

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 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 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.

East-India House, Feb. 19, 1777.

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 East India Annuities will be shut on Friday the 7th of March next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Friday the 18th of April following.

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

St. James's, February 15, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Course of last Week two Threatening Letters were found in the Streets of the Town of Totnes in the County of Devon, of which the following are Copies, viz.

Mr. worshipfull

Sir

Am greatly surprid a Gentleman of of your greatness & authority do not Exert your Self Moore & particular About the pres Gang—I think Every Man that is prest oft to be brought before your worship before is sent of I am informd by several that the gang have Orders to pres the young Mr. Mann the next time he comes to Town—This is to Inform you that he is A young Man of my Acquaintance. And if he is prest and your worship suffers him to be carried of, you My depend on it there will somthing happen to you or your House within one Week after—that will be very difagreeable—Therefore beg you'l Exert your Self—from your well wishing Friend T P

February 2d 1777.

(Supercribed

To R. Cranch Esqr

Mayor of Totnes

Dartington 6th Feby 1777.

Mr. Mayor

Sir

I am very glad the Letter has reach your hands I hope you'l Particularly look him Over. And Execute his Contents If not by God it shall be Executed with vengeance — by your Afored Friend &c T P

(Supercribed)

Mr. Rich Cranch

Mayor

of Totnes.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in writing or dropping the said Letters, or either of them, 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, or either of them) 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 Mayor, Burgesses, and Principal Inhabitants of the Town of Totnes, do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) the said Reward to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

And, as a farther Encouragement, James Amyatt, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough of Totnes, doth hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) the said Reward to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Ja. Amyatt.

Preston, Lancashire, February 14, 1777.

A General Meeting of His Majesty's Lieutenancy for the County Palatine of Lancaster is hereby summoned to be held, at the House of Mr. William Shawe, jun. Attorney, in Preston in the County of Lancaster, on Wednesday the 5th of March next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon. By Order of the Lord Lieutenant and two Deputy-Lieutenants,

W. Shawe, jun. Clerk of the General Meetings.