

Nominee, for the more speedy Completion of the Exchequer Orders which are to be given to each Person who shall so nominate.

Whitehall, July 24, 1790.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that an anonymous threatening Letter, was received by the General Post on the 22d Day of this instant July, by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, of which the following is a Copy:

“ Sir,

“ I give myself the Trouble of writing this to such a Petty Rascal as you to inform you that I and three other Friends of that very worthy and constitutional Gentleman Alderman Newnham have entered into a Resolution that we will murder you and that vain fellow your Brother Idiot Curtis that he Mr. Newnham may regain his Seat, and that such an insignificant Fellow as you may never have it in your Power to trouble a worthy Gentleman again.

“ If you pretend to search the Author of this you may depend upon it you shall not survive it three Hours as there is one of our Number who can have access to poison or destroy you otherwise as to us may seem most proper, offering a Reward will be in vain as we are bound to others by the most solemn Ties of Consanguinity and Secrecy you may prepare yourself for the Blow & rest assured that Curtis, Horne Tooke & you ere the Meeting of the Parliament will be in utter Oblivion.”

“ Yours, &c.”

“ Wednesday.”



Supercribed,

“ William Pickett, Esq;
“ Mansson-House.”

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and sending the Letter abovementioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) 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 hereby pleased to promise a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person (except as before excepted) who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid, 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.

W. W. GRENVILLE.

General Post-Office, July 6, 1790.

THERE are the strongest Reasons to believe, that one William Lewins, the Person advertised in the London Gazette of the 26th of June last, and in all the

London Papers about that Time, by the Names of William Lownds or Lowins, otherwise William Hope, on Suspicion of having robbed the Mail between Penrith and Kefwick on the 25th of February, 1790, is the Person who also robbed the Mail between Warrington and Northwich, on the 11th of March, 1788, and likewise robbed the Mail between Chester and Frodsham on the 29th of June, 1789.

The said William Lewins was born in the Parish of Astbury, near Congleton, in Cheshire; and was married at Alfreton in Derbyshire the 11th of July, 1785; to Amie Clarke.

He lived at Chesterfield in Derbyshire for about Two Years previous to the first Robbery of the Mail, and followed the Business of a Weaver.

He negotiated a Bill of Exchange for 20l. which was taken out of the said Mail at Chesterfield a few Days after that Robbery.

On the 22d of March, 1788, he negotiated to Mess. Roper and Rayner, of Leeds, another Bill of Exchange, taken out of the same Mail; for 69l. 5s. 6d. which he endorsed in the Name of “ Wm. Brown.”

On the 18th of April, 1788, he negotiated to Mess. Wilberforce, Smiths and Co. of Hull, a Bill of Exchange for 111l. likewise taken out of that Mail, and endorsed the same Name, “ Wm. Brown,” thereon.

He absconded from Chesterfield in the same Month, and was advertised in the London Gazette of the 26th of May, 1788.

On the 11th of April, 1789, about Eleven Weeks previous to the 29th of June, 1789, the Day on which the Mail between Chester and Frodsham was robbed, he went with his Wife and Child to live at Beaumaris in North Wales, assuming the Name of William Hutchinson; and lodged with one Mrs. Corry: In a few Days after this Robbery, he absconded from Beaumaris, and early in August following he negotiated at Oxford a Bill of Exchange for 14l. 18s. which was taken out of this Mail, and endorsed it in the Name of “ Wm. Mall.”

The said William Lewins is about Thirty-five or Thirty-six Years of Age, Five Feet Eight or Nine Inches high, stout made; of a dark Complexion, has remarkable good black Hair, which he lately wore tied behind, has a florid Complexion, large Lips, is rather heavy limbed, and thick about the Ancles; and has a Wife whose Christian Name is, and whom he generally called Amy: It is supposed that he went with his Wife and a little Child between Two or Three Years old, named Polly, to Ireland, in the Autumn of 1788, and returned to Beaumaris in the Spring of 1789.

Whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the said William Lewins, of any of the said Robberies of the Mail, will be entitled to a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person, whether an Accomplice in any of the said Robberies, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery whereby the said William Lewins may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer will, upon Conviction of the Party, be entitled to the same Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, and will also receive His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Postmaster-General,

Anth. Todd, Secretary.