

Britain, did each receive a Letter, which Letters had been put into the Post-Office at Air on the Nineteenth Day of the said Month, and of which Letters the following are Copies, viz.

Sir

This is perhaps the most interesting Letter you ever received as your future Safety will depend on your Answering its Demands. There are six of us who being reduced to Misery by Misfortune have pitched upon you for our Relief, Providence has made you able and it is our business to make you willing. You will therefore lay £. 50 Ster: below the Broad Stone on the Extremity of the South End of the Stone dike on your right hand as you go from Slophouse to Ayr and lett it be in Gold or Silver and lett it be done on the 23d or 24th of this present Month and lett it ly one Week, if it is not taken away before the Week expire you may take it Again. If you are so foolish as attempt to know who we are you are undone. One of us will uplift the Money while three Stand on the Watch with a Couple of Good Pistols each and two left at home to take Vengeance on you if you disturb the rest and a Cask of Powder ready to blow up your House — So you see that Silence is equally necessary on both Sides. You will see a Cross Scratch on the Stone by which you may know it, If ever we are able to pay you we have covenanted to do it Adieu
(Signed) A. F.—B. R.—Q. D. AM—19th Jan^y 1775. (Addressed) To John Crauford of Doon-fide Esq^r haft

Sir,

This is perhaps the most interesting Letter you ever received as Your life depends on your abaying its demands. Six of us who are become desperate through Misfortune have resolved to make you extricate them from their Distress providence has made you able and it is our Business to make you willing. You will with your own hand put £. 50. Pounds Ster. below the Turf which is about four feet from the East side of the Slop or turn stile on the Earthen dike on the west of the toll-house as you go to Air You will know the turf if you view it from the South side of the Dike for there its edge will Appear Black. do this on the 20th or the 21st or the 22d day of Jan^y or the present Month one of us is to uplift the Money while three are to Watch with a Couple of Good Pistols each if you are so foolish as Attempt to molest them or Overcome them by a Superior force, then we have two in reserve to take vengeance on you by spending a 20 pint Cask of powder on your house so that Silence is equally necessary on both Sides. remember to lett the Money ly in its place for one week If We ever become able to pay you we have covenanted to repay you so far well Sir

(Signed) A. F.—J. G. W. N. R. B. A. N. S. M.
(Addressed) To William Campbell of Fairfield Esq^r haft

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

SUFFOLK.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the said Mr. John Crauford and Mr. William Campbell do each of them hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS Sterling, and the Magistrates of Air do hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS Sterling, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) the said Rewards of Fifty Pounds Sterling each to be paid by the said Mr. John Crauford and Mr. William Campbell, and the Reward of One Hundred Pounds Sterling by the Collectors of the Land Tax of the said County of Air, immediately after the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

East-India House, February 22, 1775.

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 13th of April next, from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until Six in the Evening, for the Election of Six Directors of the said Company, for four Years, in Pursuance of an Act passed in the 13th Year of His present Majesty's Reign.

And the said Court do further give Notice, that by the above-mentioned Act, no Person will be entitled to vote at the said Election who shall not have been possessed in his or her own Right of 1000*l*. Stock for Twelve Calendar Months, except in the Cases provided for in the said Act; that every Person possessed in like Manner of 3000 *l*. Stock will be entitled to give two Votes; that every Person possessed in like Manner of 6000 *l*. Stock will be entitled to give three Votes; and that every Person possessed in like Manner of 10000 *l*. Stock, or more, will be entitled to give four Votes, at the said Election; and that no Person in any Circumstance will be qualified to vote, unless for Stock standing in his or her own Names.

East-India House, February 22, 1775.

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 said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 9th of March next, at Two o'Clock.

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 22d of March next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon.

That the Lists of the Members of the said Company will be ready to be delivered at their House in Leadenhall-Street, on Wednesday the 29th of said March.

And that the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be opened again on Saturday the 15th of April next.

East-India House, February 22, 1775.

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

That the Transfer Books of the East-India Annuities will be shut on Friday the 10th of March next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Friday the 21st of April following.

And that the Dividend Warrants due the 5th of April will be ready to be delivered on Tuesday the 2d of May next.

THE Court of Assistants of the Russia Company give Notice, That the Annual General Court of the said Company will be held at the Office of the Corporation for Segmen in the Merchants Service, over the Royal Exchange, London, on Wednesday next the 1st Day of March, 1775, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Election of a Governor, Consuls, Assistants, and other Officers, for the Year ensuing.

M. Sierra, Secretary.

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