

And they are likewise to prepare and lay before His Majesty, at this Board, a Draught of such Instructions as may be proper to be sent to the Courts of Admiralty in His Majesty's Foreign Governments and Plantations, for their Guidance herein; as also another Draught of Instructions for such Ships as shall be commissioned for the Purposes aforementioned.

Frederick.
Loughborough, C.
Westmoreland, C. P. S.
Portland.
Charles Henry Somerset.
Cathcart.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, October 10, 1798.

NOTICE is hereby given, that there will be a Levee at St. James's on Wednesday the 24th, and a Drawing Room on Thursday the 25th Instant.

Commission in the Aylesbury Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated October 2, 1798. Scrope Bernard, Esq; to be Captain.

Commission in the Somerset-Place Volunteer Association, signed by His Majesty. Dated October 5, 1798. William Harrison, Esq; to be Captain of the Second Company.

Whitchall, October 3, 1798.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the 14th Day of July last, a Letter containing Twenty-two Bills, to the Amount of 2340l. 14s. 7d. was put into the Post-Office at Manchester, by Mr. Josiah Richardson Saunders, of that Town, addressed to Messrs. Jones, Loyd, Hulme, and Co. Bankers, London; and no Account having been obtained of the said Letter or Bills:

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in secreting or destroying the same, is hereby pleased to offer His most gracious Pardon to any One of them (except the Person who actually so secreted or destroyed the said Letter and Bills) 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 further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid on the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders, by

Josiah Richardson Saunders, of Manchester.

PERSONAL LEGACY DUTY.

Stamp-Office, Sept. 7, 1798.

WHEREAS by an Act passed on the 26th Day of April, in the Thirty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, it is Enacted, "That upon every Legacy, Specific or Pecuniary, of the Value of 20l. or more, given by any Will or Testamentary Instrument of any Person who shall die after the passing of the said Act, out of the Personal

Estate of the Person so dying, and also upon the clear Residue of the Personal Estate of every Person who shall so die, whether Testate or Intestate, and leave Personal Estate of the clear Value of 100l. after deducting Debts, Funeral Expences, and other Charges; there shall be raised, levied, and collected, for the Use of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the several Duties, after the Rates, and in Manner therein particularly mentioned:"

AND WHEREAS HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS FOR MANAGING THE STAMP DUTIES have Reason to believe that the Duties which have become payable under the said Act upon Legacies bequeathed, as well as upon the Residue of the Personal Estate and Effects of many Persons who have died since the said 26th Day of April, the Day of passing the said Act, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges given for such Legacies and Personal Estate, according to the said Act; and the said Commissioners have also Reason to believe that the Duties imposed by several other Acts on Legacies, and the Residue of Personal Estate, not subject to the Duties imposed by the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign, have not been duly answered and paid, and proper Receipts or Discharges given for such Legacies and Personal Estate, according to the said former Acts, and also according to the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign:

THE COMMISSIONERS THEREFORE DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, That Proceedings will be had against all Persons who shall appear to have offended against the said Acts, to recover the Amount of the Duties payable under the said Acts respectively, together with the Penalties incurred by such Persons as shall appear not to have complied with the Terms of the said Acts. AND THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO GIVE NOTICE, That by the said Act of the 36th Year of His Majesty's Reign, all Persons paying and receiving Legacies or Personal Estate, subject to the said Duties, without receiving and allowing thereout respectively the Duties payable thereon, are chargeable with the said Duties as Debts due to His Majesty, and both Parties are respectively liable to Penalties, in case of Payment of such Legacies, without such Receipt or Discharge as required by the Act.

THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO GIVE NOTICE, That by an Act passed in the 37th Year of His Majesty's Reign, It is Enacted, "That every Person who shall Administer the Personal Estate of any Person dying after the passing of the said Act, or any Part thereof, without proving the Will of the Deceased, or taking out Letters of Administration of such Personal Estate within Six Calendar Months after the Death of the Person so dying, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of FIFTY POUNDS, to be recovered as therein is mentioned, One Moiety thereof to His Majesty, and the other to the Person who shall sue for the same."

By Order of the Commissioners,
J. Brettell, Secretary.

Navy-Office, October 13, 1798.

THE Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for the Payment of Half-Pay to Sea Officers from the 1st January to the 30th June, 1798, according to His

