

some evil disposed Person or Persons have been the Occasion thereof:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice, the Persons concerned in wilfully setting on Fire any House, Building or Rick, or any Thing communicating to the same, within the Parish of Hitchin aforesaid, is hereby pleased to promise His Most Gracious Pardon to any One of them who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a farther Encouragement, the Church Wardens and Overseers of the Parish of Hitchin aforesaid, do hereby offer a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person or Persons who will give Information of any Offender or Offenders who have been, or who shall hereafter be guilty of or concerned in wilfully setting on Fire any House, Building or Rick, or any Thing communicating to the same, within the said Parish of Hitchin, to be paid by them upon the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders. And any Offender who will voluntarily discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in such Offence or Offences, shall receive from them the same Reward upon Conviction of such Accomplice or Accomplices.

Custom-House, London, October 24, 1783.

WHEREAS on Friday the 10th Instant, Richard Morze and William Ward, Officers of His Majesty's Customs, in the Port of Portsmouth, in attempting to board a Vessel called the Eagle, Cornelius Rose, Master, from Alderney, then being in Langstone Harbour, within the Limits of the said Port, were violently and forcibly obstructed by the said Rose, who at first refused them Admittance, and being armed with an Hatchet, threatened Death to any Man that should attempt to board his Vessel; but to which he at length consented; when the said Officers having got on Board were knocked down by the said Rose, and, on their making some Resistance, Morze had one of his Fingers cut from his Right Hand, and both him and Ward were much bruised and beat: That being thus violently assaulted, and apprehending their Lives in Danger, they were obliged to quit the said Vessel in order to get further Assistance, which having procured, they again attempted to go on Board, in which, after some Obstruction, they succeeded, and seized and carried the said Vessel into Portsmouth Harbour; but the said Cornelius Rose made his Escape by jumping overboard, and swimming to a Wherry, into which he was taken up, and carried off to Sea.

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in order to bring the aforesaid Rose to Justice, do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend or cause to be apprehended the said Rose, so that he may be taken before a Magistrate and committed for the said Offence; to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

By Order of the Commissioners,
Wm. Stiles, Secretary.

Office of American Claims, Lincoln's-inn fields,
November 19, 1783.

THE Commissioners for enquiring into the Losses and Services of the American Loyalists, think it proper to give this Notice for the Information of all whom it may concern, that they are prohibited by the Act of Parliament from receiving any Claims after the 25th Day of March next. Such Persons therefore as intend to apply for Relief under the Act, are desired to deliver their Memorials at this Office on or before that Day.

By Order of the Commissioners,
John Forster, Secretary.

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,

September 15, 1783.

THE Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital do hereby give Notice, that at Salter's Hall, in London, on Wednesday the 17th Day of March next, or as soon after as may be, the following Estates in the County of Northumberland will be let on Leases for 21 Years, or under, to commence upon the 12th Day of May following, viz. Greymare Colliery, and Ground therewith occupied; High Green Colliery; Greenhaugh Colliery, Whinnetley Tythes, and Hartburngrange North, South and Moor Farms.

All Persons desirous to take the said Estates, are requested to give in their Proposals in Writing to Mr. Ibbetson, at the Admiralty Office, London, at any Time before the Day abovementioned, or, on that Day, between the Hours of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, and One o'Clock in the Afternoon, at Salter's Hall, in London; and for Particulars of all or any of the said Estates, to be let as aforesaid, to apply to Mess. Walton and Turner, Receivers for the said Hospital; or to the Bailiffs in their respective Districts.

Note. All Wood Grounds, as now inclosed or marked off for the growing of Wood or Underwood, will be excepted and reserved to the said Hospital, and no Allowance made on Account thereof.

General Post-Office, November 18, 1783.

A SUFFICIENT Number of Packet Boats of about 200 Tons and 30 Hands are established between Falmouth and New-York to support a monthly Correspondence, and the Mails will continue to be dispatched as at present from London and from New-York upon the First Wednesday in every Month.

All Persons are however to take Notice, that instead of its being any longer left to the Option of the Writer to pay or not the Postage beforehand, there is now a Necessity for the Postage on all Letters from any Part of Great-Britain or Ireland for North America to be paid up to London, without which they must be opened and returned to the Writers, but the Packet Postage of one Shilling for a single Letter and so, in Proportion between London and New-York, may or not be paid at each Place before-hand.

And all Persons upon the Continent of Europe and of North America corresponding with each other by these Packet Boats are to take particular Notice, that they are to put their Letters under Cover to their Friends in London.

Likewise, all Persons in Great-Britain or Ireland desirous of finding any Letters for the United States of America by the French Packet Boats, are to cause them to be put under Cover to some Correspondent at Paris.

By Command of the Postmaster General,
Anthony Todd, Sec.

East India House, November 21, 1783.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the said Company will be held, by Adjournment, at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Friday next the 28th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to take into further Consideration the following Orders of the Honourable House of Commons of the 18th Instant, viz.

“ That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for
“ vesting the Affairs of the East India Com-
“ pany in the Hands of certain Commissioners
“ for the Benefit of the Proprietors and the
“ Public.”

“ That Leave be given to bring a Bill for the
“ better Government of the Territorial Pos-
“ sessions and Dependencies in India.”

And on other special Affairs.