all such printed Papers; and the Sixteen Peers of Scotland, and every Member of the Honourable House of Commons of the new Parliament, from the Time they are elected.

All Persons are desired to take Notice, That as the said Act authorizes certain Clerks in the Offices of the Secretaries of State and in the Post-Office, under certain Restrictions, to Frank such printed Papers, the Postmaster-General has been pleased to give Directions to the Six Clerks of the Roads in this Office, to Frank all such printed Papers as any of the present Sixteen Peers of Scotland, or of the Members of the present House of Commons, have given Notice of in Writing, that no Inconvenience possibly to be avoided may happen to the News-Papers so intended to pass Free: And such Members of the present Parliament, who now permit News-Papers to be addressed to them, are desired, upon their being re-elected, to renew the Notices.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,
Anthony Toud, Secretary.

East-India House, February 24, 1768.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the East India Companies will be shut on Wednesday the 9th Day of March next, at Two o'Clock, and opened on Friday the 15th of April following.

That the Dividend Warrants on the said Annuities, due the 5th of said April, will be ready to be delivered on Thursday the 5th of May following.

Navy-Office, February 15, 1768.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to contract for the Stores undermentioned for His Majesty's Service, on the Days against the same expressed, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning, that they may attend with their Proposals, viz.

Tar East Country, Tuesday 8 March 1768.

Dantzick Goods, Friday 11 ditto.

Norway Goods, Tuesday 15 ditto.