

Whitehall, July 31, 1784.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that early on Tuesday Morning last the Office of the Receiver-General of the Stamp Duties was broke open, and robbed of Cash and Notes to nearly the Amount of Four Hundred Pounds:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Burglary and Robbery above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Crime, so that he, she or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SYDNEY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of the Stamp Duties do hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by the Receiver-General of the said Duties, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

John Brettell, Sec.

Whitehall, July 23, 1784.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That on Thursday the 15th Instant, a most considerable Quantity of Tea and Foreign Spirits was run on Shore near Christ Church, within the Limits of the Port of Southampton, from Two large Lug sail Vessels, by a numerous Gang of Smuglers, in Defiance of the Laws of the Revenue, and in Opposition to the Officers of His Majesty's Customs employed in the Execution thereof, who, notwithstanding their utmost Endeavours, were unable to resist so large a Body of desperate and armed Men:

That upon Information being received that the said Two Smuggling Vessels had taken Shelter in Christ Church Harbour, an Attempt was made, on the Evening of the said 15th Instant, by the Officers and Crew of His Majesty's Sloop of War the *Orestes*, in Conjunction with the Officers of the Swan Cutter, in the Service of the Customs, and of a Cutter in the Service of the Excise, in their respective Boats, manned and armed, to seize and take Possession of the said Smuggling Vessels:

That in the Execution of this Service they were most violently and forcibly resisted by a large Body of Smuglers, armed with Fire Arms and other offensive Weapons, who were assembled on board the said Vessels, and on Shore, for that Purpose, and who fired upon the Officers, and killed Mr. William Allen, the Master of the said Sloop of War the *Orestes*, (who, by virtue of a Commission from the Board of Customs, was likewise an Officer of that Revenue) and also dangerously wounded one of the Boat's Crew:

That the Officers however resolutely persevered in the Execution of their Duty, boarded and seized both the said Smuggling Vessels, and, after having taken Possession thereof, carried them into the Port of Coarves; but that the Persons concerned in this atrocious Outrage and Murder made their Escape.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned therein, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of the said Offenders (except the Person who actually fired and killed the said Mr. Allen) who shall discover his Accomplices, so that Two or more of them may be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence.

SYDNEY.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby offer a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person

or Persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, any Two or more of the said Offenders, to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs upon Conviction.

And if any one of the said Offenders shall, within Three Months from the Date hereof, discover his Accomplices, so that two of them at least be apprehended and convicted of the said Offence, the Offender making such Discovery shall be entitled to the like Reward.

By Order of the Commissioners,  
William Stiles, Secretary.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS is hereby offered by the Executors of the said Mr. William Allen, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid (except as before excepted) to be paid by them upon the Conviction of any One or more of the Offenders.

John Sabine, Executor.  
Birchin-Lane.

Whitehall, July 23, 1784.

**W**HEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, That Two several Incendiary Letters, signed with the supposed fictitious Name of "Jack Oakham," dated "St. Catherine's, Wapping, July 18, 1784," one of them directed "To James Adair, Esq; Recorder of the City of London, Portugal-street near Lincoln's Inn Fields," the other to "Madam Adair, the Recorder's Wife," in the same Street, containing the most horrid Imprecations, and the most shocking and indecent Expressions, and threatening to murder the said James Adair, Esq; and his Wife, and to burn his House, were delivered by the Penny-Post Letter-Carrier at the House of the said James Adair, Esq; above-mentioned, on the 20th Day of this Instant July, and appear to be written with a View to obstruct the Course of Justice, by preventing the Execution of William Thompson, who is now under Sentence of Death in Newgate for Forgery:

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and sending the Incendiary Letters above-mentioned, doth hereby promise His most Gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letters) 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 doth hereby offer a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted) to be paid by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

SYDNEY.

General-Post-Office, July 22, 1784.

**B**Y an Act of the last, and also of the present Session of Parliament, for establishing certain Regulations concerning the Portage and Conveyance of Letters and Packets by the Post between Great Britain and Ireland, to take Place on the 1st of August next, all Letters and Packets are to be charged and paid for according to the present Rates of Postage in Great Britain, and the Rates established by the Act of Parliament in Ireland, except to and from certain Persons who, by Virtue of the respective Offices in Great Britain and Ireland, now send and receive Letters and Packets free from the Duty of Postage, provided that all such Letters and Packets so sent shall relate to the Business of their respective Offices, and that there shall be certified on the Outside of such Letters and Packets,