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Whitehall, December 15.

**T**HIS King has been pleased to grant to Thomas Dilke, of Maxstock, in the County of Warwick, Esq; and his Issue (pursuant to the Will of his Aunt Catharine Fetherston Leigh, late of Packwood in the same County, Spinster, deceased) His Royal Licence and Authority to take upon himself and themselves the Surname of Fetherston only; and also to order, that this His Majesty's Concession and Declaration be registered in His College of Arms.

Whitehall, December 12, 1783.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Night between the 28th and 29th Days of November last, about Two o'Clock, the Dwelling House of Thomas Dale, of King's Woir in the Parish of Nazing in the County of Essex, Collector of the River Lee Tolls there, was broken open, and an Iron Chest, (wherein he usually kept the Tolls received) containing Eighty-four Pounds and upwards, and which was fastened to the Floor of a Chamber in the said House, was by Force taken from the said Floor, and carried away by some Persons unknown:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Burglary and Robbery above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His Most Gracious Pardon to any One of them, who shall discover his or her Accomplices or Accessories therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

NORTH.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Trustees for the River Lee Navigation do hereby offer a Reward of Thirty Pounds, in Addition to the Sum of Twenty Pounds already offered by them, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by me upon the Conviction of One or more of the Offenders.

Ben Rooke, Clerk to the Trustees.

Whitehall, December 9, 1783.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Friday last the 5th Instant, about Five o'Clock in the Morning, Mr. William Marsh, jun. of Hendon, Farmer, was, on his Way to Smithfield Market, in his Lamb Cart, attacked at the Tide Gate opposite the Insulating Hospital at Pancras, and attempted to be robbed by four Footpads armed with Cutlasses and Pistols, one of whom seized his Horse by the Reins and ordered Mr. Marsh to stop, but, upon his refusing, and discharging a Gun at the Villain, he relinquished his Hold: That then, with dreadful Imprecations, and threatening to murder Mr. Marsh, they renewed their Attempt, cutting and mangling the Cart and Harness with their Cutlasses, and discharging their Pistols, when Mr. Marsh presented his Blunderbuss, which one of them seized by the Barrel, and struggled, but in vain, to wrench it from him; but that upon Mr. Marsh's discharging it, and hearing

four Carriages approaching, they all desisted, and fled across the Fields: And that from a Quantity of Blood appearing on the Collar and other Parts of the Harness, and a Horseman, who passed by the Spot in a few Minutes after, declaring he saw a Man crawling across the Road, it is not to be doubted but that one at least of these Villains was wounded:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the daring and atrocious Attempt above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His Most Gracious Pardon to any One of them, who shall discover his Accomplices therein, so that they, or any Two of them, shall be apprehended and convicted thereof.

NORTH.

And, as a farther Encouragement, a Reward of TWENTY POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by Mr. John Bond, of Hendon, upon the Conviction of any two or more of the Offenders.

J. Bond.

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 before-hand, 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 sending 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 26, 1783.

**T**HE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall-street, on Wednesday the 17th of December next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of declaring a Dividend from Midsummer last to Christmas next.