

War Office, Feb. 24, 1759.

This is to give Notice, that, for the future, whoever intends to purchase a Commission in the Army, should first inform himself at the War Office, whether the Commission, for which he is in Treaty, may be sold with the King's Leave. And in all Instances, where it shall be found that any Money, or other Consideration, has been given for a Commission, not openly sold with the Leave of His Majesty, the Person obtaining such Commission will be superseded.

By His Majesty's Command,
BARRINGTON.

Admiralty Office, December 26, 1758.

MY 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 rummaged 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 abovementioned 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, 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 and Vessels having Letters of Marque, and it being a Matter of the utmost Importance that the same should be strictly complied with;

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do therefore give Notice to the said Commanders, and all other Persons concerned, that they will direct the Proctor of the Admiralty, to proceed according to Law, against all such as do not punctually comply with His Majesty's Instructions before-mentioned.

J. Cleveland.

Navy Office, March 2, 1759.

The principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that there is in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Navy, Money to pay off all Bills registered on the Course of the Navy for the Month of September 1758, in order that the Proprietors of, or such Persons as are legally empowered to receive the same, may bring them to this Office to be assigned for Payment accordingly.

Victualling Office, March 2, 1759.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that there is Money in the Hands of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, to pay Interest and Non-Interest Bills registered on the Course of the Victualling in the Month of September 1758, in order that the Proprietors of, or such Persons as are legally empowered to receive the said Bills, may bring them to this Office to be assign'd for Payment.

Victualling Office, Feb. 26, 1759.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 21st Day of March next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat for White and Bay Salt.

And on the same Day the Commissioners will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to undertake to furnish Brine Salt made after the late Mr. Thomas Lowndes's new invented Method.

The Conditions of the Contract for the said Brine Salt, may be seen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling Office, London, or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Liverpoole, or the Collector of the Salt Duties at Middlewich in Cheshire.

Victualling Office, Feb. 26, 1759.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 21st Day of March next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat for Iron Hoops, for the Service of His Majesty's Navy.

All Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Middlesex, and willing to accept Commissions therein, are desired to meet at Mr. Lamb's in Pall Mall, on Saturday the 24th Instant, in order that every Person so qualified and willing to accept Commissions, may at such Meeting deliver his Name in Writing to His Majesty's Lieutenant, or to such Person as he shall appoint to receive the same, specifying the Rank in which he is willing to serve. Given under my Hand the 6th Day of March 1759.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

All Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Nottingham, and willing to accept Commissions therein, are desired to meet at the Swan in Mansfield, on Saturday the 24th Instant, in order that every Person so qualified and willing to accept Commissions, may at such Meeting deliver his Name in Writing to His Majesty's Lieutenant, or to such Person as he shall appoint to receive the same, specifying the Rank in which he is willing to serve. Given under my Hand the 6th Day of March 1759.

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