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A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

Appointing the Distribution of Prizes taken, and the Bounty for taking Ships of War of the Enemy.

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W H E R E A S by an Act of Parliament made in the last Session of Parliament, entitled, An Act for the more effectual securing and encouraging the Trade of his Majesty's British Subjects to America, and for the Encouragement of Seamen to enter into his Majesty's Service, it is amongst other Things enacted, That the Flag-Officers, Commanders, and other Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers on board every Ship and Vessel of War in his Majesty's Pay, shall have the sole Interest and Property of and in all and every Ship, Vessel, Goods and Merchandize, which they shall take after the Fourth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and thirty nine, in Europe, and after the Twenty fourth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and forty, in any other Part of the World (being first adjudged lawful Prize in any of his Majesty's Courts of Admiralty in Great Britain, or in his Plantations in America or elsewhere) to be divided in such Proportions and after such Manner, as his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors shall think fit to order and direct by Proclamation to be issued for that Purpose. And as a farther Encouragement to the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others on board his Majesty's Ships of War, as also of Privateers, to attack, take and destroy any Ships of Force belonging to the Enemy, It is thereby also enacted, that there shall be paid by the Treasurer of his Majesty's Navy, upon Bills to be made forth by the Commissioners of the Navy, to be paid according to the Course thereof, without Fee or Reward, unto the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers, and others, that shall have been actually on board such of his Majesty's Ship or Ships of War, or Privateer or Privateers, in any Action where any Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers shall have been taken from the Enemy, sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, Five Pounds for every Man, which was living on board any Ship or Ships so taken, sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, at the Beginning of the Engagement between

them, the Numbers of such Men to be proved by the Oaths of three or more of the chief Officers or Men, which were belonging to the said Ship or Ships of War, or Privateers of the Enemy, at the Time of her or their being taken as Prize, sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, before the Mayor or other chief Magistrate of the Port whereunto any Prize or Officers, or Men of such Ships as were sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, shall be brought. Which Oaths the said Mayor, or other chief Magistrate of any such Port, is hereby empowered and required to administer, and shall forthwith grant a Certificate thereof, without Fee or Reward, directed to the Commissioners of the Navy; upon producing which Certificate to the Commissioners of the Navy, together with an authentick Copy of the Condemnation of such Ship so taken; or if such Ship be sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, on producing only a Certificate from the Mayor or other chief Magistrate as aforesaid, the said Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for that Purpose, shall, according to the Course of the Navy, within Fifteen Days, make out Bills for the Amount of such Bounty, directed to the Treasurer of the Navy, payable to and to be divided amongst the Officers, Seamen, Marines, and Soldiers on board his Majesty's Ships of War, in Manner, Form, and Proportion, as by his Majesty's Proclamation to be issued for that Purpose, shall be directed and appointed, and amongst the Owners, Officers, and Seamen of any private Vessel or Ship of War, in such Manner and Proportion as by any Agreement in Writing they shall have entered into for that Purpose shall be directed: We taking the Premises into Consideration, do, pursuant to the said Act of Parliament (with the Advice of his Majesty's Privy Council) by this Proclamation order, direct and appoint, that the neat Produce of all Prizes taken by his Majesty's Ships of War, and Bounty Money for Prisoners taken in such Prizes, be divided into eight equal Parts, whereof the Captain or Captains of any of his Majesty's Ships of War who shall be actually on board at the taking of any Prize, shall be allowed three Eight Parts. But in Case any Prize shall be taken by any Ship or Ships of War under the Command of a Flag or Flags, the Flag Officer or Officers being actually on board, or directing and assisting in the Capture, to have one Eight Part of the said three Eights. To the Captains of the Marines and Land Forces, Sea Lieutenants and Master on board any such Ships, shall be allowed one Eight Part to be equally divided amongst them. To the Lieutenants, and Quarter Masters of Marines, and Lieutenants, Ensigns and

