

Whitehall, March 24, 1812.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that an anonymous threatening letter, of which the following is a copy, has been received by Sir William Smith, Bart., one of the Commissioners acting in execution of the Acts relating to the Assessed Taxes and Property Duty, in the hundred of Doddingtree, in the county of Worcester, viz.

" Sir,

" This is calculated to convey to You some Idea of the dissatisfaction of numberless persons illegally surcharged in the Hundred of Doddingtree, when You act as Commissioner. This to give You previous Notice that if surcharges are confirmed by You, and You act in Your self Interest'd Plan, as You in Particular have done, Your Premises if not yourself shall suffer, You and Your Commissioners have for many Years confirmed many Surcharges which are discharged in other Hundreds to oblige two Notorious bad Raskals, and the great saving of yourselves; This cannot be overlooked any longer without notice and some example made upon You which if You do not concur with shall be the Case.

" Sir William Smith Bart.

Cardistow, Worcester-shire."

His Royal Highness, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in writing and sending the said letter, is hereby pleased, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, to promise His Majesty's most gracious pardon to any one of them (except the person who actually wrote the same) who shall discover his or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

R. RYDER.

And, as a further encouragement, a reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered by the Commissioners for the Affairs of Taxes, to any person making such discovery as aforesaid (except as before excepted), to be paid on the conviction of any one or more of the offenders.

Matthew Winter, Secretary.

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Whereas it has been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that between the hours of two and three o'clock on the morning of Friday the 20th March instant, the warehouse of Mr. William Radcliffe, Cotton-Manufacturer, adjoining to his dwelling-house in the Higher Billgate, Stockport, in the county of Chester, was wilfully and maliciously set on fire by some evil-disposed person or persons, who broke the windows thereof and threw in five flambeaus or torches, composed of pitch, tar, oakum, and spirits of wine, and some waste cops of cotton-wool which had been dipped in similar spirits.

His Royal Highness, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the said felony, is hereby pleased, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, to promise His Majesty's most gracious pardon to any one of them (except

the person who actually set the said premises on fire) who shall discover his or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof. R. RYDER.

And, as a further encouragement, a reward of TWO HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered by the said Mr. William Radcliffe 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, upon application to J. Lloyd, Solicitor, Stockport.

NEW ESTABLISHMENT OF PAY AND HALF-PAY FOR NAVY CHAPLAINS.

Admiralty-Office, March 9, 1812.

THE Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby give notice, that His Royal Highness the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased, by His Order in Council of the 4th instant, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to direct, that the following regulations, in respect to the half-pay or pension to be allowed to Chaplains of His Majesty's Fleet, after long and meritorious service, as well as the pay and allowances during the period of such servitude, shall be established in future, viz.

First.—" That every ship in His Majesty's Navy, from a first to a fifth rate inclusive, shall be allowed a Chaplain on her establishment."

Secondly.—" That every Chaplain after eight years of actual sea service, (or if in a guard-ship, ten years,) during which period he shall not have been absent from his duty six weeks at any one time; except by special leave from the Board of Admiralty, and who shall produce certificates of good conduct and moral behaviour from the Captains he may have served under, shall be entitled to a pension in the nature of half-pay; but no Chaplain to be entitled to half-pay or pension if he shall accept any preferment with cure of souls during the term of his required service at sea."

Thirdly.—" That the amount of this pension or half-pay to each Chaplain shall be five shillings per day."

Fourthly.—" That if in the event of a peace, or from other circumstances not depending on himself, a Chaplain shall not have been able to complete the full servitude of eight years, a pension may be conferred by the Board of Admiralty, according to a scale to be determined on, proportionate to the term of service; in no case, however, to be granted for less than three years service at sea."

Fifthly.—" That on the expiration of the period of eight (or ten) years, as the case may be, every Chaplain shall give notice in writing, whether it is his intention to continue to serve or not; in the first case, every year's additional service shall entitle him, when placed on the pension list, to receive at the rate of sixpence a day in addition to the pension which his eight (or ten) years servitude may have entitled him to, until the aggregate rate amounts to ten shillings a day, being the greatest pension which any