

Yorkshire,

The Honourable Edward Robert  
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Whitehall, November 7, 1829.

**W**HEREAS it hath been humbly represented unto the King, that, on the morning of Saturday the 31st ultimo, the barn and other out-buildings of Mr. Howe, of Minster, in the isle of Sheppy, in the county of Kent, farmer, were discovered to be on fire, and that the whole of the said buildings, together with a stack of hay, some live stock, and sundry agricultural implements, were destroyed; and that, at the same time, a stack of straw, the property of Mr. Jeremiah Bigg, also of Minster, farmer, whose farm-yard is contiguous to Mr. Howe's, was discovered to be on fire: and whereas it hath been also humbly represented unto the King, that, in the evening of Sunday the 1st instant, two fires broke out simultaneously in the barn of the said Jeremiah Bigg, and in the barn of his father, Mr. Richard Bigg (whose farm-yards adjoin each other), and destroyed, on the premises of the said Jeremiah Bigg, one stack of wheat, one stack of beans, one stack of wheat and tares mixed, one stack of peas, one barn and corn therein, a lodge, and sundry agricultural implements; and on the premises of the said Richard Bigg, four stacks of wheat, two stacks of beans, one barn and corn therein, a lodge, a stable, and sundry agricultural implements; and that the said several fires are believed to have been wilfully and maliciously occasioned by some evil-disposed person or persons unknown;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the felonies before mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious pardon to any one of them (except the person or persons who actually set fire to the said premises and property) who shall discover his accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

ROBERT PEEL.

And, as a further encouragement, a reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any person (except as aforesaid) who shall discover the said offender or offenders, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted of the said offence.—Such reward to be paid on application to Mr. Edmeades, solicitor, Mile-town, Sheerness.

Admiralty-Office, November 7, 1829.

**T**HE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have given directions for the admission of twenty-four Commissioned Naval Officers (of whatever rank), who may wish to attend the Professor at the School of Naval Architecture, at Portsmouth, to improve their knowledge in scientific subjects connected with the Naval Service, under the following regulations, viz.

The Officers (after receiving a warrant from their Lordships) will be admitted to the room for study at half past eight o'clock every morning (except Saturdays and Sundays); and they will be required to be there by three in the afternoon at latest, and to quit the Dock-yard at five in the evening.

During their attendance at the College, the Officers will be expected not to absent themselves (without special leave of absence from their Lordships) more than one lecture day in a fortnight, except in case of sickness; and the Lieutenant-Governor of the College will make a monthly report to the Admiralty, of the days and hours of the Officers' attendance, &c. with any remarks that he or the Professor may think right to add.

They will be allowed to remain at the College one year, if they so wish, when they will be discharged to make room for others; or they may be discharged, if they desire it, at any earlier period; but after having been discharged, they will not be eligible for future admission.

In order that the course of lectures may not be interrupted, Officers will not be admitted at broken periods, but only at the commencement of each half year, immediately after the Christmas and Midsummer vacations.

The Professor and First Mathematical Master of the Royal Naval College will attend from two o'clock in the afternoon to half past four, during one hour of which time the Professor will give lectures on such subjects as he may select as likely to prove most useful to the Officers in attendance.

The Officers are to provide, at their own expence, such books, instruments, &c. as may be required for their own personal use; and they will also form a mess at Portsmouth, or otherwise arrange for their board and lodging in the town as they may deem proper, it not being intended that the public shall incur any expence for them under either of these heads.

Officers desirous of being admitted after the next vacation, are to make application to the Secretary of the Admiralty, before the expiration of the vacation.

J. W. Croker.

#### POST HORSE DUTIES.

Stamp-Office, London, October 30, 1829.

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that, by virtue of an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to repeal the duties upon horses let to hire for the purpose of travelling in Great Britain, and to grant other duties in lieu thereof, and to provide for letting the same to farm," the Commissioners of Stamps will put up the Duties therein mentioned, at the Crown and Anchor Tavern, in the Strand, on Friday the 11th day of December next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, subject to such conditions as will then be produced, to be let to farm at yearly rents, for the term of three years, from the 1st day of February next inclusive, in the several divisions or districts following, that is to say:

No. DISTRICT.

1. North Britain.