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and Quarter Masters of Land Forces, Boat-swain, Gunner, Purser, Carpenter, Masters Mate, Chirurgeons, and Chaplain on board any such Ships, one Eight Part to be equally divided amongst them. To the Midshipmen, Carpenters Mates, Boatswains Mates, Gunners Mates, Master at Arms, Corporals, Yeoman of the Sheets, Coxswain, Quarter Master, Quarter Masters Mates, Chirurgeons Mates, Yeoman of the Powder Room, and Serjeants of Marines or Land Forces on board any such Ships, one Eight Part to be equally divided amongst them. To the Trumpeters, Quarter Gunners, Carpenters Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, Ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, two Eight Parts, to be equally divided amongst them. And in Case any Sea Captain, Inferior Commission, or Warrant Sea Officers, belonging to any Ship of War, for whom any Shares of Prizes are hereby allowed, be absent, and not on board at the Time of the Capture of any Prize, the Share of such Sea Captain, Inferior Commission, or Warrant Sea Officer, shall be cast into the Shares hereby allowed to the Trumpeter, Quarter Gunners, Carpenter's Crew, Steward, Cook, Armorer, Steward's Mate, Cook's Mate, Gunsmith, Cooper, Swabber, ordinary Trumpeter, Barber, able Seamen, ordinary Seamen, and Marine or other Soldiers, to be equally divided among them: Provided that if any Officer or Officers on board any of his Majesty's Ships of War at the Time of taking any such Prizes shall have more Commissions or Offices than one, he or they shall be entitled only to the Share or Shares of such Prizes which according to the abovementioned Distribution shall belong to his or their respective superior Commissions or Offices. And we do hereby strictly enjoin all and every Commander and Commanders of any Ships of War, taking any Prize, as soon as may be, to transmit or cause to be transmitted to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, a true List of the Names of all the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers and others who were actually on board his Majesty's Ships of War under his or their Command at the taking such Prize, which List shall contain the Quality of the Service of each Person on board, and be subscribed by the Captain or commanding Officer, and three or more of the chief Officers on board. And we do hereby require and direct the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, or any three or more of them, after Condemnation of such Prize, to examine, or cause to be examined, such List by the Muster Book of such Ships of War and Lists annexed thereto, to see that such List doth agree with the said Muster Book and annexed Lists, as to the Names, Qualities or Ratings of the Officers, Seamen, Marines, Soldiers and others belonging to such Ship of War; and upon Request, forthwith to grant a Certificate of the Truth of any List transmitted to them, to the Agents nominated and appointed by the Captors, pursuant to the said Act,

to take care or dispose of such Prize. And also upon Application to them, to give, or cause to be given, unto the Agents, who shall at any Time or Times be appointed as aforesaid by the Captors of any Prizes taken by any of the Ships of War of his Majesty, all such Lists from the Muster Book of any such Ships of War and annexed Lists, as the said Agents shall find requisite for their Direction in paying the Produce of such Prizes, or the Bounty, in Case any Bounty shall be due for taking the same; and to be otherwise aiding and assisting to the said Agents as shall be necessary.

Given at Whitehall the Nineteenth Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty; and in the Fourteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

GOD Save the KING.

Turin, June 11, N. S. The Prince di Campo Florido, lately Ambassador from the Crown of Spain to the Republick of Venice, arrived here two Days ago in his Way to Paris, where he is going to assume the same Character in the room of M. la Mina. He proposes continuing here a Day or two longer, and then to pursue his Journey with all Expedition. We are in daily Expectation of the Queen of Sardinia's lying-in.

Venice, June 18. The Prince Royal and Electoral of Saxony set out from hence on the 11th Instant for Vienna, on his Return to Dresden, expressing great Satisfaction with the extraordinary Honours shewn him by Order of the Government during his Stay here. The Evening before his Departure, his Royal Highness presented each of the four Nobles, whom the Senate appointed to accompany him while he was here, with his Picture set with Diamonds.

Copenhagen, June 21. Their Danish Majesties, who intended to have been here by the 28th, 'tis said are like to be detained some Days longer by a Visit from the reigning Prince of Oostfrise, who being come to Altena, has desired Leave to wait upon them at Gottorp. Their Majesties stay likewise for the Princess Dowager of Oostfrise, who is upon the Road, and designs to return hither with their Majesties, in order to settle in this Country.

Dresden, June 26, N. S. On the 24th Instant died, aged about 80, Baron Loewendahl, Prime Officer of this Court, as Great Marshal, and first of the Cabinet Council: But his Death will occasion no Alteration in the Ministry, as he will probably be succeeded by Count Bruhl; who before had the chief Direction of every Thing belonging to this State.

Hanover, June 28, N. S. Colonel Count Troupshes de Waldbourg, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Prussia, arrived here this Morning from Berlin, and is to have his Audience of his Majesty To-morrow at Herrenhausen. M. Essenbourg came hither at the same Time, to compliment his Majesty on the Part of the King of Denmark upon his Arrival in his German Dominions.

General

General Post Office, March 14, 1739.

Whereas the Post-Boy, who was carrying the Worcester Mail from London to Southall, was set upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Audley-street End and Tyburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a luffy Man, in a white Cape Coat, who pretended a Pistol to the said Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field against Audley-street End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worcester and Oxford Bags; the Worcester Bag containing the Ludlow, Tenbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodstock Letters.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Persons who committed the said Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of 200 l. besides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen. Or if any Person, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the Persons, or either of them who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party or Parties, be intitled to the same Reward, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster General.

