

St. James's, July 28, 1769:

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That the Workshop of William Payne, Carpenter, of Bell Yard near Temple Bar, London, was, on Saturday the 25th of June last, about Eleven o'Clock at Night, set on Fire, by some Persons unknown; but that the same, having been soon afterwards discovered by a Neighbour, was extinguished without doing much Damage; and that, on Saturday last the 23d Instant, an Attempt was again made to set the said Workshop on Fire: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in those wicked Crimes, or either of them, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon, and also a Reward of FIFTY Pounds; to any one of them, (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Workshop) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof; the said Reward of FIFTY Pounds to be paid by the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

WEYMOUTH.

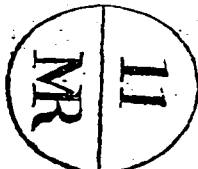
And, as a further Encouragement, the said William Payne does hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Guineas to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted;) to be paid by him upon the Conviction of any one of the said Offenders.

Wm. Payne.

Whitehall, July 30, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That her Grace the Dutchess of Northumberland received, on Friday the 11th of March last, at her Grace's House at Charing-Cross, in a Cover, directed as hereunder, and which had the Marks of the General Post-Offices both of Dublin and London upon it, a threatening Letter, containing the Words, Letters, and Figures following, viz.

Post-Mark.
DUBLIN



" To
" Her Grace the Duchs. of
" Northumber
" land
" Northumberland Houfe
" London

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" Dublin March 1st. 1768

" May it please Your Grace
" If you do not leave two Hundred Guineas
" in a Bank Note at the Bar of the Bedford Coffee
" House directed for M^r. P. D. you may expect
" to hear of it in a dreadful Manner I hope my
" Poverty will excuse this. Though I date this
" from Dublin, Yet will I be over along with it
" and give you warning not to trifle with me for
" I shall find means to come very near y^r. Person
" And shall know whether you deal Candidly
" with me or not. Please to leave the Above as
" directed on the 1st of April next, otherwise abide
" the Consequences

" Yours P. D."

And whereas it has also been represented to the King, that her said Grace the Dutchess of Northumberland has, since the Time of receiving the aforesaid threatening Letter, received two other threatening Let-

ters, each having the said respective Marks of the several Post-Offices of Dublin and London upon it, and containing respectively the Words, Letters, and Figures following, viz.

" To her Grace the Dutchess of Northumberland
" Northumberland Houfe
" London

LONDON



" You had better leave the Note at the Barr of the
" Bedford, P. D. is in London, he will receive
" the Money. Your Advertisement in the Publick
" Paper will do You but little good, farewell
" Commend me to his Majesty. A Dagger May
" find the way to Your bowells, and you may re-
" pent when tis too late your not sending the Cash
" for the Use of Your sincere friend"



" Dublin Castle April 21st. 1768"

" To

" Her Grace the
" Dutchess of Northumberland
" At Northumberland houce



" I am a going over and Will be over in
" a few days and tak Care of your
" Person if you dont lave what i have told
" You before and so tak Care if You
" do not lave a Noat so having No more
" Madam I Am your Most Obedient
" humb P. D.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons principally concerned in the Writing and Sending any one or all of the aforesaid three threatening Letters to the said Dutchess of Northumberland, as above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one, (except the Person principally concerned in actually contriving, writing, or causing to be wrote, any of the aforesaid Letters) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in any of the said Facts, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

WEYMOUTH.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Duke of Northumberland does hereby promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED Pounds to the first Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted;) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

July 20, 1768.