

Whitehall, June 4, 1768.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That an anonymous threatening incendiary Letter was put under the Street-Door of the House of John Carter, Esq; Mayor of Portsmouth, in the Night of Thursday the 26th of May last, and there found about Eleven o'Clock, directed as hereunder, containing the Words and Letters following, wiz.

To

Mr: Carter

" Sir I have sent you this to let you know my mind, that as you could have prevented the Act, being past, for the paving of Portsmouth, & did not: but on the contrary Us'd your power to bring it to pass. If you do not use your power now to put a Stop to its execution. I give you my word that when I see the paving is begun I'll sur'ly Set on fire all your possessions in this Town. So will I to all of the first Committee who form'd the Act. if they do not postpone it for a few years or lay it wholly a side. And let them Collect Mony to Reimburse them Selves, as soon as they can. So if you, nor they Regard me not you Shall surely find come to pass what I have Said a bove. I have very Capable hand to do the Work"

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Writing and Sending the said anonymous threatening Letter to the said John Carter, Esq; at Portsmouth, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S H E L B U R N E.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the said John Carter does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons (except as before excepted) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplices; to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of them.

John Carter.

And, as a still further Encouragement for the discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned therein, the Committee, who were appointed to prepare the Bill for Paving the said Town of Portsmouth, do hereby promise an additional Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as above excepted) to be paid by their President Mr. James Bucknall, of Portsmouth aforesaid, Merchant, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

James Bucknall.

And, for the more speedy and effectual Discovery of the Person or Persons concerned in writing or sending the said Letter, the Commissioners appointed for putting in Execution an Act of Parliament passed in the present Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, " An Act for the better Paving and Cleansing the Streets and other publick Passages in the Town of Portsmouth in the County of Southampton; and for preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein, and for widening and rendering the same more commodious," do promise a Reward (over and above what is offered as aforesaid) of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices, (except as before excepted) to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, by Mr. William Norris, of Portsmouth aforesaid, Brewer, Treasurer to the said Commissioners.

Wm. Norris.

Somersetshire Militia.

Notice is hereby given, that there will be a General Meeting of the Deputy Lieutenants of the County of Somerset, at the Fountain Tavern in Bishopscull in the said County, on the 20th Day of June 1768, for proceeding in the Execution of the Laws respecting the Militia.

By Order of the Lord Lieutenant,  
Robert Bryant, Clerk of the General Meetings.

Navy-Office, April 19, 1768.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Tuesday the 11th of October next, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as shall be willing to sell and import American White Pine Masts, to be delivered at His Majesty's Yards in England.

London, June 7, 1768.

The Committee of the Company of Merchants trading to Africa give Notice, that the Annual Election of Nine Committee Men for the Management of the Affairs of the said Company, for the ensuing Year, will be on Monday the 4th of July next, at the Cities of London and Bristol, and Town of Liverpool, as directed by Act of Parliament; and that Attendance will be given at the African-Office, in the House of Mr. Samuel Poirier, in Cowper's Court, Cornhill, between the Hours of Ten and Two of the same Day, to take a Ballot for the Choice of three Persons for the said City of London; and the like Attendance will be given at the Merchants Hall in the City of Bristol, and in the Town Hall of Liverpool, for the Choice of three Persons for each of the said Places.

N. B. No Person can vote at this Election who was not made free on or before the 3d of July 1767.

Printed Lists of the Names and Places of Abode of the Members of the said Company are ready to be delivered at the Places above-mentioned.

Sam. Poirier, Secretary.

King of Prussia Privateer.

London, June 4, 1768.

Notice is hereby given, that the Managers of the Affairs of the said Ship, pursuant to the Award of the Arbitrator (to whom all Matters in Difference between the said Managers and certain Persons serving on Board the said Ship were referred) will, on Friday the 10th Instant, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, at the House of Mr. Edward Vaux, in Fenchurch-Buildings Fenchurch-Street, London, pay to the several Persons named in the said Award, or to their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the several Sums of Money thereby ordered to be paid to them respectively: And the said Managers do hereby also give Notice, that they will, at the same Time and Place, pay to the several other Persons not named in the said Award, who served on Board the said Ship, all Monies due to them respectively in respect of their Shares in the Prizes taken by the said Privateer; which Monies the said Arbitrator, at the Instance of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, has also liquidated and ascertained.

And that such Sums as shall not be then demanded may be received at the same Place, on the first Wednesday in every Month, for Twelve Months now next ensuing.

To prevent Impositions, it is requested, that all Persons who have Letters of Attorney will, on their Attendance for Payment, bring with them some Person of known Credit.

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