

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 Majesty, 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.

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 Treasurer 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.

Navy-Office, January 24, 1777.

WHEREAS there is strong Reason to suspect that the Rope-House in the Dock-Yard at Portsmouth was, on the 7th of December last, most wickedly and maliciously 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; thin 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 Majesty's Commissioner of Portsmouth Dock-Yard, or to the Commissioners of His Majesty'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 Majesty's Navy in London, he shall himself be entitled to the same Reward.

Victualling-Office, January 22, 1777.

THE Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 24th of February next they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Sea Provisions to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may come to Leith, Leith Road, and the Firth of Edinburgh, and be in Want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling-Office, London; or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Leith.

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 24th of February next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attends, to answer for him when called for.

Victualling-Office, January 29, 1777.

THE Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on the 12th of February next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Fresh Beef to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may come to Exeter, and be in Want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling-Office, London; or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Exeter.

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 12th of February next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attends, to answer for him when called for.

General Post-Office, December 21, 1776.

A Mail for New York will be made up and forwarded from hence the First Wednesday in every Month as formerly, to commence on Wednesday the 1st of January next.

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