

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.

St. James's, February 15, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That in the Course of last Week two Threatning Letters were found in the Streets of the Town of Totnes in the County of Devon, of which the following are Copies, viz.

Mr. worshipfull
Sir

Am greatly surpris'd a Gentleman of of your greatness & authority do not Exert your Self Moore & particular About the press Gang—I think Every Man that is prest of to be brought before your worship before is sent of I am inform'd by several that the gang have Orders to press the young Mr. Mann the next time he comes to Town—This is to Inform you that he is A young Man of my Acquaintance. And if he is prest and your worship suffers him to be carried of, you My depend on it there will somthing happen to you or your Houfe within one Week after—that will be very disagreeable—Therefore beg you'll Exert your Self—from your well wishing Friend T P

February 2d 1777.

(Superscribed)

To R. Cranch Esqr
Mayor of Totnes

Dartington 6th Feby 1777.

Mr. Mayor
Sir

I am very glad the Letter has reach your hands I hope you'll Particularly look him Over. And Execute his Contents If not by God it shall be Executed with vengeance — by your Afored Friend &c T P

(Superscribed)

Mr. Rich Cranch
Mayor
of Totnes.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in writing or dropping the said Letters, or either of them, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person or Persons who actually

wrote the said Letters, or either of them) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

S U F F O L K.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Mayor Burgeses, and Principal Inhabitants of the Town of Totnes, do hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) the said Reward to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

And, as a farther Encouragement, Jam's Amyatt, Esq; one of the Representatives in Parliament for the said Borough of Totnes, doth hereby promise a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) the said Reward to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

Ja. Amyatt.

St. James's, March 1, 1777.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that in the Night of Tuesday the 12th of November last, a Fire broke out in the Barn of Joseph Whitaker, Farmer, situated at Lodge Hill in Offset within the Parish of Dewsbury in the West Riding in Yorkshire, which entirely consumed the said Barn, together with large Quantities of Corn in the Straw and Implements of Husbandry therein; and also that in the Night of Wednesday the 12th Day of February last past another Fire broke out in another Farm of the said Joseph Whitaker, situated at Lodge Hill aforesaid, which entirely consumed the same, with a large Quantity of Corn therein, and Part of a Dwelling-house adjoining thereto; and whereas there is great Reason to believe, that both the said Barns were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some evil-disposed Person or Persons: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in the above-mentioned Offences, or either of them, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually set Fire to the said Barns) 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.

S U F F O L K.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the said Joseph Whitaker doth hereby promise a Reward of TWENTY GUINEAS to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid by him at his House at Lodge Hill aforesaid, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the said Offenders.

Joseph Whitaker.

Visualling-Office, February 28, 1777.

THE Commissioners for Visualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 26th of March 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 Liverpool, and be in Want thereof.

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

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 26th of March next; nor unless the Person who makes the Tender, or some Person on his Behalf, attend to answer for him when called for.