

St. James's, November 17, 1770.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that, within these Three Weeks, the two following threatening Letters were found, one of them in the Garden of Mr. John Roberts, at Nine Elms in the Parish of Battersea in the County of Surry, the other in the Garden of Mr. Hollingsworth, a near Neighbour of the said Mr. Roberts, viz.

Pat Roberts

Oar 1770.

We thought it a pitty to to take away the Life of so Miserable a Wreth as You without giving You Warning to Repent for your Sins for We are Resolved to have your Life within the space of four Months Judgment has fell on your old Willain for his Unjust doings God has took away the Use of his Lims. dont trifle w<sup>th</sup> Repentance for by God we have your Life if We Butcher You in your Bed as sure as God is in heaving we will do it dont let Men work of Nights And let your Money buy You a Place in hell You old damd Bitch

To Mrs Roberts

D<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Roberts

We find You laught at that we sent You But depend upon it We will do as we said for We are Determind to have Your Life go to Old Feeldings and be damd You have Ruin Many and we do for You We will Either Burn You in your Bed Blow your House up and You in it or shoot You in Your Charot or at your Door so prepare for Death for We are Resolde to take You Life away if we lose our own in y<sup>e</sup> Attempt before y<sup>e</sup> Time Expires so prepare for Death for by God we will have it You go to Church to buy You a Place in Hell Dam You and Your Money to so dont put of Repentance till You find Death upon You

Death

Repent soon les it be to late

To

Mrs. Roberts.

And whereas last Tuesday Morning another threatening Letter was found in the Garden of Mr. Hewetson, at Nine Elms aforesaid, in the Words following, viz.

Pat Roberts

You have Rec<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> first The Second to also But of the third Beware For it will your Life ensnare You are not fit to live not yet to die you wont Let your alone now Dam You But it is a true Proverb Money is sent as Blessing or a Curse and instead of helping Your Fellow Creatures You by Yourself Brimstone and Fier But prepare for we will be upon y<sup>e</sup> Watch for You from this Nite Death certain Prepare for another World for by God we will have your Life the first Oppertunity 1<sup>st</sup> Remember 2<sup>d</sup> Lasserus 3<sup>d</sup> To Madam Roberts

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

WEYMOUTH.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the said Mr. Roberts, (to whose Wife the said Letters are directed) doth hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted:) to be paid, on the Conviction of any one of the Offenders, at his Houle at Nine Elms aforesaid.

The Governours and Company of Mines Royal, Mineral, and Battery Works give Notice, that a General Court of these Societies will be held at their Houe in Bush-Lane Cannon-Street, on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1770, at Eleven in the Forenoon, for the Election of Governour, Deputy Governours, and Court of Assistants under the Mineral and Battery Works Charter.

Rich. Ladyman, Secretary.

General Post-Office, November 12, 1770.

As great Numbers of Letters are daily returned to this Office; from the different Sea-Ports of these Kingdoms, the Seamen to whom they are directed being unable to pay the Postage, however desirous they may be of hearing from their Friends and Families; It is therefore earnestly recommended to all Persons to pay the Postage beforehand, of such Letters as are directed on Board any Ship or Vessel, to prevent their being returned and opened here as dead and refused Letters.

By Command of the Postmaster General,

Anth. Todd, Secretary.

East-India House, November 15, 1770.

Whereas on Tuesday the 2<sup>d</sup> of October last, about Twelve o'Clock at Noon, a Person, taking upon him the Name of Taylor Barrow, and answering the Description undermentioned, was recommended to Mr. James Portis, Broker, in order to sell for him £400 East-India Stock standing in the Company's Books in his Name, as he pretended, which Stock was accordingly very soon after sold at the current Price; and the said Person, about One o'Clock the same Day, went to the East-India House in Leadenhall-Street, where in the Presence of Mr. Portis personating the said Mr. Taylor Barrow, and forging or counterfeiting his Name, he transferred the said £400 Stock in the Books of the said Company, unto the Purchaser thereof, in the usual Form. For the better Discovery of the said Forgery, and bringing to Justice the Person concerned therein, the Court of Directors of the said Company do hereby offer a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons, who shall discover the Person who so personated and counterfeited the Name of Mr. Taylor Barrow, the real Proprietor of the said Stock, in making the aforesaid Transfer; to be paid by the Secretary of the said Company, upon the Conviction of the said Offender.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

P. Michell, Secretary.

N. B. The Person who was guilty of the above-mentioned Forgery, appeared to be from 28 to 30 Years of Age, slim in Stature, about 5 Feet 9 Inches in Height, wore his own brown Hair without Powder, of a fair Complexion, but ruddy Cheeks, and had a handsome Appearance both in his Features and Person; wore a plain Drab Coloured Coat, Buckskin Brechts, and Boots; and had his Hat slapped.

East-India House, November 21, 1770.

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

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of December next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January following.

And that the Dividend Warrants on the said Stock, due the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, will be ready to be delivered on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of February next.

Victualling-Office, November 21, 1770.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> of December next they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (sealed up) and treat for what Bawins shall be demanded for one Year certain, from the 5<sup>th</sup> of April next, and further, until Six Months Warning shall be given on either Side.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's 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 3<sup>d</sup> of December next.