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Hambourg, January 7, N. S.

THE Post Waggon from Lubeck was robbed last Week of several Hundred Pounds, which it is supposed was effected by making the Postilion drunk at the Place where it put up the Night before it reached Hambourg: And as such Kind of Thefts are seldom heard of in these Parts, strict Search is making for discovering it. Two Jews, who were Passengers, are suspected, and the Post Boy is taken into Arrest.

Hague, Jan. 24, N. S. The Prince Stadtholder assisted this Morning at the Assembly of the States General, and delivered to their High Mightinesses a Plan for the Reduction of their Troops. We hear from Leeuwarden, that the States of Friesland having considered that the Revenues of the Little Seal brought in considerable Sums, and were not very burthensome to the People, had issued (by the Prince Stadtholder's Advice) a Placart, by which they order, that those Duties shall be again levied by Collectors, and not farmed out as formerly. By a second Placart, the Poll-Tax, Chimney-Tax, Land-Tax, and the Taxes upon Horned Cattle and Horses, are likewise ordered to be re-established, and levied by Collectors every Six Months. They have also issued another Placart, for making good the Revenues lost by the Abolition of the Farms, on the Necessaries of Life; according to which Placart all Persons (except those who shall be proved absolutely unable to pay) are to be taxed in Proportion to the Quantity of those Commodities which they usually consume. This Tax is to be regulated by an impartial Person, who has been named for that Purpose by the Prince Stadtholder; and the Sum order'd to be raised thereby, is fixed at 900,000 Florins for the least; which is thought to be pretty near equal to the Produce of the abolished Farms in the Province of Friesland. It is likewise Enacted, that the first Payment of this Tax shall be made on or before the 1st of May, and shall comprehend the Months of January, February, March and April; and after that Term, the Payments are to be made Monthly, till the 1st of May 1750.

Whitehall, January 17.

The King has been pleased to grant unto Sir Edward Lawrence, of St. Ives in the County of Huntingdon, Knight, and in Default of Issue Male, to his Nephew Isaac Woollaston, of Lowesby, in the County of Leicester, Esq; the Dignity of a Baronet of the Kingdom of Great Britain.

Whitehall, January 14, 1748-9.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, that divers Burglaries, Carriages, and Disorders have lately been committed within the Parish of St. Paul, Co-

vent-Garden, particularly, a Burglary in Southamp-ton-street, on Sunday Morning last, about Three a'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 Sage, 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,

Jn^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 Sussex, 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 Jeremias Curtis, alias Butler, late of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent, and John Mills, alias Smoaker, of Trotton in the County of Sussex, 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 Jeremias 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 Sussex: 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.

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