

Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

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, Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harrison, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately absconded.

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 lived Servant with a Gentleman in Clarges-street, Piccadilly, and Charles-street, St. James's, and lodged last at the Red Lion in King-street, Golden Square.

Mary Dean alias Harrison, born in Cheshire, is between forty and fifty Years of Age, lived many Years in Dublin, and well known at Liverpool, is a Dealer in Irish Stuffs: She is a middle sized Woman, has a large Scar in the left Side of her Neck just below her Hair, a Swelling in one of her Knees, and walks lame; well known in Green Harbour Court near the Golden Hind, Moorfields, and lodged last in Sedwick's Rents near Moor-Gate.

Margaret Rutherford alias Mary Foster, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Rutherford, of Sir John Ligonier's Regiment, is a tall jolly Woman, between thirty and forty Years old, is pitted with the Small Pox, has grey Eyes, and a remarkable Dent at the End of one of her Thumbs; is by Trade a Mantua-maker and Dealer in Irish Stuffs, well known about Temple Bar, and the Villages round London, and lodged last in Bow-Lane, Cheapside.

Whoever apprehends the said Samuel Davies, or either of the other abovementioned Persons, or any other Person concerned in these Practices, may apply themselves to Mr. Fountaine Cook, Sollicitor to his Majesty's Mint, at his Chambers in Clement's Inn, London.

London, Dec. 2, 1748.

General Post-Office.

Whereas the Post-Boy bringing the West Mail from Andover to Basingstoke, was last Night, between the Hours of Seven and Eight, attacked on the Highway, about a Quarter of a Mile on this Side of a Place called Clarken Green, which is near Four Miles distant from Basingstoke in the County of Southampton, by a single Highwayman, who carried off the Letters contained in the following Bags, viz. The two Exeter Bags, Shaftesbury, Ashburton, Truro, Barnstaple, Launceston, Weymouth, Camelford, Bodmin, Tintness, Ilchester, Dorchester, Somerton, Yeovil, and Blandford.

This is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, of whom no particular Description is as yet come to Hand, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the same Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,
Geo. Shelvocke, Secretary.

General Post Office, December 17, 1748.

His Majesty's Post-Master General, for the further Improvement of Correspondence, having been pleased to order, that Letters shall, for the future, be conveyed by the Post Six Days in every Week, instead of Three Days, as at present, between London and Chipping-norton, Evesham, Worcester, Bromsgrove, and Birmingham, with the intermediate Places, and that those Letters, on the three additional Post Days, shall be conveyed through OXFORD: And likewise, that Letters shall, for the future, be conveyed by the Post Six Days in every Week, instead of Three Days, as at present, between London and Wells, Bridgwater, Taunton, Wellington, Tiverton, and Exeter, and that those Letters, on the three additional Post Days shall be conveyed through BRISTOL.

And the Post-Master General having also been pleased to order a new Branch to be erected between Salisbury and Axminster, through the Towns of Blandford, Dorchester, Bridport, and Lyme, by which Means the Correspondence between London and those Places, together with the Towns of Weymouth, Wareham, and Corfe-Castle, and also their Correspondence with the Trading-Towns in Devonshire and Cornwall, as well as with Bath and Bristol, will be considerably quickened and improved.

Publick Notice is hereby given, that these several additional Conveyances will commence upon Monday the 26th of this Instant December, at which Time the present Stage between Crewkerne and Bridport, together with that between Shaftesbury and Blandford, will be discontinued.

And whereas great Numbers of Letters have hitherto been privately collected and delivered at the several Towns and Stages abovementioned, contrary to Law, and to the great Prejudice of the Revenue of the Post-Office; All Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherry-men, Dispensers of Country Newspapers, and all other Persons whatsoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting or delivering of Letters, will be prosecuted with the utmost Severity.

N. B. The Penalty is Five Pounds for every Letter collected or delivered contrary to Law, and One Hundred Pounds for every Week such Practice is continued.

By Command of the Post-Master General,
Geo. Shelvocke, Secretary.

General Post Office, December 31, 1748.

Publick Notice is hereby given, That the Correspondence, by Letters, between these Kingdoms and the Austrian Netherlands, is now opened by the Way of Ostend, and that the first Mail for Flanders will be forwarded from this Office upon Monday the 9th Day of the next Month of January, and will continue for the future to go out from hence upon the Monday and Friday of every Week, as usual, before or after in former Times of Peace.

By Command of the Post Master General,
Geo. Shelvocke, Secretary.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company late of his Majesty's Ship the Berwick, that were on board at the taking a Spanish Man of War called the Poder, that the Bounty arising by Five Pounds a Head for the said Ship's Crew, will be distributed to them at Mr. Jasper's Office, next Door to the Navy-Office in Crutched Fryers, on Thursday the 26th of January instant; and the Shares not then demanded, may be received the first Thursday in every Month for three Years to come.

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