

General Post Office, March 28, 1768.

His Majesty's Postmaster General think it necessary to give this Public Notice to the Members of both Houses of Parliament, that their Letters and Packets will on Thursday the 31st Instant, begin to pass free as usual, being within Forty Days before the Summons of the new Parliament.

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

East-India House, March 23, 1768.

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

That a General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Thursday the 31st Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for considering of the Alteration of some of the By-Laws; and for other special Affairs.

### KENSINGTON, &c. TURNPIKE.

Board of Trustees, held at Prince's Coffee-house in Sackville-Street, Piccadilly, on Monday the 14th of March, 1768.

Resolved, That the Trustees will meet at this House on Monday the 25th of April next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to take under their Consideration the Expediency of Letting the Tolls of the several Toll-Gates under their Direction; and that Proposals will be received at the said Meeting from any Person or Persons willing to rent the same, or any Part thereof. And Ordered, that the Clerk do advertise this Resolution, together with a Copy of the Clause empowering the Trustees to let the said Tolls, three Times in the London Gazette, and do also cause the like to be (as soon as conveniently may be) affixed in Writing on the several Toll Gates.

Clause of an Act of the 7th Geo. III.

“ And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the said Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, with the Consent of the Person or Persons intitled to have two thirds of the Money then borrowed on the Credit of the said Tolls, by Writing under their Hands and Seals, to demise and let the Tolls granted by this Act, or any Part thereof, to any Person or Persons willing to take or farm the same, for any Term not exceeding Three Years, for the best Rent or Price which can be got for the same, to be paid Quarterly in Advance to the said Trustees, or any Five or more of them, or to their Treasurer; or otherwise, the said Trustees, or any Eleven or more of them, shall, and they are hereby required to take Security for the Payment of such Rent or Price; which Rent or Price when received shall be applied as the Tolls granted by this Act are directed to be applied; and Notice of the Time and Place of Meeting for Letting the said Tolls, or any Part thereof, shall be given by the Clerk to the Trustees, by affixing the same in Writing on all the Toll-Gates then erected, and by advertising the same three Times in the London Gazette, at least One Month before such Meeting.”

And that, in the mean Time, they may see the Account of the Receipts of the said Tolls, by applying to Mr. John Johnson, at a Milliner's, in Half-Moon Street, Piccadilly, any Morning before Twelve o'Clock.

Benj. Sparrow, Clerk.

Custom-House, London, March 24, 1768.

Whereas on Monday the 7th Day of this Instant March, William Odgers, one of the Officers of His Majesty's Customs at Penzance in the County of Cornwall, was, in the due Execution of his Office, in seizing and securing a large Quantity of uncustomed Goods, most cruelly and barbarously murdered by Melchisedeck Kinsman, Richard Trenear, David Trenear, and Richard Peters, all of them Tanners, belonging to the Parish of Gwenzop in the said County of Cornwall, and who were assembled for the Purpose of rescuing the said Goods; the said Melchisedeck Kinsman, with a large Whip, the Head of which was cased with Copper, giving the said William Odgers several mortal Wounds, of which Wounds the said William Odgers languished till the 11th Instant, and then died; and the said Richard Trenear, David Trenear, and Richard Peters being present, aiding and abetting the said Melchisedeck Kinsman to commit the said Murder.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in order to bring the said Offender to Justice, do hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, any or either of the said Offenders; to be paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

Edw. Stanley, Secretary.

N. B. Melchisedeck Kinsman is a well-set Man, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and about Thirty Years of Age, sordid Complexion, his Hair light Brown, but wears a Wig.

Richard Trenear, a lusty well-made Man, about 5 Feet 9 Inches high, about Thirty-five Years of Age, shews a little of the Small-Pox, with a brown swarthy Complexion and black Hair, and wears a Wig.

David Trenear, a well-set made Man, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and about Thirty Years of Age, marked a little with the Small-Pox, a brown Complexion and black Hair.

Richard Peters, a slight Man, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, aged about Forty Years, a yellow meagre Complexion, with black Hair.

### To JOHN COCKBURN.

Whereas the Reverend Thomas Valentine, Vicar of Frankfort in the County of Sligo in the Kingdom of Ireland, by his last Will dated the 10th Day of September, 1763, gave and bequeathed the Sum of Eleven Hundred Pounds English Sterling, which he then had in the South Sea Funds, to his Nephew John Cockburn, if it should appear within Six Months after the Testator's Decease, that he was in the Land of the Living; and if he was dead, the said Thomas Valentine gave the said Stock over to divers Persons. And whereas the said Thomas Valentine died on the 8th Day of November, 1765. Now Notice is hereby given to the said John Cockburn, if living, that if he sends any Testimonial of his being alive to Mr. Hudson, at No 4. in Staple Inn, London, or to Mr. William Broome, of Didsbury in the County of Lancaster, who is the only surviving Executor named in the Will of the said Thomas Valentine, within Six Months from the 8th Day of March instant, the said Stock will be kept for him till such Time as he shall be able to appear in Person to accept a Transfer thereof, otherwise the said Stock will be sold, and the Money arising by the Sale thereof distributed according to the Testator's Intent, as if the said John Cockburn was actually dead. And whoever can give any Account of the said John Cockburn's being alive or dead to the said Mr. Broome, or Mr. Hudson, shall be handsomely rewarded for their Trouble.

Note, in the Year 1735, the said John Cockburn published a Book called the Distresses and Adventures of John Cockburn, or a Journey over Land from the Gulph of Honduras to the Great South Sea.