

and maliciously occasioned by some evil-disposed Person or Persons unknown.

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said malicious Acts, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any One of them (except the Person who actually set Fire to, or by other Means occasioned the said Calamities,) 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 to any Person 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 me,

Ju. Butts.

Whitehall, July 23, 1799.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to His Majesty, that on Monday the 8th Day of this instant July, about Half past One o'Clock in the Morning, Mr. William Rutter, Sitter of the Custom-House Boat stationed at Lymington, within the Port of Southampton, in the County of Hants, being out upon Duty with Four of his Men in the said Boat to the Westward of Hurst Castle, near Mineway, he observed a Vessel coming in from Sea towards the Shore, which, suspecting to be employed in smuggling, he ordered his Men to row towards her for the Purpose of cutting her off from the Shore: that on coming near the said Vessel Mr. Rutter discovered her to be a Lugger of between Twenty and Thirty Tons Burthen, with Black Canvas Waiscloths and Tallowed Bottom, carrying a Tanned Mainsail, White Foresail, Mizzen, and Jib; and about Two o'Clock the same Morning when he got within Forty Yards of the said Lugger, near a Place called Beacon Bunny, about Three Hundred Yards from the Shore, he hailed her and enquired what Lugger she was, upon which one of the Crew who was standing by the After-Part of the Mainsail, which had been hoisted a few Minutes before, asked "What Boat is that?" and being answered that it was the Custom-House Boat, he told Mr. Rutter, that he must not come on board but keep off. Mr. Rutter then told the Crew on board the Lugger to haul down their Sails, as he should come on board of them presently, upon which the same Person again asked what Boat it was, and upon being answered that it was the Lymington Custom-House Boat, some Person on board the Lugger, and who was standing near the Afterpart of the Mainsail, immediately fired with a Blunderbuss or Gun at the Boat, by which Charles Colborne, one of Mr. Rutter's Boatmen, was killed; and William Lyne, another of his Boatmen, was severely wounded in the Right Arm: that Mr. Rutter then requested the Persons on board the Lugger not to fire again, and they were told what had happened to the Custom-House Boat, but no Answer being returned, he directed the Remainder of his Men to row off as fast as possible. The said Lugger was afterwards observed about Three Leagues to the Westward of the Needles, steering to the Southward.

His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in this Felony and Murder, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one or more of the said Offenders (except the Person who actually fired) who shall discover his or their Accomplices, so that any one or more of them may be apprehended.

PORTLAND.

Custom-House, London, July, 1799.

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons (except as before excepted) who shall discover and apprehend, or cause and procure to be discovered and apprehended, any one or more of the said Offenders, to be paid by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs.

By Order of the Commissioners,

J. Hume, Secretary.

OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE.

July 30th, 1799.

PURSUANT to an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, Notice is hereby given; That the Average Price of Three per Centum Consolidated Annuities, sold at the Bank of England on this Day, was £. 64 per Centum.

By Order of the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, Matthew Winter, Secretary.

Navy-Office, July 22, 1799.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wednesday the 7th of next Month, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, Commissioner Sir Charles Saxton will expose to Sale at the Pay-Office, in His Majesty's Yard near Portsmouth, several Lots of Old Stores, consisting of

- Old Canvas in Paper Stuff,
- Worn Canvas,
- Old Hammocks with Clews,
- Junk in Paper Stuff,
- Old Rope in Dittó,
- Old Boltrope,
- Lashing,
- Flyings,
- Hemp Rubbish,
- White Ocham,
- Shakings, &c.

lying in the said Yard; where any Persons, wishing to become Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing them during the Common Working-Hours of the Yard till the Day of Sale.

Catalogues and Conditions of Sale may be had here and at the Yard.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, July 25, 1799.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Tuesday the 6th of next Month, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat for the Hire of Two Vessels to serve as Tenders at Bristol.

Further Particulars, together with a Form of the Tender, may be seen at this Office.

No Tender will be received after Twelve o'Clock, nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Navy-Office, July 24, 1799.

THE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 2d of next Month, at One o'Clock, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to contract for supplying

Shirts for Marines,

to be delivered at the Slop-Office here on a standing Contract.

A Form of the Tender may be seen at this Office, and none will be received after Twelve o'Clock on the Day of Treaty, nor any noticed unless the Party, or an Agent for him, attends.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.