

Whitehall, July 31, 1812.

**W**HEREAS it hath been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that about one o'clock in the morning of the 8th instant, two men came on board a hoy called the Sisters, then lying at Galley Quay, near the Custom House, in the port of London; and represented to William Huxtable, an officer of the customs then on duty, that they were ordered by the owner to take the said hoy to the London Docks, and immediately conveyed the said hoy to the lighter road off the Custom House, and there left her; and that between two and three o'clock in the said morning of the 8th instant, three other men, armed with cutlasses, came on board the said hoy from a skiff, and violently forced the said William Huxtable down the after scuttle into the cabin, where Charles O'Neil, another officer of the customs, then was, and threatened to blow out the brains of the said officers if they made any resistance; and having fastened down the said scuttle, and imprisoned the officers, the said men broke open the main hatches, and feloniously carried away several bales of raw silk, and one case and one trunk of ostrich feathers.

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

SIDMOUTH.

And as a further encouragement, a reward of **TWO HUNDRED POUNDS** is hereby offered by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs to any person making such discovery as aforesaid, to be paid on the conviction of any one or more of the offenders, by the Receiver-General of His Majesty's Customs

General Post-Office, July 10, 1811.

**T**HE following additional Rates of Postage took place on and from this day, viz.

For every single letter sent by the post within Great Britain, above the distance of twenty miles from the office where the same may be put in, one penny; double, two pence; treble, three pence; an ounce, four pence; and so in proportion.

For every single letter sent by the post to and from Ireland, one penny; and so in proportion.

For every single letter sent by the post to and from His Majesty's dominions and plantations in America, two pence; and so in proportion.

For every single letter sent by the post to and from parts beyond the seas, whether within or not within His Majesty's dominions, two pence; and so in proportion.

For every letter, packet, or cover, containing patterns or samples of cloth, silk, or other goods, not exceeding an ounce in weight (if the letter, packet, or cover shall be closed or not open at the sides), a rate of two pence.

For every letter or cover containing patterns or

samples of cloth; silk; stuff, or other goods enclosed therein or affixed thereto, if the same do not weigh an ounce (so as such letter or cover shall be sent open at the sides), a rate of one penny.

The rates upon single letters sent by or to seamen or privates employed in His Majesty's Army, Navy, &c. are not increased.

By command of the Postmasters-General,

F. Freeling, Secretary.

Navy-Office, July 27, 1812.

**T**HE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give notice, that on Thursday the 13th of August next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, they will put up to sale, at their Office in Somerset-Place, His Majesty's ships and vessels hereunder mentioned, which are lying at the Yards against the same expressed.

Lying at Deptford.

Aimable, 782 tons; Charwell, 346 tons; Zebra bomb, 320 tons; Terror bomb, 302 tons; Vesuvius bomb, 307 tons.

Lying at Woolwich.

Gluckstadt sloop, 339 tons.

Lying at Chatham.

Eyderen sloop, 335 tons; Valorous sloop, 422 tons.

Lying at Portsmouth.

Prompte, 509 tons; Hippomenes sloop, 417 tons.

Persons wishing to view the ships and vessels, must apply to the Commissioner of the Yard for a note of admission for that purpose.

Catalogues and conditions of sale may be had here, and at the Yards.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

#### CONTRACT FOR TRAIN OIL.

Navy-Office, August 7, 1812.

**T**HE Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy do hereby give notice, that on Wednesday the 19th instant, at one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying His Majesty's several Yards, or any one or more of them, with

Train Oil.

A distribution of the oil, and a form of the tender, may be seen at this Office.

No tender will be received after one o'clock on the day of treaty, nor any noticed, unless the party, or an agent for him, attends.

Every tender must be accompanied by a letter, addressed to the Navy Board, and signed by two responsible persons, engaging to become bound with the person tendering, in the sum of 500*l.* for the due performance of the contract.

R. A. Nelson, Secretary.

Office of Ordnance, August 4, 1812.

**T**HE Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance do hereby give notice, that proposals will be received at their Office in Pall-Mall, on or before Wednesday the 19th day of August instant, from such persons as may be willing to undertake the supply of

Brass Work for Small Arms,