

St. James's, February 27, 1781.

WHreas it has been humbly represented to the King, that in the Night between Thursday the 22d and Friday the 23d Instant, Joseph Pearce, Keeper of the Turnpike near Colnbrook in the County of Middlesex, was most inhumanly murdered by some Person or Persons unknown, who beat out his Brains with an Iron Poker, which was found stained with Blood, lying near him in the Toll-house, and who also took away all the Money they could find in the said House, to the Amount of Twelve Pounds and upwards:

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

S T O R M O N T.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Trustees for the said Division do hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as above-mentioned, (except as before excepted) to be paid by the Treasurer of the said Trust, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders.

General Post-Office, February 3, 1781.

THE Post-Boy bringing the Bristol Mail on Monday Morning the 29th Day of January last, from Maidenhead, was stop't between Two and Three of the Clock by a single Highwayman, with a Crape over his Face, between the Eleventh and Twelfth Mile-stone, near to Cranford-bridge, who presented a Pistol to him, and after making him alight, drove away the Horse and Cart, which were found about Seven o'Clock the same Morning the Robbery was committed, in a Meadow Field near Farmer Lut's at Twyford in Middlesex, when it appeared that the greatest Part of the Letters were taken out of the Bath and Bristol Bags, and the following Bags entirely taken away.

Pewsey	Wantage	Cheltenham
Calne	Cirencester	Fairford
Newbury	Stroud	Lechlade
Trowbridge	Wootton under	Lampeter
Melksham	Edge	Carmarthen
Bradford	Gloucester	Tenby
Wallingford	Tewkesbury	Haverford West
Maidenhead	Hereford	Pembroke
Henley	Leominster	Abergavenny
Reading	Northleach	

One George Weston is strongly suspected to be concerned in the above Robbery, he having, between Tuesday the 30th of January and Friday the 2d instant, negotiated several Bank Post Bills and Bank Notes, which had been in the Mail, in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, and Hertfordshire, in the Name of James Jackson, and in Character of a Naval Officer, wearing the exact Uniform of a Midshipman, viz. a Blue Coat turned up with White, White Waistcoat, Yellow Buttons with an Anchor upon them, and a plain cocked Hat with a Cockade in it.

He was pursued from Nottinghamshire to London, on the direct North Road through Stevenage, Ware and Endfield, and got out of a Post-Chaise and Four in Bishopsgate-street, about Half past Ten on Friday Night the 2d Instant, immediately took an Hackney Coach, and was set down in the first Court in Newgate-street

which leads to St. Paul's Church-yard, where he took a Pair of Pistols and Portmanteau under his Arm, and walked towards the Church-yard.

The said George Weston is described to be about Five Feet Six or Seven Inches high, about Twenty-four or Twenty-five Years of Age, his Hair of a lightish Brown Colour, cut short before, and tied behind, fresh coloured, pitted with the Small Pox, thin made, speaks quick, and when he arrived in London had Boots on, and a light coloured Great Coat. He lodged at the Coventry Cross, in Pottery-fields, Tooley-street, about Four Months ago, has a Brother named Joseph Weston, and both are reputed to be Highwaymen.

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending Highwaymen; or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the same Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,
Anth. Todd, Sec.

Bank of England, March 10, 1781.

THE Court of Directors of the Bank of England give Notice, that a General Court, to consider of a Dividend, will be held at the Bank, on Thursday the 15th Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon.

And also that another General Court will be held at the Bank, on Tuesday the 10th of April next, from Nine in the Forenoon to Four in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor and Deputy-Governor for the Year ensuing; which Election will be declared that Evening. And the said Court will be continued by Adjournment, and held at the same Place and during the same Hours, on Wednesday the 11th of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors, (which will be also one of the Quarterly General Courts, appointed by the Charter) and the Election of the Twenty-four Directors will be declared as soon as the Scrutiny is over.

Printed Lists of the Proprietors, bearing Votes, will be ready to be delivered at the Bank, on Friday the 6th of April next.

N. B. By an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, no Person will be intitled to vote at the said Election, who shall not have been Six Calendar Months possessed in his own Right of the Stock for which he shall then give his Vote, unless the said Stock shall have been acquired or shall have come by Bequest, or by Marriage, or by Succession to an Intestate's Estate, or by the Custom of the City of London, or by any Deed of Settlement after the Death of any Person who shall have been intitled for Life to the Dividends of such Stock.

Robert Lewin, Secretary.

Union Fire-Office, March 7, 1781.

THE Directors of this Society, for Insuring Goods and Merchandize from Loss by Fire, give Notice, that the Half-yearly General Meeting of the Members of the said Society will be held at their Office in Maiden-lane, near Cheapside, on Wednesday the 21st Instant, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, to report the State of the Office; where the Proprietors are desired to attend.