

the Crane N<sup>o</sup> 8. at Bristol Quay, and also the Ship Fame, lying at another Part of the said Quay, were set on Fire, whereby not only those Vessels, but likewise the other Ships and Vessels at the Quay, and all that Part of the Town, were in the most imminent Danger of being totally burnt and destroyed; and also that, at the same Time, the Ship Hibernia, lying at the said Quay, was attempted to be set on Fire; and likewise, that, at the same Time, a Warehouse, situate in Cypher-Lane near Corn-Street, the Property of Mess. James Morgan and Sons, was attempted to be burnt, the said Warehouse having been broken open, and a Box therein, containing several Combustible Materials, set on Fire; and also that, on Sunday Morning last, the 19th Instant, about Seven o'Clock, a dreadful Fire broke out in a Range of Warehouses in a Place called Quay-Lane in the said City of Bristol, whereby the whole Range of Warehouses, with the several Dwelling-Houses adjoining and opposite to the said Warehouses, were immediately in Flames; and whereas there is the greatest Reason to suspect, that the said Ships and Warehouses were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some evil-disposed Persons at present unknown: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the above-mentioned atrocious Offences, or either of them, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders, (except the Person or Persons who actually set Fire to the said Ships or Warehouses) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Offences, or either of them, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

And, as a farther Encouragement, His Majesty is hereby also pleased to promise a Reward of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS unto, or amongst, such Person or Persons (except as before excepted) who shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any of the Offenders guilty of the said Offences, or either of them, so that such Offenders, or any one or more of them, shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof; the said Reward to be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, immediately after the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

#### SUFFOLK.

Admiralty-Office, January 25, 1777.

Whereas, about Five o'Clock in the Afternoon of Saturday the 7th of December last, a dreadful Fire broke out in the Rope-house of His Majesty's Yard at Portsmouth, which raged with such Violence, that before the same could be extinguished the greatest Part of the said Rope-house was burnt down, and the Stores and Materials therein were totally consumed and destroyed: And whereas there is great Reason to suspect that the said Rope-house, Stores, and Materials, were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some evil-disposed Persons at present unknown: In order therefore to discover and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of the above-mentioned Offence, My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are pleased to promise a Reward of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any of the Offenders guilty of the said Offence, so as such Offenders, or any one or more of them, shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof; the said Reward to be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, immediately after the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

And, as a farther Encouragement, any of the said Offenders (except the Person who actually set the Premises on Fire) who shall discover any one or more of

his or their Accomplices in the said Offence, so as he or they shall be apprehended and prosecuted to Conviction, will be intitled to His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.  
Ph. Stephens.

British Linen Office, Edinburgh, Jan. 20, 1777.  
THE Court of Directors of the British Linen Company give Notice, that a General Court of Proprietors will be held at their Office here, on Monday the 3d of March next, at One o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the Election of Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Directors, for the Year ensuing, pursuant to their Charter. Lists of the Proprietors will be delivered out the 17th of February, and thereafter, at their Office; and, in order to make out said Lists, no Transfer of Stock will be made from the said 17th of February to the 3d of March next, both inclusive. No Signed Lists to be received after Two o'Clock Afternoon.

Victualling-Office, January 24, 1777.  
THE Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 24th of February next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing (sealed up) and treat with such Persons as may be inclinable to undertake to furnish Fresh Beef to such of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels as may come to Leith, Leith Road, and the Firth of Edinburgh, and be in Want thereof.

The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office, at the Victualling Office, London; or by applying to the Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Leith.

And all Persons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the said Occasion are desired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that shall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the said 24th of February next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attends to answer for him when called for.

IN Pursuance of the Statutes for making Hue and Cry, this is to give Notice, That as John Long, of Wartwell in the County of Norfolk, Linnen-Weaver, was going on Foot, on the King's Highway, from Colchester, within the Hundred of Lexden in the County of Essex, towards Lexden, and within the aforesaid Hundred of Lexden, between the Hours of Three and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon of Tuesday the 21st Day of January, 1777, having Occasion to ease himself, turned out of the said King's Highway into a Lane on the Right Hand Side of the said Highway close to the Hill going into Lexden aforesaid, and within the Hundred of Lexden aforesaid, Two Men in Sailors Jackets and Trowsers, with Crêpe over their Faces, and who were severally unknown to the said John Long, (one being about Six Feet high, and thin, and the other about Five Feet high, and stout) came up to him, and in the said Lane, near unto the said Highway, and in the Hundred aforesaid, knocked him down with a Bludgeon, and then rifled his Pockets, and feloniously robbed and stole from him, and took and carried away, Three Hundred and Sixteen Pounds and Seventeen Shillings in Cash, contained in Four separate Bags, Three of them being Yellow Canvas Bags, and containing each One Hundred Guineas, being all Guineas except Sixteen Half Guineas, which were some in one Bag, and some in the others; and which three Bags were tied up in a Blue and White Handkerchief, and were in his Left-side Coat Pocket; and the fourth Bag, being a Leather Bag, and in his Right-side Breeches Pocket, and contained two Half-Guineas, and Sixteen Shillings in Silver: And also then there feloniously robbed and stole from him, and took and carried away his Pocket-Book, being a Black Leather one, and much worn, having therein Six Ivory Leaves, and many other Paper Leaves full of Orders, and having therein a Draft drawn by Samuel Cranfield, of Fordham in Essex, on Edward Fisher, of Harlton in Norfolk, for Nine Pounds and Five Shillings, payable at Sight to the said John Long; and also two Letters on Business, received by him from Mr. Dawson, of Beccles in the County of Suffolk; and his Name John Long, Linnen-Weaver, Wartwell, was marked at full Length in Golden Letters on the Right-Hand Side of the said Pocket-Book.