

proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the several Companies in their respective Barges adorned with Streamers and Pendants to Westminster; and having walked round the Hall, and solemnly saluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer Bar, and the Lord Mayor did there take the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, returned by Water to Black Fryers, and from thence in Coaches with the usual Solemnity to Guildhall, where a magnificent Entertainment was provided; at which were present the Great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, the Judges, and other Persons of Quality and Distinction.

Whitehall, October 21, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that on Friday Night the 16th of September last, one Mare, one Gelding, one Two Years old Heifer, and two Yearling Heifers, the Property of John West, of Godshill, in the Parish of Fordingbridge, in the County of Southampton, Husbandman, were maliciously stabbed and killed in the inclosed Grounds of the said John West, in Godshill aforesaid; and that at the same Time, one other Cow was stabbed and wounded, and about Two Loads of Peat burnt and destroyed: Their Excellencies, for the better discovering the Person or Persons concerned therein, are pleased to promise his Majesty's most gracious Pardon to any one who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, she, or they may be convicted thereof.

J. Potter.

And as a further Encouragement for the Discovery of the Person or Persons concerned in the above Facts, a Reward of Twenty Pounds will be paid by Robert Butcher, Esq; Steward to his Grace the Duke of Bedford, at Bedford House, London, to any one of the Accomplices, or any Person or Persons who shall make the Discovery above mentioned, so as any one or more of the Persons concerned may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

R. Butcher.

Whitehall, Sept. 15, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that, on the 6th of this Instant September, one Hugh Coffy was committed to Newgate, on strong Suspicion of Filing and Diminishing Portugal Gold Pieces: And as there is the strongest Reason to believe, that the said Coffy, and several others (who since the said Coffy's Commitment have absconded) have been concerned in Filing the Current Coin of this Kingdom called Guineas, and in dispersing the same: Their Excellencies are pleased to promise His Majesty's most gracious Pardon to any of the Persons concerned with the said Coffy as aforesaid, upon his or her discovering one or more of his or her Accomplices; as likewise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament, to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons concerned in Filing and Diminishing the said Current Coin of this

Kingdom, so as he, she or they may be convicted of the same.

J. Potter.

Mint Office in the Tower of London, Sept. 30, 1748.

Whereas divers evil disposed Persons have, for some Time past, made a Practice of filing Guineas, and dispersing the same; and for the apprehending of the Offenders therein, their Excellencies the Lords Justices have been pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons concerned in filing and diminishing of Guineas, so as he, she, or they be thereof convicted: And whereas Samuel Davies and Joseph Mapham, against whom Informations have been taken upon Oath, have, since the above Discoveries, absconded from their Habitation, the Sign of the Bull and Butcher in West Smithfield; on searching which said House, was found in a Bureau belonging to the said Samuel Davies, Tools and other Instruments for filing of Guineas, with a large Quantity of Filings of Gold Coin.

Samuel Davies was born at Wrexham, served his Apprenticeship at Liverpool, well known at Thame in Oxfordshire, and kept a Butcher's Shop for some Years in German-street St. James's. He is a black Man, about five Foot ten Inches high, has a down cast Look, and had on, at the Time he absconded, an old white Wig, a Fustian Frock with Plate Buttons, a blue and white striped Waistcoat, black Breeches, light coloured Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

Joseph Mapham (by Trade an Inlayer in Tortoiseshell) was born in Newgate Market, and for some Years was a Green Grocer there: He is about sixty Years of Age, of a fair Complexion, has a long Nose and Chin, is about five Foot seven Inches high, walks very lame, and had on, when he absconded, an old white Wig, and light coloured Coat and Breeches.

And whereas Informations have been taken against the following Persons for being concerned with others in filing and diminishing such Guineas as aforesaid, as also the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Usher Gabagan, Bryan Duff, John Fullham, Mary Dean alias Harrison, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately absconded.

Usher Gabagan, born in Ireland, about five Foot six Inches high, a slender bodied Man, and pale faced, about Thirty-five Years old, Author of Latin Poems on Pope's Criticisms; and had on, when he absconded, a dark brown Lapelle Coat with yellow Buttons, and a Silver lac'd Hat; well known about Chancery Lane, and the Inns of Court Temple Bar; and lodged last with Hugh Coffy, in Dorset Court Fleet-street.

Bryan Duff, born in Ireland, a middle sized Man, full bodied, has a round plump Face, of a ruddy Complexion, and has a brisk Eye; is about thirty Years of Age, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waistcoat; he served as a Servant to a Gentleman in Clarges-street Piccadilly, and Charles street St. James's, and lodged last at the Red Lion in King-street Golden Square.

John Fullham, born in Ireland, of low Stature, has a very round Face, and a ruddy Complexion; generally wore a blue grey Coat with yellow Metal Buttons; went for a Lawyer, and lodged last in Ram Alley Fleet-street.

Mary.