

Admiralty-Office, August 7, 1770.

Whereas, about Four o'Clock in the Morning of Friday the 27th Day of July last, a dreadful Fire broke out in His Majesty's Dock Yard at Portsmouth, which raged with such Violence, that before the same could be extinguished, several of His Majesty's Storehouses and Buildings were burnt down, and great Quantities of Naval Stores totally consumed and destroyed, and others greatly damaged; And whereas there is Reason to suspect that the said Buildings and Stores were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire, by some evil-disposed Persons, at present unknown: In order therefore to discover, and bring to Justice, the Persons guilty of the abovementioned Offence, My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are pleased to promise a Reward of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS unto, or amongst, such Person, or Persons, as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any of the Offenders guilty of the said Offence, so as such Offenders, or any one or more of them, shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof; the said Reward to be paid clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, immediately after the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

And, as a further Encouragement, His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of the said Offenders, (except the Person who actually set the Premises on Fire) who shall discover any one or more of his or their Accomplices in the said Offence, so as he or they shall be apprehended and prosecuted to Conviction.

Ph. Stephens.

General Post-Office, Aug. 19, 1770.

This Morning, about Four o'Clock, the Post-Boy, carrying the Chester Mail from this Office, was attacked and robbed near the Six Mile Stone on Finchley Common, by a single Highwayman, who took out of the said Mail two Bags of Letters, ticketed Galesbill and Irish.

The Person, who committed this Robbery, is described to be rather a thin Man, about five Feet six Inches high, dressed in a dark brown close-bodied Coat, and well mounted on a very light Bay Gelding, about Fifteen Hands high, with a cut Tail.

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed the said Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, over and above the Reward by Act of Parliament for apprehending Highwaymen: Or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the Person who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Person who committed this Robbery, be intitled to the said Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

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

General Post-Office, July 20, 1770.

The Chichester Mail which was sent from this Office, this Morning about Two o'Clock, was soon afterwards stolen out of the Mail Cart, between Newington and Clapham, by some Person or Persons unknown, who cut the Straps which fastened the Mail to the Cart.

The said Mail contained the following Bags of Letters, viz.

Chichester, Petworth, Arundel, Midhurst, Havant, Godalmin, Haslemere, Steyning, Guilford,

Shoreham, Kingston, Claremont, Cobham, Ripley, Petersfield, and Portsmouth.

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person or Persons who stole the said Mail, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds: Or, if any Person or Persons, whether an Accomplice or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the Offender or Offenders may be apprehended and brought to Justice; such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Person or Persons who stole the said Mail, be intitled to the said Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

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

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,  
July 17, 1770.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich, hereby give Notice, That at Salters Hall, in London, on Wednesday the Nineteenth Day of December next, or as soon after as may be, the following Estates will be let on Lease for Twenty-one Years, or under, to commence upon the Twelfth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and seventy one; that is to say, Keswick and Wanthwate Mills with the Appurtenances, in the Manor of Castlerigg and Darwentwater and County of Cumberland, now in the Tenure or Occupation of Joseph Crossbwaite; and a Parcel of Ground Part of Warkes Common, in the Barony and Manor of Warke, and County of Northumberland, lately allotted to the said Commissioners upon a Division of the said Common, and now in the Tenure or Occupation of Lionel Charlton. All Persons willing to take the said Estates, are desired to give in their Proposals in Writing, to Mr. Ibbetson, at the Admiralty-Office, London.

N. B. Keswick Mill has been lately rebuilt; Wanthwate Mill, to which a Dwelling House and Stable will be added, is now rebuilding; and a Set of Housing is to be built on Warkes Common Allotment, against the Time of Entry.

John Ibbetson.

Marine Pay-Office, Craig's-court Charing-cross, August 20, 1770.

In Pursuance of the Direction of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Paymaster of His Majesty's Marine Forces, hereby gives Notice, That on Friday next the 24th Instant will be issued, at this Office, Six Months Half-Pay due to the Reduced Officers of the said Forces, from the 1st of January to the 30th of June last inclusive.

Victualling Office, August 15, 1770.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 3d Day of September next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (sealed up) and treat with 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 of September next.

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

And all Persons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion, are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that shall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the said 3d of September next.

Southwark