

ceeding Two Hundred Miles within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Eight Pence, Double One Shilling and Four Pence, Treble Two Shillings, the Ounce Two Shillings and Eight Pence. And for every Distance not exceeding One Hundred Miles above such Two Hundred, and for every such further Distance within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Two Pence, Double Four Pence, Treble Six Pence, the Ounce Eight Pence.

That no Vessel shall be permitted to break Bulk, or make Entry in any Port within the *British* Dominions, where Posts are or may be established, until all Letters on board are delivered to the Postmaster of such Port (he paying the Bringer One Penny for each Letter) to be forwarded according to their respective Directions, except such as are excepted by the Act of the Ninth of *Queen Anne*; and such as may be brought by Vessels liable to Quarentine, which last are to be delivered to the Persons superintending the Quarentine, for proper Care, before they are forwarded by the Post. And that all Masters, Mariners, Passengers, &c. neglecting to deliver the Letters as aforesaid, shall, for every Neglect, forfeit Twenty Pounds.

That the Postmaster shall take for every Letter brought by such Vessel, for any Place within his Delivery, One Penny, above the Penny paid to the Master or other Person for the same.

That Letters conveyed in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, not exceeding one Stage, shall pay Single One Penny, Double Two Pence, Treble Three Pence, the Ounce Four Pence. And in *England*, above one and not exceeding two Stages, Single Two Pence, Double Four Pence, Treble Six Pence, the Ounce Eight Pence; but these Rates are not to affect the Penny-Post.

That Letters passing between *England* and *Ireland*, through *Carlisle*, *Dumfries*, *Port Patrick*, and *Donaghadee*, shall pay the same Rates of *English*, *Scotch*, *Irish*, and Packet Postage, according to the Distance or Number of Stages they are conveyed in each Kingdom, as are settled by the Act of the Ninth of *Queen Anne*, or by this Act.

That no Packet exceeding the Weight of Four Ounces shall be sent by the Penny-Post; unless coming from, or passing thereby to the General-Post.

That Letters passing between *London* and *Hamburg* shall pay as Letters between *London* and all other Parts of *Germany*, viz. Single One Shilling, Double Two Shillings, Treble Three Shillings, the Ounce Four Shillings.

That any Officer of the Post-Office secreting or destroying any Letter, Bag or Mail of Letters, containing any Bank Note, Bill, or other Paper, Writing, or Order for the Payment of Money; or stealing out of any Letter any such Bank Note, Bill, &c. on Conviction, shall suffer Death as a Felon.

That any Person robbing a Mail, in any Place or in any Manner whatsoever, although it may not appear that any one was put in Fear by such Robbery shall, on Conviction, suffer Death as a Felon.

That any Officer of the Post-Office, entrusted to take in Letters, and receive the Postage thereof, embezzling the Money received, or destroying the Letters; or any Officer advancing the Rates on Letters, and not accounting for the advanced Postage, shall, on Conviction, be deemed guilty of Felony.

That any Post-Boy having a Mail or Bag of Letters under his Care, deserting the same before his Arrival at the next Stage; or suffering any other, Person to ride on the Horse or Carriage along therewith; or loitering on the Road; or not, in all possible Cases, conveying the Mail after the Rate of Six measured Miles an Hour, shall, on Conviction, before one Justice of the Peace, be sent to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding One Month, nor less than Fourteen Days.

That any Post-Boy, singly, or in Combination with others, unlawfully collecting, or conveying Letters, or causing the same to be unlawfully conveyed, shall, on Conviction, before one Justice of the Peace, forfeit Ten Shillings, to be paid to the Informer, for every Letter so unlawfully collected,

conveyed, or delivered. And if the Forfeiture is not immediately paid, shall be sent to the House of Correction, for any Time not exceeding Two Months, nor less than One Month.

That all Rates of Letters, and all Forfeitures, mentioned in this Act, shall be paid in Sterling Money of *Great Britain*.

The Rates established by this Act for the Port of Letters between *London* and *Hamburg*; and the Limitation of the Weight of Packets to be sent by the Penny-Post, commence from the Fifth of July next. All other Regulations, Rates of Postage, Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures beforementioned, commence from the Tenth Day of October next.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

Anthony Todd, Secretary.

#### Admiralty-Office, June 15, 1765.

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

Ph. Stephens.

#### Admiralty-Office, June 15, 1765.

Whereas my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have received authentick Information, That on the 30th of January last, about Nine o'Clock in the Morning, as a Ship called the *Elizabeth* of *Dunkirk*, *Adrian Frederick*, Master, was sailing from thence, bound for *Bordeaux*, the said Ship was piratically and feloniously attacked on the High Sea near *Rowensea*, by two *English* Shallops or large Boats, the Crews of which by Force plundered and robbed the said Ship *Elizabeth* of several Chests of Merchandize to a very considerable Value, in Violation of the Laws of Nations.

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of the said Piracy and Robbery, are pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any of the Offenders guilty of the above-mentioned Offence, so as such Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof: Which Reward shall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by *Samuel Seddon*, Esq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offenders.

And, as a farther Encouragement, His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of the said Offenders, who shall discover, and prosecute to Conviction, any one or more of the said Offenders.

Ph. Stephens.

#### Navy-Office, June 6, 1765.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that all Bills registered on the Course of the Navy for the Months of April and May, 1763, which have not been subscribed into Bank Annuities, are ordered to be paid in Money and Exchequer Bills: And such Persons as are possessed thereof, are desired to bring them to this Office, to be assigned to the Treasurer of the Navy for Payment.

#### East India House, May 22, 1765.

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 19th Day of June next, at Eleven in the Forenoon.

That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 13th Day of said June, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Thursday the 11th Day of July next.

That the Dividend Warrants on the said Stock, due the 5th Day of July next, will be ready to be delivered on Monday the 5th Day of August next.