

stant death if they made any noise, and the said house was deliberately robbed of cash, a watch (maker's name George Clark, London, No. 80(4), new linen, cloth, and wearing apparel, to a considerable amount :

On Tuesday night the 14th of June last, several persons were assaulted, robbed, and wounded on the high road between Greenock and Largs :

In particular, Mr. John M'ulloch, fisher, in Greenock, returning from Largs Fair, was attacked, dragged from his horse, robbed and beat in the most barbarous manner. The robbers took from him about 30l consisting of several 5l Bank notes a number of Greenock Bank guinea notes, and one Whitehaven bank note, also a red leather pocket book, containing several bills, and a pair of silver mounted spectacles in a red leather case :

James Crawford, servant to Mrs. Stuart, inn-keeper at Inverness, and a servant of Sir Michael Shaw Stewart's, at Ardgowan, were also attacked, knocked down and beaten, and the former, besides being most severely hurt, was robbed of eleven guinea notes, and fifteen shillings in silver :

These outrages were committed on different parts of the public road near Skelmorlie, in the shire of Ayr, by a gang of seven or eight persons who spoke the Irish dialect ;

His Royal Highness, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the said atrocious acts, is hereby pleased, to promise His Majesty's most gracious pardon to any one of the offenders (except the principal actors or ringleaders), who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And, as a further encouragement, a reward of **FIFTY POUNDS** is hereby offered to any person (except as before excepted) who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices concerned in beating and robbing the said Archibald Browning, or to any person or persons who shall apprehend and convict the said offenders, or any of them, or cause them or any of them to be so apprehended and convicted thereof ; and a reward of **TWENTY POUNDS** is hereby offered to any person (except as before excepted) who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices concerned in robbing the toll-house at Waterland, or to any person or persons who shall apprehend and convict the said offenders, or any of them, or cause them or any of them to be so apprehended and convicted thereof.

The first mentioned reward of fifty pounds, to be paid by John Wylie, Procurator Fiscal of the county of Ayr, and the latter reward of twenty pounds, to be paid on application to the Sheriff Substitute of Ayr.

**REGULATIONS IN RESPECT TO THE HALF-PAY AND APPOINTMENT OF MASTERS OF THE ROYAL NAVY.**

*Admiralty-Office, July 26; 1814.*

**H**IS Royal Highness the Prince Regent having been graciously pleased to approve of certain regulations, proposed by the Lords Commissioners

of the Admiralty, for the encouragement and reward of Masters of the Royal Navy, and for regulating the appointment of this highly meritorious and useful class of Officers, notice is hereby given, that the following regulations have been established, by Order in Council, dated the 23d instant :—

I.—‘ That Masters, on their first appointments, shall be allowed their travelling expences, at the same rate, and in the same manner, as the Lieutenants of His Majesty's Fleet.

II.—‘ That, in lieu of the half-pay established for Masters in the Royal Navy, by the 7th article of the Order in Council of 15th August 1805, and the regulations appertaining thereto, the following rate of half-pay shall be established and allowed, from the 1st July instant, viz. :—

- ‘ To the first 100 Masters, being qualified for 1st and 2d rates, 7s. per diem.
- ‘ To the next 200 being qualified for 3d and 4th rates, 6s. per diem.
- ‘ The remainder, 5s. per diem.

‘ The said rates of half-pay for Masters to be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as the half-pay of the Commissioned Officers of the Fleet, and also to the following regulations, viz. :—

‘ That such Master as shall have served five years in His Majesty's Navy, two of which as Acting Master, Second Master, Master's-Mate, or Midshipman, previously to receiving an appointment as Master, shall be entitled to half-pay immediately on his being put out of commission.

‘ That such Master as shall have served as aforesaid, in His Majesty's Navy, but not for the full space of five years, shall be entitled to half-pay only when the time of his service as Master, added to that before passed in the King's Service, shall complete the said period of five years.

‘ And that such as shall have been appointed Master without having previously served in the Royal Navy, shall be entitled to half-pay, after having served as Master five years. But that no Master shall be permitted in time of war, on any account whatever, to receive half-pay during such time as he shall be employed in the merchant service, or in any other occupation, unless sufficient proof be adduced to the Commissioners of the Navy, that such person is, from infirmity of body, absolutely incapable of performing the duty of a Master in His Majesty's Navy.

III.—‘ And His Royal Highness has been further graciously pleased to direct, that Masters of the Royal Navy, instead of being required, as at present, to pass an examination before the Master and Wardens of the Corporation of Trinity House, for each rate of ships separately, shall be required only to pass an examination touching their qualifications to serve as Masters of the following rates jointly :

- First and second rates jointly.
- Third and fourth rates jointly.
- Fifth and sixth rates jointly.
- Sloops and smaller vessels jointly.

IV.—‘ And in order to prevent any unnecessary or improvident increase of the number of Masters,