J. D. Barbutt, Secretary.

General Post-Office, April 2, 1740.

Whereas the Post Boy carrying the Bristol Mail from London to Hounslow, was attacked and set upon between Three and Four a Clock this Morning, a little beyond Knightsbridge, by a single Person on Foot, of a dark Complexion, and a middle Stature, having on a light-colour'd Horseman's Coat with the Cape button'd up, who led him into an adjacent Field, and there took from him the Bath and Bristol Bags, put them into a Green Bag, and rode off with them towards London on the Horse that carried the said Mail.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, besides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make a Discovery whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the same Reward, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster General.

J. D. Barbutt, Secretary.

General Post-Office, London, June 16, 1740.

Whereas the Post-Boy carrying the North Mail from Royston to Ware, was attacked in the Highway, between One and Two of the Clock last Friday Morning, the 13th Instant, on the North Side of Hamill's Park, belonging to Ralph Freeman, Esq; about three Miles beyond Ware, by a single Highwayman, who was a short thick Man in his own Hair, with a brown great Coat, riding a black Horse, with a Star in his Forehead, having two white Heels behind, who took from him the Peterborough Mail, which contained the following Bags, viz. Peterborough, Boston, Louth, Horncastle, and Spalding.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entituled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, besides the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make a Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entituled to the same Reward, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

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J. D. Barbutt, Secretary.

Advertisements.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Nicholas late Earl of Scarle, deceased, who have not already proved their Debts, are hereby required to come in and prove the same before Samuel Burroughs, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Chancery Lane, on or before Tuesday the 15th Day of July next peremptorily, otherwise they will be absolutely precluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Henry late Earl of Bradford, deceased, are to come before William Kinston, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, on or before the 6th Day of November next, and prove their respective Demands, or in Default thereof they will peremptorily be excluded all Benefit of the said Decree.

WHEREAS an Assignment of the Estate and Effects of Timothy Forbes and Osborne Straton, of London, Merchants and Partners, Bankrupts, hath been made by the Commissioners to Thomas Marlair, of Bedington, in the County of Surry, Callico Printer, and Samuel Henderson, of London, Merchant; This is to give Notice to all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupts, or either of them, or that have any Goods or Effects of theirs, or either of theirs in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same to the said Bankrupts, or either of them, or their or either of their Order, but are desired forthwith to give Notice thereof to the said Assignees, and pay or deliver the same to them, or they will be sued without further Notice by Mr. John Harwood, Attorney in Grocers Alley in the Poultry, London.

THE Assignees of the Estate and Effects of Benjamin Fielder, late of Fareham, in the County of Southampton, Merchant, against whom a Commission of Bankruptcy was lately awarded, do hereby give Notice to and desire the Creditors of the said Bankrupt, to meet at the Red Lyon Inn at Fareham aforesaid, on the 9th of July next, by Four in the Afternoon, to consider of and consult whether they should or should not commence a Suit or Suits in Equity against a certain Person or Persons in Matters of Account relating to the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt; and also touching several other Matters and Things relating to the said Bankrupt.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Hill, of Tower Hill, London, Grocer, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 5th and 9th of July next, and on the 5th of August following, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the 2d Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Ambrose Lorraine, of White Chappel, Sugar-Refiner.

Whereas

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Henry Atkinson, of Bradford, in the County of York, Felt-maker, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 30th Day of June Instant, at the House of John Atkinson, being the Sign of the Sun in Bradford aforesaid, and also on the 7th Day of July next following, at the House of John Atkinson aforesaid, and likewise at the House of John Atkinson aforesaid on the 5th of August following, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Thornton, Attorney at Law, in Bradford aforesaid.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Richard Brusby, of Stevenage, in the County of Hertford, Innholder, intend to meet on the 16th of July next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come pre-

pared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Samuel Lockwood, late of Ipswich, in the County of Suffolk, Joyner and Chapman, intend to meet on the 17th of July next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against Thomas Bentley, of Round Court in the Strand, in the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex, Mercer, have certified to the Rt. Hon. Philip Lord Hardwicke, Baron of Hardwicke, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said Thomas Bentley hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts: This is to give Notice, that by Virtue of an Act passed in the fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allow'd and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 14th of July next.

In last Saturday's Gazette, in the Advertisement of a Commission of Bankrupt against Anthony Slater otherwise Slater, for Anthony Slater otherwise Slater, read Anthony Slater otherwise Slatter.