

and that their High Mightinesses may judge of the Conditions on which that Post should be offer'd to his Serene Highness.

Whitehall, January 14, 1748-9.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, that divers Burglaries, Outrages, and Disorders have lately been committed within the Parish of St. Paul, Covent Garden, particularly, a Burglary in Southampson-street, on Sunday Morning last, about Three o'Clock, when the Dwelling House of Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips was broke open by Persons armed, and some valuable Things were taken away: And whereas two of the Watchmen of the said Parish were wounded in a very dangerous Manner, by endeavouring to apprehend the Persons concerned in the said Burglary: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Burglary and Robbery, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

BEDFORD.

St. Paul, Covent Garden, Jan. 14, 1748.

And the Inhabitants of this Parish have resolved, and do hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Guineas (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) for a Discovery of the Person or Persons who committed the said Burglary, so that he or they may be legally convicted thereof. Or if any of the Persons concerned therein will discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so that he or they may be convicted, he shall receive the like Reward from Mr. Alexander Gage, Treasurer of the Watch Board of the said Parish, at his House in Bedford Court.

And as a further Encouragement for such Discoveries; and to bring the Offenders to Justice, the said Inhabitants do hereby promise a further Reward of Twenty Guineas, (over and above the Allowance by Act of Parliament) for a Discovery of one or more Person or Persons guilty of, or concerned in any Burglary that shall be committed in the said Parish within the Space of four Months next ensuing, to be paid by the Treasurer above-named, so soon as he, she or they shall be legally convicted thereof.

By Order,

In^o Spranger, Vestry Clerk.

Whitehall, January 10, 1748-9.

Whereas it has been represented to the King, That Richard Hawkins, late of Yapton in the County of Suffex, Labourer, being, some Time in the Month of January last, at Work in a Barn near the said Parish, was forcibly taken from thence by Jeremiab Curtis, alias Butler, late of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent, and John Mills, alias Smoaker, of Trotton in the County of Suffex, Labourer, and was by them carried into a Back Room in the Dog and Partridge Alehouse on Slinden Common; where Thomas Winter alias Coachman, alias Kentish Coachman, of Postling near Hythe, in the County of Kent, Farmer; and a Person called Rob, otherwise Little Fat Back, Servant to Jere. Curtis, which said Rob lives at or near East Grinstead, and is Brother to a Person living there, known by the Name of the Cackler, were waiting for them: In which Room they detained the said Richard Hawkins till about Twelve o'Clock at Night; when the said Jeremiab Curtis, John Mills, Rob, and Thomas Winter went away, and took with them the said Richard Hawkins; who was not afterwards seen or heard of

till his Body was found in a Pond in Parham Park, in the said County of Suffex; That the Coroner's Inquest having sat upon the said Body, found it to be the Body of the said Richard Hawkins, and brought in their Verdict, Wilful Murder by Persons unknown.

And whereas it has been further represented to the King, That several Murders, Burglaries and Robberies have been lately committed in the County of Suffex; and that there is the strongest Reason to believe, that the said Jeremiab Curtis, John Mills, Rob, and Thomas Winter, were the Authors of the said Murder: His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the abovesaid Persons, as well as for discouraging such horrid and barbarous Outrages, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any Person who shall apprehend, or, by giving Information, shall cause to be apprehended, so as he or they be convicted thereof, any one or more of the said Offenders; notwithstanding the Person making such Discovery shall now stand outlawed for not having surrendered himself to Justice, pursuant to Notice given in the London Gazette; provided that such Person shall not appear to have been concerned in the abovesaid Murder, or any other Murder; or to have been concern'd in the breaking open his Majesty's Warehouse at Pool.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Custom-House, London, Jan. 10, 1748.

And as a further Encouragement for bringing the Offenders to Justice, the Commissioners of the Customs do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds for the discovering and apprehending each of the Persons concerned in the said Murder; to be paid by the Receiver General of the Customs upon the Conviction of each Offender respectively.

By Order of the Commissioners,
William Wood, Secr.

N. B. Thomas Winter is apprehended, and is now in his Majesty's Goal of Newgate in London.

London Dec. 2, 1748.

General Post-Office.

Whereas the Post-Koy, 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, Shaftsbury, Ashburton, Truro, Barnstaple, Launceston, Weymouth, Camelford, Bodmin, Tonnes, 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 Post-Master-General,
George Shelvocke, Secretary.