

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.

Elton.

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 abovementioned, on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

And Mess. Meyler and Maxje 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 abovementioned, 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.

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 Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the abovementioned 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 Majesty 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 Majesty's Treasury, immediately after the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

SUFFOLK.

Admiralty-Office, January 25, 1777.

Whereas, about Five o'Clock in the Afternoon of Saturday the 7th of December last, a dreadful Fire broke out in the Rope-house of His Majesty's Yard at Portsmouth, which raged with such Violence, that

before the same could be extinguished the greatest Part of the said Rope-house was burnt down, and the Stores and Materials therein were totally consumed and destroyed: And whereas there is great Reason to suspect that the said Rope-house, Stores, and Materials, 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 above mentioned 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 farther Encouragement, 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, will be intitled to His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

Ph. Stephens.

St. James's, January 28, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on the 11th, 13th, and 14th Days of the present Month of January, the Barns and Out-houses of Mr. Hugh Penfold, Tenant to the Lord Viscount Hampden, at Whichham in the Parish of Steyning in the County of Sussex, were repeatedly set on Fire, and Part of them destroyed, by some malicious and evil-minded Persons at present unknown: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in the said Offences, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person or Persons who actually set Fire to the said Barns or Out-houses) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Offences, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SUFFOLK.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Lord Viscount Hampden doth hereby promise a Reward of THIRTY GUINEAS, and the said Mr. Hugh Penfold a Reward of TWENTY GUINEAS, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid (except as before excepted); the said Rewards to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

HAMPDEN.

Geo. Brooks,

for Hugh Penfold.

St. James's, February 1, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Sunday Morning last, the Lord Mayor of the City of York received a Letter, by the Post, from some evil-disposed Person unknown, marked with the York Post Mark, and appearing to have been put into the Post-Office there on Saturday, addressed, "Lord Mayor York" in the following Words, viz.

York Satterday Night 25 1777.

My Lord

You may take this for A Warning, that if you do Not fend the prefs Gang out of York before Next Teuesday you may Expect your own house set on fire and the Manchon house too — there is 273 Yong Men set there hands to A paper to put the A Bove into Execution

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His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in writing or sending the said Threatening Letter, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) 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 wrote or sent the said Letter, the Mayor and Commonality of the City of York