

Custom House, London, December 3, 1762.

Whereas on Wednesday the 1st Day of September last, about Eight of the Clock at Night, a most violent Outrage was committed on the Person of Joseph Manuel, of Isford in the Parish of Christ Church Twynham in the County of Southampton, Labourer, by a Gang of supposed Smugglers, consisting of Eight Persons, who, (under Pretence of being a Press Gang) in an outrageous Manner, forced open the Door of the House of William Manuel, Father of the said Joseph Manuel, as before said, violently seized his Son the said Joseph Manuel; said they were King's Men, and dragged him by Force out of the House, carried him across the Heath to the Sea Shore towards Poole, and forced him down to Bourn Mouth to a lonely House there, called the Decoy-pond House, notoriously frequented by Smugglers, where, after he had been some little Time confined, he was put into a Boat, afterwards thrown into the Sea, and then carried on board a Smuggling Cutter called the Ranger Privateer of Guernsey, Thomas Donnals, Commander, and well known amongst the Smugglers by the Name of the Dorcas Cutter, which soon after got under Sail and put to Sea: That, in their Passage to Alderney, and after their Arrival there, the said Joseph Manuel was treated with great Cruelty, and would probably have been murdered, if some few of the Crew relenting had not interposed: That the said Joseph Manuel was compelled to fire off (with Intent, as it is supposed, to destroy him,) an overcharged Blunderbuss, which burst, and tore off his Left Thumb: That having been left in this Condition at Alderney, he found Means fine to escape from thence, and to return Home.

This Outrage having been committed on Account of the said Joseph Manuel's being supposed to have given Information to the Officers of the Revenue; and there being great Reason to believe that it was not (as some of them have declared) any Reformation of their own, but induced the Master and Crew of the Ranger, otherwise called the Dorcas Cutter, to commit this audacious Outrage, but that they were hired or instigated to do it by some of the principal Smugglers on that Part of the Coasts of Dorsetshire and Hampshire;

The Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, in order to bring the Offenders to Justice, and to suppress the enormous Smuggling now most audaciously carried on upon that Part of those Coasts, do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any one or more of the principal Offenders or Ringleaders of this Gang, and more especially the Person who first entered the House of the said William Manuel, and pretended to have the King's Authority; the said Thomas Donnals, who commanded the Vessel or Smuggling Cutter when Joseph Manuel was forced on Board, the Persons who threw him into the Sea, or who forced him to fire off the overcharged Blunderbuss above-mentioned; to be paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction. And the said Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do also promise the like Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any Person or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any of the Persons by whose Means or Instigation any of the Offenders before-mentioned were hired or induced to commit the said Outrages, to be likewise paid by the Receiver General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

By Order of the Commissioners,

Wm. Wood, Secretary.

Navy Office, December 10, 1762.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers from the 1st of January to the 30th of June 1762, according to His Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf; These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tuesday the 28th Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the same

Hour, (after which the Lists will be recalled once a Month) that all Persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid their Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to His present Majesty; and in Case any of the said Sea Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

Navy Office, December 14, 1762.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Thursday the 23d Instant, at Eleven of the Clock in the Morning, they will expose to Sale, at this Office, Several Lots of Old Stores, lying in His Majesty's Yard at Chatham, where such Persons as are willing to be Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing them at any Time in the common Working Hours of the Yard, till the Day of Sale. Printed Inventories of the said Stores will be delivered at the Clerk of the Acts Office in this Office, and at the Commissioners Office at Chatham.

And as a Deposit at the Rate of 25 l. per Cent. is to be made by the Purchasers, all Persons that attend the Sale, are to take Notice thereof, and come prepared for that Purpose. And unless the said Stores are fully paid for, and taken away at the Time appointed, the Deposit will be forfeited, and the Stores put up to Sale again.

Navy Office, December 16, 1762.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday next the 23d Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning, they will expose to Sale at this Office, the Hulls of His Majesty's Five Ships Cormorant and Pluto, lying at Woolwich, with sundry Stores on board them; Printed Inventories whereof will be delivered at the Clerk of the Acts Office in this Office, and on board the said Ships.

And as a Deposit at the Rate of 25 l. per Cent. is to be made by the Purchasers, all Persons that attend the Sale are to take Notice, and come prepared for that Purpose; and unless the said Ships are fully paid for and taken away at the Time appointed, no Deposit will be forfeited, and the Ships put up to Sale again.

East India House, November 10, 1762.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies do hereby give Notice, That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday the 22d Day of December next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon.

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 9th Day of said December, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Saturday the 8th Day of January next.

That the Dividend Warrants on the said Stock, due the 5th Day of January next, will be delivered on Friday the 4th Day of February following.

London, December 15, 1762.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Flamborough, Captain Archibald Kennedy, Commander, who were actually on board at the Taking of the Vermudian, a French Privateer, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Bounty Money, at John and William Mayne's, in New Broad Street, on Wednesday the 12th Day of January next: And the Shares remaining unpaid will be recalled at the Place aforesaid, the second Wednesday in every Month for three Years to come, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon.

John and Wm Mayne, of New Broad Street, Agents.