

be on fire, and was very materially damaged; and whereas there is strong ground for suspecting that the said fire was wilfully and maliciously occasioned by some person or persons unknown;

His Royal Highness, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the felony abovementioned, 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 or persons who actually set fire to the vessel abovementioned) who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SIDMOUTH.

And, as a further encouragement, a reward of FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS is hereby offered to any person or persons (except as before excepted) who shall discover his, her, or their accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof; or to any person or persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, the persons guilty of the said felony, so that they may be duly convicted thereof.

The above reward of five hundred guineas to be paid by the General Committee of the Shipping Interest of the Port of Tyne.

Whitehall, October 19, 1815.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that a considerable number of persons at Shields, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Sunderland, and in the neighbourhood of those places, have unlawfully assembled themselves together in a disorderly and tumultuous manner, for the purpose of compelling the ship-owners, and others concerned in the trade of the above mentioned ports, to comply with certain regulations prescribed by them with respect to the navigating ships and vessels proceeding to and from those ports; and have actually detained and prevented divers ships and vessels from sailing from the said ports, and have proceeded to other acts of violence; and whereas it has been further represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that these misguided persons have formed themselves into committees, and have administered illegal oaths, with a view to the purposes before mentioned; and have also, upon various occasions, used force or intimidation to compel persons to join such unlawful assemblies, and to prevent their engaging with the said ship-owners;

His Royal Highness, being duly sensible of the mischievous consequences which must inevitably arise from such illegal and dangerous proceedings, if not speedily suppressed, and deeming it indispensably necessary to have recourse to the most effectual measures, with a view of bringing to justice the persons concerned therein, has already caused an adequate military and naval force to be assembled and stationed in those parts where the disturbances have prevailed, for the purpose of assisting the civil power (if necessary), in sup-

pressing the same, and is hereby pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to promise His most gracious pardon to any person or persons who have been concerned in the illegal proceedings before mentioned, (except the president, or person acting as president, in any such committee, or any person having actually administered any such unlawful oath, or having used any actual force or intimidation for any of the above mentioned purposes) who shall come forward and give information against any of the persons who have administered the said oaths, or assisted in the administering the same, or have acted in a committee of any such unlawful assembly as aforesaid, or who shall have used force or intimidation to compel persons to join those unlawful assemblies, or who shall have prevented any persons from engaging themselves in the service of any of the ship-owners before mentioned;

And, as a further encouragement, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent is hereby pleased to promise to any person or persons (except as aforesaid) who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, the authors, abettors, or perpetrators of any of the illegal proceedings before mentioned, so that they or any of them may be duly convicted thereof, the sum of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS for each and every person so convicted; the said sum to be paid by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

SIDMOUTH.

Whitehall, October 2, 1815.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that some evil disposed person or persons did on the evening of Thursday the 21st ultimo, between the hours of seven and eight, set fire to various ricks of corn, the property of Mr. John Hole, of Saunton-Court, within the parish of Braunton, in the county of Devon, which totally destroyed the same;

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 the behalf of His Majesty, to promise His Majesty's most gracious pardon to any one of them (except the person who actually set fire to the said corn ricks), who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SIDMOUTH.

And, as a further encouragement, the following rewards are hereby offered, viz. ONE HUNDRED POUNDS by the West of England Fire and Life Insurance Company, the sum of FIFTY POUNDS by J. Cleveland, Esq. Lord of the Manor of Saunton, and a further sum of FIFTY POUNDS by the said Mr. John Hole, and TEN POUNDS by the Braunton Association, to any person (except as is before excepted) who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof, or to any person or persons who shall apprehend and bring the