

diouſly ſet on Fire; and whereas ſeveral Attempts (ſome of which have taken Effect) have been made to ſet Fire to the City of Briſtol; and as there is Reaſon to ſuppoſe that the Incendiary or Incendiaries may have been the ſame in both Caſes, the following Deſcription of a Perſon who was ſeen in the Rope-Houſe in Portſmouth-Yard on the Day the ſaid Fire happened, and whoſe Conduct was ſuſpicious, is now publiſhed, in Hopes that, on his Apprehenſion, ſome Light may be thrown on theſe two dreadful Tranſactions:

He was called John, and is a Painter; ſaid he worked as ſuch with one Golding at Titchfield in Hampſhire. He appeared to be about 25 or 26 Years of Age, is about Five Feet Seven Inches high, his Complexion fair, with a ſmooth Face, and whitish Eyelids; ſaid to have a ſort of Stammering in his Speech; had his own Hair, of a light ſandy Colour, neither tied up or curled; thinnish in Body, and thin faced; he had on a Surtout Coat, Chocolate-coloured, but faded; his Hat ſmartly cocked, with a Fan-tailed Flap.

Whoever will apprehend the ſaid John the Painter, and bring him before any Magiſtrate, or give ſuch Notice as may be the Means of his being apprehended, ſo that he be produced to His Maſteſty's Commiſſioner of Portſmouth Dock-Yard, or to the Commiſſioners of His Maſteſty's Navy in London, ſhall receive FIFTY POUNDS Reward, to be paid by the Commiſſioners of the Navy: Or if the ſaid Perſon, knowing himſelf to be innocent, and will voluntarily appear before Commiſſioner Gambier at Portſmouth, or the Commiſſioners of His Maſteſty's Navy in London, he ſhall himſelf be entitled to the ſame Reward.

St. James's, January 21, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That in the Night of Wednesday laſt the 15th Inſtant, or early in the Morning of Thursday laſt the 16th Inſtant, the Ship Savannah La Mar, lying near the Crane N^o 8. at Briſtol Quay, and alſo the Ship Fame, lying at another Part of the ſaid Quay, were ſet on Fire, whereby not only thoſe Veſſels, but likewiſe the other Ships and Veſſels at the Quay, and all that Part of the Town, were in the moſt imminent Danger of being totally burnt and deſtroyed; and alſo that, at the ſame Time, the Ship Hibernia, lying at the ſaid Quay, was attempted to be ſet on Fire; and likewiſe, that, at the ſame Time, a Warehouse, ſituate in Cypher-Lane near Corn-Street, the Property of Meſſ. James Morgan and Sons, was attempted to be burnt, the ſaid Warehouse having been broken open, and a Box therein, containing ſeveral Combuſtible Materials, ſet on Fire; and alſo that, on Sunday Morning laſt, the 19th Inſtant, about Seven o'Clock, a dreadful Fire broke out in a Range of Warehouſes in a Place called Quay-Lane in the ſaid City of Briſtol, whereby the whole Range of Warehouſes, with the ſeveral Dwelling-Houſes adjoining and oppoſite to the ſaid Warehouſes, were immediately in Flames; and whereas there is the greateſt Reaſon to ſuſpect, that the ſaid Ships and Warehouſes were wilfully and maliciously ſet on Fire by ſome evil-diſpoſed Perſons at preſent unknown: His Maſteſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in the above-mentioned atrocious Offences, or either of them, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of the ſaid Offenders, (except the Perſon or Perſons who actually ſet Fire to the ſaid Ships or Warehouſes) who ſhall diſcover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the ſaid Offences, or either of them, ſo that he, ſhe, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

And, as a farther Encouragement, His Maſteſty is hereby alſo pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of ONE THOUſAND POUNDS unto, or amongſt, ſuch Perſon or Perſons (except as before excepted) who ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any of the Offenders guilty of the ſaid Offences, or either of them, ſo that 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 Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Maſteſty's Treasury, immediately after the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders.

