

Whitehall, August 12, 1797.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that two anonymous threatening Letters were received on the Nights of the 28th and 29th Ultimo by Mr. William Brown, of Long Benton, in the County of Northumberland, having been left before the Door of the House of Mrs. Bell in Front-Street, Tynemouth, in the said County, where Mr. Brown and his Family then were on a Visit, of which Letters the following are Copies.

“ Saturday Afternoon.”

“ Mr Brown Sir)

“ Necessity forces me to write this Letter. I was
“ a Servent of yours once but was turned away
“ for no reason, me famaly are now starving the
“ Butchers will let them have no more meet, the
“ Bakers will let them have no more bread what
“ must we do, I'm resolved now to go to Immirica
“ in the first Ship I can get. and all that I want is
“ twenty Pounds to take me family and I their,
“ and i demand that of you as you are the meens of
“ bringing my family to this state, if you do not
“ consent to it, I'm resolved to attack you upon
“ the highway I'm resolved to watch you and do
“ what I'm shour what i could never thought to
“ have done, but hunger forces me to it. if you
“ will send any of your Servents in the Barrick lane
“ about ten o'Clock this Night and let them put
“ this some under any Stone behind this North east
“ corner of the Barricks the North side of the corner
“ this shall be the last you shall hear from me, is I
“ set of from this part of the Country as soon is I
“ have this some, if you do not consent to this may
“ I never enter the Kingdom of Heaven if I do not
“ watch you till I have an Opportunity of Shooting
“ you, I have now a brace of Pistols which I'm
“ resolv'd to carry untill it be settled, I've comed
“ this day on purpos to watch you but if you
“ consent to give me this you shall have all my
“ blessings, if you send only one Servent must fetch
“ it if I catch any body else belonging to your
“ family I will fire upon them Immediately, is I
“ will have a watch set and will keep a proper
“ look out, Gim will be the most proper to fetch
“ it”

“ Mr Wm Brown

“ at Mrs Bells

“ front Street Tynemouth”

“ to be given with haste”

“ a Back of Tynemouth Castle Soday Afternoon

“ Mr Brown”

no notice

“ I find you take of my request I will tell
“ you what Sir, that if you dwo not this night send
“ that some or thereabouts, this night, I will be
“ revengd upon you or some of your Family, Mr.
“ Dixon when he is at the Office at Newcastle I see
“ him most every day and nights tow, but at any
“ rate if you keep your selves guarded, I have it
“ in my Power to go to Benton and if your Hay is
“ taken in, to set the Stacks on Fire, I'm first to
“ this by a family that has not a bik to put in there
“ Mouths, power creators there was bad a nos
“ yesterday, but I'm afraid there much worse the
“ with hunger

“ day what A and me not going home, but I must
“ have Money some ways, and you are the Person
“ I should look upon I had a birth at your colley

“ and was turned of for no reason, I hope you did
“ not set Gim on purpos thinking I would speak to
“ him, no that will never do, if Gim had seen me as
“ well is I seed him I would blowd his brañes out
“ inmediately but power fellow I knew he could
“ not : I touched him in the lane, this night I hope
“ for your own good and myne two you will send it
“ this night, if not depend upon it my revenge shall
“ take place some time if I have it not in power this
“ time, the matter is I must have it, by some meens
“ or other, if you do it will be doing a charity and
“ saveing me from doing what I once supposd, I
“ never could we thought of, but hunger will drive a
“ Person to any thing: if you will send Gim with it
“ this night at the same hour the bit flat stone is
“ wateing for him just as he turns the north east cor-
“ may

“ ner where he A put it under if not I immediately
“ go to Benton and there six times the damage will
“ be Done.”

“ Mr. Brown lodging

“ with Mrs. Bell

“ front Street

“ Tynemouth.”

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing or sending the Letters above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to offer His most gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person or Persons who actually wrote the said Letters) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a farther Encouragement, a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS is hereby promised to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid (except as is before excepted) to be paid by the said William Brown, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

SUGARS and GINGER,

FOR Sale, by Order of the Honorable the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in the Long-Room at the Custom-House, London, on Thursday the 31st Instant, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, in Lots of 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 Casks each.

H. T. B.

115	—	Barbadoes.
73	7	Antigua.
78	16	St. Kitt's.
4	11	Montserrat.
—	—	30 Barbadoes Ginger.

The Samples to be viewed at Wycherley's Yard, opposite Bear Quay, on Wednesday the 30th and Thursday the 31st of August.

Herefordshire Militia.

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Lieutenancy of the County of Hereford is appointed to be holden at the New Inn in the City of Hereford, on Monday the 11th of September next, at Ten in the Forenoon, for the Purpose of carrying into Execution an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, “ An Act for amending and reducing into One Act of Parliament, the Laws relating to the Militia in that Part of Great Britain called England.”

Thomas Nicholls, Clerk of the General Meetings.
Leominster, August 22, 1797.