

and Straw into the said Province, in apprehending the Infection rising in other Parts among the Horned Cattle had been spread by the Introduction of those Commodities; and informing his Lordship, that a Ship called the Peggy of Dyfert, John Spittle Master, had taken on Board a Parcel of Hay at Middleburgh, in order to be landed at Dyfert in Scotland; and his Lordship having desired that Orders might be given to the Officers of the Customs for delaying the Landing of the said Hay, the said Commissioners of the Customs, in regard to the Delicacy and Importance of the Matter, and to the Alarm and Apprehensions which such Importation under those Circumstances might occasion, had consulted His Majesty's Advocate, and agreeable to his Opinion they complied with the Request of the Lord Provost, and desired Directions from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury upon this Occasion. And whereas it appears by a Letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Clerk of the Council in Waiting, that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, upon receiving the foregoing Information, had sent Directions to the Commissioners of the Customs at Edinburgh, to prevent the Importation of Hay and Straw from Foreign Parts into Scotland, until they should receive further Orders; His Majesty, taking the same into His Royal Consideration, and approving of the Directions given by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the Commissioners of the Customs in Scotland thereupon, is hereby pleased, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to prohibit the Importation of Hay and Straw from Foreign Parts into any of the Ports of this Kingdom: And also to order and direct that the utmost Care be taken not to permit any Entry to be made for Hay or Straw, which is already or may hereafter be brought from Foreign Parts into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, until His Majesty's Pleasure shall be further signified. And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary Directions herein accordingly.

Philip Sharpe.

Admiralty-Office, January 3, 1770.

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information has been sent to this Office, that on the 23d past, the Brigantine Hope, of Dublin, of the Burthen of about One Hundred and Thirty Tons, whereof James Daley was Master, bound from Jamaica to Milford, laden with Rum, was, by stormy Weather, forced on Shore and wrecked at Aberporth in the County of Cardigan in Wales; and that Three of her Crew were drowned.

Pb. Stephens.

DOVER, January 3, 1770.

WHEREAS it is a Practice with the Masters of several British Ships and Vessels from Ireland and the West Coasts of Great Britain, as well as from Spain, Portugal, and other Foreign Parts, freighted to Holland and Flanders, to give the Charge of their Ships to Persons pretending to be Pilots, but who in Reality are not so, at Dover, Deal, &c. in the Cinque Ports, for the Sake of Saving some small Expences; by which Means they trust to Men unskilled in Navigation, whereby many Ships and Vessels have been lost: For Instance, the Pink Robert and John, of North Yarmouth, George Reid, Master, from Liverpool to Ostende, was put on Shore, near the Mouth of the Harbour of Ostende, on the 27th of November last, by the Ignorance of the Person pretending to be a Pilot, and to whom, as such, the Master had given Charge of the Ship, and in a very little Time the Vessel and Cargo were totally lost, and Part of the Crew perished. To prevent such Accidents for the Future, Notice is hereby given to all Owners, Masters and Commanders of Ships and Vessels that may at any Time

be bound from Ireland, or the West Coasts of Great Britain, or from Spain, Portugal, Italy, or other Foreign Parts, to Flanders or Holland, or to any Port in France to the Eastward of Boulogne, That the Branch or Licensed Pilots at Dover, Deal, Ramsgate, and Margate are the only Persons properly qualified, and are ready at all Times to pilot Ships and Vessels to any Ports either in France, Flanders, or Holland; each of which Pilots undergo the strictest Examination before they can obtain their Branch or Licence; and two Vessels manned with Pilots, or such as are Candidates for that Employment, sail annually, with a certain Number of the Wardens, to examine the Coasts of Flanders and Holland; on which Service they remain Five, Six, or Seven Weeks, and, at their Return, report their Observations at the next Court of Loadmanage; which Report is communicated to all those Pilots who remain at their respective Stations. And that no Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel may be deceived in regard to a Branch Pilot, the Pilots of the Cinque-Port Society have Directions to carry their Branches or Warrants always with them; in order to produce to every such Master or Commander. And it is hoped the Owners of all Ships will give particular Instructions to the Commanders of their Vessels to employ no Pilots but such as do produce their Branches or Licenses.

*By Order of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports,
THO. BATEMAN LANE, Register.*

General Post-Office, November 24, 1769.

Whereas a Bill of Exchange, supposed to be feloniously taken out of the Mail dispatched from this Office for Ireland on Friday the 3d Instant, (which Mail was forcibly taken from one of the Sailors belonging to the Packet Wherry as he was carrying it from the said Wherry to the Post Office in Dublin, on Wednesday the 8th Instant,) hath been offered to be negotiated in London by four Persons answering the following Descriptions, viz.

One of them dressed in a brick-dust coloured Great Coat with a New-Market Cape, and a black Coat under it, mixt coloured Stockings, and a plain Hat, is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, wears his own Hair, of a dark brown Colour tied behind, thin Face, fresh Complexion, and between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

Another of them had on a reddish mixt coloured Coat, green Breeches, mottled Silk Stockings, his Hair of a lightish brown Colour, tied behind, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

Another of them had on a light coloured Great Coat, a dark brown Under Coat, a Pair of dirty Leather Breeches, dark mixt coloured Stockings, a light coloured Wig, a plain Hat flapped before, and a red Handkerchief about his Neck, is about 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, fresh Complexion, and seemed rather bloated with Liquor, between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

And the other dressed in a grey coloured Great Coat, a dark coloured second-mourning Coat, with black Buttons and Button-holes, dirty Leather Breeches, dark grey coloured Stockings, and a dark brown frizzled Wig, is about 5 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, thick-set, and of a pale Complexion.

Notice thereof is hereby given, in Precaution to Merchants and Others, to prevent the Negotiation of any of the Bills feloniously taken out of the said Mail; and also further Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, any of the Persons concerned in forcibly and feloniously taking the said Mail, shall be entitled to a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS for each Person so apprehended and convicted; or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Persons who committed the same may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Persons who committed