

only were obliged to have recourse to their Garetts, and remained four Days without Assistance. They had no other Resource for saving their Cattle, but by driving them into the Apartments of the first Story. This Misfortune has ruined many Families, and increases that Distress which the uncommon Length and Severity of the Winter had univerfally spread in these Parts: The Prices of every Kind of Sustainance having risen so much in Proportion thereto, that many Peasants were under the Necessity of unthatching their Houses to maintain their Cattle.

St. James's, April 27, 1771.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented to His Majesty, that on Tuesday the 16th of this Instant April, between the Hours of One and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, Daniel Clark, of Artillery-Lane near Spital-fields, Pattern-Draveer, being in Company with another Person, was set upon, in a Street called Half Nicoll-Street, near Shoreditch Church, by two Men, having the Appearance of Weavers, who assaulted and beat the said Daniel Clark, and wounded him in the Face, and afterwards, being joined by other riotous Persons, pursued him into the House of one Mrs. Snee, a Warper, in Cock-Lane, Shoreditch, which House they endeavoured to force open, by throwing large Stones or Brickbats against the Door, and breaking and forcing in the Frames of the Windows, causing Destruction to the said Daniel Clark, for having given Evidence for the Crown, as they alledged, against some of the Cutters who were convicted at the Old-Baily Sessions last Year; and the said Daniel Clark having, soon afterwards, escaped into a Garage adjoining to the said House, was pursued by the said Persons and a great Mob, which was by this Time assembled, and was dragged by them through several Streets in Spital-fields and Shoreditch; and after having been most cruelly beaten and wounded, and his Cloaths torn off his Back, was thrown into a Pond, or Pit of Water, in a Field called Hare-Street Field, out of which he was, after some Time, dragged forth, his Hands tied together, and then again thrown into the same Pit, and kept in the Water upwards of two Hours, during which Time he was most barbarously bruised and mangled by Stones and Brickbats thrown at him, and at length most cruelly murdered: His Majesty, for the Discovery and bringing to Justice of the lawless Villains concerned in this most horrid and inhuman Murder, is hereby pleased to offer His most gracious Pardon to any Person or Persons (except those immediately concerned in the said Daniel Clark's Death) who shall discover any one or more of the Persons who pursued the said Daniel Clark into the said Mrs. Snee's House, and endeavoured to force open the same, and afterwards dragged him from the said Garden, through the Publick Streets, to the aforesaid Pit of Water in Hare-Street Field, or who threw any Stones or Brickbats at the said Daniel Clark whilst he was in the said Pit of Water, so as such Person or Persons be apprehended and convicted of the said Murder: And His Majesty is also hereby graciously pleased to offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons (except as aforesaid) who shall discover, and be the Means of apprehending and convicting, any one or more of the inhuman Villains, who were guilty of the said Murder, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

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Note, A principal Actor in this horrid Scene, who first endeavoured to force open the said Mrs. Snee's Door, was a short, stout Man, round faced, wore a cut Wig and a blue Coat; and three of the most active Villains at the Pond are thus described; One in his Shirt, without Coat or Waistcoat on; another, a short Man, in a brown Coat; and a Third, in a green Waistcoat.

St. James's, April 27, 1771.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that a threatening Letter was received on the 19th Instant, by the Post, by David Wilmot, Esq; one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex; of which the following is a Copy, viz.

Mr. Wilmot Ap<sup>l</sup>. 17. 1771.

You Scoundrel the Fellow we kill'd on Tuesday swore away the Life of my dearest friend and if he had had a thousand Lives I would with pleasure have taken them and if you attempt to take

my part as you seem to do by your Advertisement you may depend upon that You & Family shall not exit one Month longer nor your House be free from fire and desolation I shall not swear about it as is the usual Style of these Letters but if you can believe any thing thats True take my word for this

One of ten Thousand

Superfcribed

To  
David Wilmot Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
in Bethnal Green Road  
These

And whereas on Wednesday the 24th Instant, the Letter, of which the following is a Copy, was received by the Post by the said David Wilmot, Esq;

Mr Wilmot April the 21: 1771

The letter you rec<sup>d</sup> from me was a friendly warning to You to desist from any farther Concern in prosecuting some unhappy Persons who had taken that just revenge which the Law would not admit of. If you pretend that the Cruelty of the Act urged You to such a Measure what must You now think of Yourself who are endeavouring to take the Lives of several Persons who never did You any Injury, but who had received in their dearest Friends, & were likely to receive in their own Persons the most fatal Consequences (from a rash Step long since Committed and of which they repented) By that detestable late Object of their revenge who was thirsting after their blood not thro' any motive of justice but merely for Reward. This you know to be a true state of the Case, and yet you under the Cloak of humanity, are pursuing with the greatest Barbarity without having received the least prejudice those Persons whom you cannot but Allow had some essential Reasons for their proceedings. But know this Betty Villain that tis not the general Custom in the Kings Gift, that should entitle the means of detecting or deterring the writers of these Letters and his assistance in this Affair, from pursuing with indubitable & heart vent Revenge, their Designs against You should any one Person suffer from your duty Concern. & know further that having such connections at all your Launts, and free access at most Time to your Person, tis not the whole third Regiment of Guards that can protect You from the well concerted Plan for your Destruction. Therefore be wise if You Value your own Preservation and use your utmost endeavours to put an End to rather than promote this Prosecution, as we are now satisfied having put an End to the existence of that Monster in human Shape, the fear of whom kept several families in a starving Condition by keeping from them their principal Support thro' the Apprehension of being Informed against. But if you despise this advice and will persist in Your Cruel Design of farther depriving many poor families of their immediate Support (whose only Crime was self preservation the first Law of nature) Hear this! That in the Face of the almighty in the most Solemn Manner we do now Vow and Declare, that your Blood shall pay for this Savage temerity was the Danger in the Attempt ever so great, which on the Contrary is far from being so from our trusty Connections & well Disposd plan

P S. you may now apply to the King for a larger reward and try to what Purpose it will be.

Fate  
and the ruler  
of ten thousand

Superfcribed,

To David Wilmot, Esq;  
Bethnal Green Road These

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in Writing the above threatening Letters, or either of them, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any of them (except the Person or Persons who actually wrote the same) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof: And, as a further Encouragement, His Majesty is also pleased to promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted;) the said Reward to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

ROCHFORD.