SUFFOLK,

St. James's, January 18, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That in the Night of Wednesday laſt the 15th Inſtant, or early in the Morning of Thursday laſt the

16th Inſtant, the Ship Savannah La Mar, lying near the Crane N^o 8. at Briſtol Quay, and alſo the Ship Fame, lying at another Part of the ſaid Quay, were wilfully and maliciously ſet on Fire, whereby not only thoſe Veſſels, but likewiſe the other Ships and Veſſels at the Quay, and all that Part of the Town, were in the moſt imminent Danger of being totally burnt and deſtroyed; and alſo that at the ſame Time the Ship Hibernia, lying at the ſaid Quay, was attempted to be ſet on Fire; and likewiſe that at the ſame Time a Warehouse, ſituate in Cypher-Lane near Corn-ſtreet, the Property of Meſſ. James Morgan and Sons, was attempted to be burnt, the ſaid Warehouse having been broken open, and a Box therein, containing ſeveral Combuſtible Materials, ſet on Fire: His Maſteſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in the ſaid atrocious Offences, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any of the Offenders, (except the Perſon or Perſons who actually ſet Fire to the ſaid Ships or Warehouse) 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 for bringing to Punishment the Perſon or Perſons who committed the atrocious Crime of ſetting the ſaid Ships on Fire, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Briſtol do hereby promiſe a Reward of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS, to be paid without any Deduction whatſoever by the Chamberlain of the ſaid City to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall diſcover the Offender or Offenders, ſo that he, ſhe, or they, be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a farther Reward, the Society of Merchants-Venturers of the City of Briſtol do hereby promiſe a like Reward of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS, to be paid by their Treafurer in like Manner as above-mentioned, on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

And Meſſ. Meyler and Maxſe and Davis and Protheroe, of the City of Briſtol, Merchants, do hereby promiſe to pay, in like Manner, a further Reward of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS on Conviction as aforeſaid.

The like Rewards as above-mentioned, with a further Reward of FIFTY GUINEAS from Meſſ. Morgan and Sons, are likewiſe promiſed to be paid on the Diſcovery, Apprehenſion and Conviction, of the Offender or Offenders who broke open the Warehouse of the ſaid Meſſ. Morgan and Sons, and ſet Fire to the Box containing Combuſtible Materials. And the Proprietors of the ſeveral Fire-Offices of the City of Briſtol do hereby promiſe a further Reward of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY GUINEAS on the Diſcovery and Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

A SUBSCRIPTION being opened, and a Sum raiſed by the Merchants of the City of London, for rewarding ſuch Officers and Crews of Merchants Ships as may be instrumental in preventing their Veſſels from falling into the Hands of the Provincial Privateers, and for Relief of the Families of ſuch as may loſe their Lives in Defence of their Ships; A Committee hath been choſen to carry the ſame into Execution, and BREſTON LONG and CHRISTOPHER HAKE, Eſquires, have been appointed Treafurers.

As it is not doubted but many Perſons, who are Well-Wiſhers to the Security of the Commerce of their Country, will chuſe to contribute to ſo laudable an Undertaking; Notice is hereby given, that Books are open for the Reception of Subſcriptions for the above Purpoſes at the following Bankers, viz.

Meſſ. Preſcotts, Grotes, Culverden, and Hollingworth, Threadneedle-Street.
Meſſ. Dorrien, Rucker, Dorrien, and Martin, Finch-Lane.
Meſſ. Hoares, Fleet-Street, And
Meſſ. Drummond's, Charing-Croſs.

Whereas the Partnership between John Hellear and John Stotter, of Holborn-Bridge, London, Haberdaiſhers, was, on the 25th Day of December laſt paſt, diſſolved by mutual Conſent, and the Buſineſs will in future be carried on there by the ſaid John Hellear on his own Account: All Perſons indebted to the ſaid Hellear and Stotter are to pay their Debts to the ſaid John Hellear; and all Perſons having any Claim on the ſaid Partnership will be paid by the ſaid John Hellear.

John Hellear.
John Stotter.

LANCASTER, January 14, 1777.

All Perſons to whom John Rowlandſon, ſen. Merchant, late of Lancaſter, deceaſed, ſtood indebted at the Time of his Death, are deſired to ſend an Account thereof to Jonathan Whalley, of Lancaſter, Merchant, one of his Executors, on or before the Firſt Day of March next, in order that the ſame may be diſcharged,