

And, as a further Encouragement, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs do hereby promise a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person or Persons 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 the Customs upon Conviction.

Whitehall, August 16, 1800.

**W**hereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on the Morning of Tuesday the 5th Instant, between Twelve and One o'Clock, a Fire was discovered in a Wood adjoining the House of Mr. John Needham, situate at Bickham, by which several Ricks of Wood, &c. were entirely consumed, and that there is every Reason to believe the same was wilfully and maliciously set on Fire by some evil-minded Person or Persons unknown :

And whereas it has also been represented to the King, that on Thursday the 7th Instant, an Inflammatory Paper threatening the Life of the said Mr. Needham, was picked up at the Gate leading to his said House ;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the Persons concerned in setting fire to the said Wood, and writing such Inflammatory Paper, is humbly pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any One of them (except the Person who actually set fire to the beforementioned Wood or wrote the said Paper,) who shall discover his or their 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 of them who shall discover the Person who set fire to the said Wood, and the further Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to any Person concerned in writing the said Paper, (except as is before excepted,) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders, by **John Needham.**

#### OFFICE FOR TAXES, SOMERSET-PLACE.

August 26, 1800.

**P**ursuant 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 £. 63 five-eighths per Centum.

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

#### INDENTURES OF APPRENTICESHIP, MADE UPON IMPROPER STAMPS, RENDERED VALID.

Stamp-Office, Somerset-Place, Aug. 16, 1800.

**H**IS Majesty's Commissioners for managing the Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, that, by a Clause in an Act of the last Session of Parliament, Cap. 84, it is enacted, for Remedy of the Inconvenience which has arisen and may arise to Masters and Mistresses of Apprentices, and also to Apprentices, in respect to Indentures of Apprenticeship made for the binding Poor Children and others, which have through Mistake or Inadvertency been executed upon Stamps of a different Denomination and Value than required by the several Acts relating to the Stamp Duties, and therefore are not valid or binding on any of the Parties thereto, that, upon Payment on or before the 1st Day of January 1801, of the FULL RATE OR DUTY payable on any such Indenture ; or on the Production at

this Office of any Indenture of Apprenticeship, where the same shall have been stamped with any Stamp of a higher Value, though of a different Denomination than is required by Law ; and rendering the same to be stamped to the proper Office at the said Office, every such Indenture shall be stamped without Payment of any Penalty whatever ; and being so stamped with the proper Stamp, (whether done during the Time mentioned therein, or after the Expiration thereof,) shall thereupon be good and valid, and the Persons who have incurred any Penalty by such Neglect or Omission, are indemnified against the same, except only in such Cases where any Prosecution shall be now depending.

By Order of the Commissioners.

**John Brettell, Secretary.**

Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich,

August 11, 1800.

**T**HE Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital hereby give Notice, that at Salters'-Hall in London, on Wednesday the 17th Day of December next, or as soon after as conveniently may be, the undermentioned Estates will be let on Leases to commence upon the Days, and for the Term of Years hereinafter-mentioned, that is to say ; East Deanraw Farm, in the Chapelry of Haydon, and County of Northumberland ; and Tynehead Farm in the Parish of Alston, and Keswick Mill and Ground, and Wanthwaite Mill and Ground, in the Parish of Crosthwaite and County of Cumberland.

East Deanraw Farm will be let on Lease for Five Years, and Tynehead Farm for Twenty Years, to commence upon the 12th Day of May 1801 ; and Keswick Mill and Ground, and Wanthwaite Mill and Ground, for Fourteen Years, to commence upon the 5th Day of April 1801.

Such Persons as may be desirous of taking any of the above-mentioned Estates are requested to send their Proposals, in Writing, to John Ibbetson, Esq; at Greenwich, Hospital, at any Time before the 17th Day of December next, or deliver, or cause to be delivered, the same on that Day, before the Hour of Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Salters'-Hall in London, after which Hour no Proposals will be received.

For Particulars concerning East Denraw Farm apply to Mr. William Coats of Haydon-Bridge ; Tynehead Farm, to Mr. John Dickinson at Lowbyer near Alston ; and Keswick and Wanthwaite Mills and Ground, to Mr. John Scott at Keswick.

Bank of England, June 21, 1800.

**T**HE Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice,

That they intend to publish in the Month of December next, a List of Proprietors of unpaid Dividends on Bank Stock, and all Government Funds transferable at the Bank of England, to the 5th July 1797 ; all Persons entitled to such Dividends who are not willing that their Names should be published, are hereby requested to receive the same on or before the 1st Day of October next, as all Dividends remaining on their Books after that Day must necessarily be included in the List.

**Rob. Best, Secretary.**

South-Sea-House, August 21, 1800.

**T**HE Court of Directors of the South-Sea Company give Notice, that the Transfer Books of Old South-Sea Annuities, will be shut on Monday the 8th of September next, at Two o'Clock, and opened on Friday the 17th of October following.