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Whitehall, May 20.

**T**HE King has been pleased to present the Reverend Hugh Stalker to the Church and Parish of King's Barns, in the Presbitery of St. Andrew's and Shire of Fife, void by the Death of the Reverend William Vilant.

Whitehall, May 18, 1786.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Evening of Monday the 24th Day of April last past, between Eight and Nine o'Clock, as James Hossack the Elder, James Hossack the Younger, James Lindsay, and James Mac William, all Officers of His Majesty's Revenue of Excise, were returning Home, after having that Day, in the Course of their Duty, and in Company with the Officiating Supervisor and Two other Officers of Excise, seized Seven private and unlicensed Stills, with a Parcel of Aquavite, and discovered upwards of Eighty Bushels of Malt privately making and concealed, they the said Hossacks, Lindsay and Mac William were fired upon from a Wood on the Side of the Road betwixt Chapplestown of Killychaffy and Pitcastle, in the Parish of Logierait and County of Perth in Scotland, by some Person or Persons unknown; and the said Lindsay, Hossack the Younger, and Mac William, Officers, were all, at the same Instant, wounded, and fell, the said James Hossack the Younger having upwards of Forty Small Shot lodged in his Head and Body, one of which went through his Cheek, and tore out one of his Teeth; the said James Lindsay being much wounded in the Shoulder, and having had a Shot quite through his Nose; and the said James Mac William having had a Number of Shot lodged in his Thigh and Body, one of them very dangerous, being a little above the Groin: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in this daring Attempt and Outrage, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders (except the Person who actually fired upon the Officers) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices, so that one or more of them may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SYDNEY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of Excise in Scotland do hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person who shall discover and apprehend any one or more of the said Offenders, (except as before excepted) to be paid by their Cashier upon Conviction.

By Order of the Commissioners,  
John Thomson, } Joint Secretaries.  
Adam Pearson, }

Whitehall, April 29, 1786.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Morning of the 4th of April, 1786, the Hawke and Lark Revenue Luggers, stationed at the Port of Falmouth, fell in with (in Mount's Bay

on the Coast of Cornwall) the Happy go Lucky, a Smuggling Shallop, belonging to Cawsand, commanded by one Thomas Wellard, when the said Shallop, being hailed by the Custom-house Luggers to bring-to, (they having the Office Colours flying) the Crew of the said Shallop feloniously fired into the Hawke, whereupon an Engagement ensued, which lasted a considerable Time; but the Smugglers, finding themselves overpowered by the Revenue Vessels, and their Commander killed, and several others killed and wounded, thought fit to surrender, and being taken Possession of, were afterwards committed to Pendennis Castle, from whence, after having knocked down the Serjeant, and some of the Centinels, they made their Escape between Seven and Eight o'Clock in the Evening of the 9th Instant:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in this atrocious Outrage and Felony, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so that any Two or more of them may be apprehended and convicted.

SYDNEY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person who will discover any one or more of the said Offenders, (whose Names and Descriptions are under-mentioned) to be paid by the Receiver-General of the Customs on Conviction, Dated at the Custom-house, London, the 28th of April, 1786.

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

## DESCRIPTIONS.

- John Kelly, alias Martin, alias Little Jack, a thick-set Man, wears his own short dark Hair, about Five Feet Two Inches high, Twenty-six Years of Age, and lives at Cawsand.
- John Moore, a thick-set Man, short dark Hair, brown Complexion, about Five Feet Six Inches high, Twenty-one Years of Age, and usually resides at Cawsand.
- Francis Webb, alias Scotch Frank, a very stout Man, light Hair tied, has very thick Lips and a Cut in the upper one, has a Scar on the Back of his Right Hand, is about Five Feet Ten Inches high, and Twenty-six Years of Age.
- William Stone, alias Quin, a very stout Man, black Complexion, fat Face, with a large flat Nose like a Mulatto, lives in Guernsey, an Irishman, black Hair tied, about Five Feet Ten Inches high, Thirty-three Years of Age.
- James Hoy, an Irishman, short dark Hair, lives in Guernsey, when he speaks shows his Teeth very much, about Five Feet Six Inches high, Twenty-four Years of Age.
- Benjamin Avery, a thick-set Man, short brown Hair, belongs to Cawsand, about Five Feet Five Inches high, Twenty-five Years of Age.