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Admiralty-Office, November 23.

Captain Shirley, of his Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, being on a Cruize in the Soundings, on the 16th Instant, at Four o'Clock in the Morning, saw a Sail under his Lee Bow, to which he gave Chase, and about Nine came up with her, when she plyed the *Dover* with her Stern Chase, as the *Dover* did her with her Bow Chase: At Twelve o'Clock the *Dover* brought down her Main-top-mast, which carried with it her Fore-top-mast, upon which she struck. She is called the *Jean Frederic* of St. Malo, mounts twenty-two Guns, and carries two hundred Men. She is a new Ship, and this her first Cruize; had been out but five Days, and had taken nothing. She is brought into Falmouth.

Whitehall, November 23, 1747.

It having been represented to his Majesty, that on Tuesday the 17th of this Instant November, about Eight o'Clock in the Evening, Twelve Persons armed and disguised, broke into the Goal at Maidstone, in the County of Kent, and, after wounding the Keeper of the said Goal, and his Assistants, in a most barbarous Manner, went into the Room where Samuel Prior, Richard Blundell, Francis Marketman, and John Hales, four notorious Smuglers were locked up, and took them out of the said Prison, and carried them to a Place at a little Distance from thence, where a Gang was assembled, to the Number of Twenty at least, who, having Horses ready, conveyed them away.

And it having been further represented to his Majesty, that Benjamin Bransden, a Riding Officer of the Customs, in the Port of Yarmouth in the County of Norfolk, assisted by other Persons, having, on Sunday

the 8th of this Instant November, apprehended James Holt, a notorious Smugler; several Persons, armed with Fire-Arms, to the Number of Eighteen or Twenty, after firing many Times into the House, wherein they had secured him, broke open the Doors thereof, and rescued the said Prisoner; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Crimes above-mentioned, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders, who shall discover one or more of his Accomplices therein, (except William Denny Fox, of Benacre, concerned in rescuing the said James Holt) so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Custom-house, London, November 23, 1747.

And as a further Encouragement for bringing the Offenders to Justice, the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds for the Apprehending and Discovering of each of the Persons concerned in the said Crimes, to be paid to the Person or Persons making such Discovery, by the Receiver-General of the Customs, upon the Conviction of each Offender respectively; and in Case any of the Persons who were concerned in the Crimes above-mentioned (except William Denny Fox) will discover any one or more of his Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof, such Person or Persons shall receive the like Reward of One Hundred Pounds, upon the Conviction of each Offender.

By Order of the Commissioners,

William Wood, Secretary.

By the principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury having appointed Money for paying of Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 1st of January, 1746, to the 30th of June, 1747, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf;

These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, the following Days, to wit, on Tuesday the 1st of December, 1747, for Captains, Wednesday the

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[Price Two-pence.]