

Lord Chamberlain's Office, January 19, 1798.

Notice is hereby given, that there will be no Drawing-Room at St. James's till Thursday the 1st of February.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant for the County of Sarry.

Sir Robert Baker, Bart: to be Major Commandant of Two Troops of Provisional Cavalry Volunteers for the said County.

Commissions in the Tower Hamlets Militia, signed by the Lord Lieutenant.

First Regiment. Ensign Edward Timperly to be Lieutenant, vice Hugh Jones, deceased. Dated December 8, 1797.

Charles Rivers to be Ensign, vice Edward Timperly, promoted. Dated as above.

James Wood to be Quarter-Master, vice Thomas Hartley, resigned. Dated December 25, 1797.

Whitehall, January 14, 1798.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented to the King, that on the Evening of Tuesday the 2^d Instant a Straw-House, Cow-House, Fattening-House, some Pigeons, a Cart-Hovel, Part of Two Ricks of Hay, a Cress, and some Farming Utensils, (the Value of the whole of which is estimated at Two Hundred Pounds or upwards) were burnt in a Farm situated near the Town of Woburn in the County of Bedford, and in the Occupation of John Circuit, of the said Town; and that the said Premises were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some Person or Persons unknown.

It has likewise been humbly represented to the King, that on the Evening of Monday the 8th Instant, a thatched Workshop, situated in the Town of Woburn aforesaid, and in the Occupation of John Evans, Col- lar-Maker, was discovered to be on Fire; but that the Flames, having been timely perceived, were speedily extinguished by the Inhabitants of the said Town; and that in some Thatch which had been stripped off the said Shop a Piece of Cotton or fine Wool, mixed with Grease or Oil, was found, partly consumed.

And it has been further humbly represented to the King, that on the Evening of Tuesday the 9th Instant, a thatched Wood Barn, (containing Coals, Wood, old Paper, and other Articles susceptible of Fire) in the Occupation of Samuel Handcombe, and situated in the Town of Woburn aforesaid, was observed to be on Fire, but that, by the timely Exertions of the Popu- lace, the same was got under before the Flames had made any considerable Progress; and that, from different concurring Circumstances, it was manifest, that the said Barn, as well as the thatched Workshop before mentioned, were wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some Person or Persons unknown, with a View to burn the Whole or the greatest Part of the said Town, which it is believed would have taken Effect, from the Nature and Position of the said Premises, the Direction of the Wind, and other Circumstances, if the Fire, in both Instances, had not been providentially discovered in Time to frustrate the wicked Designs of the Incen- diaryies who meditated the same.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bring- ing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Felonies above mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise his most

gracious Pardon to any one of them (except the Person who actually set Fire to either of the said Premises) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered by the Inhabitants of the said Town of Woburn to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, by the Overseers of the said Town.

And, as a still further Encouragement, an additional Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted) to be paid, on the Conviction of any one or more of the Of- fenders, by me.

BEDFORD.

Whitehall, January 9, 1798.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Sunday the 7th Instant, an anonymous threatening Letter, of which the following is a Copy, was thrown on the Premises of Henry Chicheley Plowden, Esq; of Newtown Park, near Lymington, in the County of Hants:

January the 7 Mr Plowden

" Sir

" You knows you are a Damd Rogue and
 " Damd Roguish you got your Money and a Damd
 " Rogue you are for not paying it where it is owing
 " you thinks to do as you did in the Indies but I am
 " damd mistaken if you do for you killed thousands
 " of poor Souls for to get their Wealth and now
 " you makes a god of it But if you would wish to
 " live at Newtown any longer I Desire you would
 " take your god out of the Stocks and pay every
 " Body their own and not ditress every Person as
 " you Do and do it as soon as possible or else your
 " house will Be Set on fire about your ears and Burn
 " you to for you are no better worth for all the
 " world groans Because of your Roguishness But
 " do it as soon as possible or else it will come on
 " you unewares like a thief in the night pay every
 " person their own and you need not fear and do it
 " quick or else you soon will Birn in newtown house
 " you Son of a

" Beech Plowden"

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and sending the Letter above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Person 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.

PORTLAND.

And, as a further Encouragement, a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS is hereby offered to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, (except as is before excepted) upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, to be paid by

Henry Chicheley Plowden.