

and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Dishonour thereof) are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of such Offences as aforesaid are greatly encouraged by divers Persons as Accessaries thereto, who knowingly assist, maintain, counsel, or advise the Committing of such Acts of Piracy, and also by Persons who receive Goods so piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed such Robberies :

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect or bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such last mentioned Offences, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Offences last mentioned, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which said respective Rewards before mentioned, shall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by Samuel Seddon, Esq; Solicitor or the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the said Offenders, (other than and except the respective Commander or Commanders of any such Piratical Ships or Vessels) who shall discover any one or more of the said Offenders, shall, on the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders so discovered, be intitled to His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon.

And their Lordships do also promise to grant, upon Request, to every Person, being a Seaman, who by making any such Discovery or Discoveries, as aforesaid, shall be intitled to either to the Whole, or to any Part or Parts of any of the above-mentioned Rewards) an absolute Protection, to prevent his being impressed into His Majesty's Sea Service, during this present War with France.

J. Cleveland.

Admiralty Office, December 26, 1758.

**M**Y Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having received authentick Information, that a Galliot or Vessel, called the Juffrow Christina Elizabeth of Lubeck, whereof Casper Muntzenberger was Master, laden with different Kinds of Goods and Merchandize, belonging to the Subjects of the Empress of Russia, and bound from Rouen to St. Petersburg, was, in the Course of her said Voyage, on the 18th Day of September last, boarded three several Times by the Crews, or Part of the Crews, of six English Ships or Vessels, being, or pretending to be Privateers; and that at the first of those Times, viz. about One a-Clock in the Afternoon of that Day, some of the Crews of the said English Ships boarded the said Galliot off Dungeness, and opening the Fore Hatchway, went into the Hold, and broke open a great many Cases, and Packs of Merchandize, and unlawfully took, and carried away, great Quantities of Velvets, Silks, Silk-Stockings, Gloves, Confectionary Goods, and one whole Bale of Silk: And that between Three and Four a-Clock in the same Afternoon, being off Dover, the said Galliot

was again boarded by the Crews, or Part of the Crews, of three other English Ships, who being in Company, went together into the Hold, and rumbled the said Galliot, and unlawfully took, and carried away, some Silk, and Silk-Stockings, Part of which they wrapped about their Bodies, and put the rest into their Pockets, and also took away a Sword: And that soon afterwards, on the same Day, the said Galliot was a third Time boarded by the Crew, or Part of the Crew of another English Ship, who went into the Hold, broke open several Cases, and unlawfully took, and carried away, two Boat-loads of Merchandize, consisting of Men and Women's Velvets, Silk, embroidered Cloaths, Silk-Stockings, Leather Gloves, French-Plate Candlesticks, some Swords, and Hangers, Bottles of Cordials, Perfumes, and Confectionary and other Goods; and then beat several of the said Galliot's Crew, and confined the said Master in his Cabbin, placing a Centry over him with Pistols:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to discover and bring to Justice, the Persons guilty of the Piratical Offences above-mentioned, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, without any Deduction, unto or amongst such Person or Persons, as shall, within three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders concerned in Committing all or any of the Piracies above-mentioned, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof: Which Reward shall be paid by Samuel Seddon, Esq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the said Offenders, (other than and except the respective Commander or Commanders of any of the above-mentioned English Ships or Vessels) who shall discover any one or more, other of the said Offenders, shall, on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders so discovered, be likewise entitled to His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

J. Cleveland.

Admiralty Office, January 26, 1759.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Friday the 9th of March next, at Justice Hall in the Old Bailey, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.

J. Cleveland.

Admiralty Office, February 19, 1759.

Whereas by the Eleventh Article of His Majesty's Instructions given to Commanders of Merchant Ships and Vessels, with the Letters of Marque against France, it is directed that they shall keep a Correspondence by all Conveniences, and upon all Occasions, with the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or their Secretary, and not only to give an Account of their Captures or Proceedings, but also of all they shall discover by any Means whatsoever concerning the Designs of the Enemy, their Fleets, Ships or Vessels, and of their Stations.

And whereas by the Fifteenth Article of the aforesaid Instructions it is likewise directed, that the said Commanders shall, by every Opportunity, send exact Copies of their Journals to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

To both which Articles very little, if any Regard has been paid by several of the Commanders of Merchant Ships