

covered to be on fire, whereby two ricks of barley, and one rick of beans, were destroyed; and that there is every reason to believe the same was wilfully and maliciously set on fire by some evil-disposed person or persons unknown;

His Royal Highness, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the person or persons concerned in the felony above-mentioned, 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 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, a reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS is hereby offered by the County Fire-Office, to any person or persons (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 offender or offenders to conviction, or cause him, her, or them to be apprehended and convicted as aforesaid.

Whitehall, February 4, 1817.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that on Sunday the 1st day of December last, between five and six o'clock in the evening, some person or persons entered the dwelling-house of William Howard, of Yiewsley, in the parish of Hillingdon, in the county of Middlesex, farmer, and most barbarously and inhumanly murdered the said William Howard; and also violently beat Sarah Randall, his housekeeper, with a bludgeon, leaving her almost dead, and afterwards stole a considerable sum of money from a bureau in the said dwelling-house;

His Royal Highness, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the said murder and 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 or persons who actually murdered the said William Howard), 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 FIFTY POUNDS is hereby offered by the relatives of the said William Howard, and FIFTY POUNDS by the parish of Hillingdon, to any person (except as 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 said offenders, or any of them, to conviction, or cause them, or any of them, so to be apprehended and convicted as aforesaid.

Whitehall, January 22, 1817.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that James Watson the younger, formerly of Hyde-Street, Bloomsbury, surgeon, stands indicted for a capital felony, in having wilfully and feloniously attempted to kill and murder Richard Platt, on Monday the 2d day of December last, by firing a loaded pistol at and desperately wounding the said Richard Platt; and that the said James Watson also stands charged with having committed other high and atrocious offences;

His Royal Highness, for the better and more speedy apprehending and bringing to justice the said James Watson for the felony and offences aforesaid, is hereby pleased, acting in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, to promise to any person or persons who shall discover and apprehend, or cause to be discovered and apprehended, the said James Watson, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS; to be paid by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the said James Watson being apprehended and lodged in any one of His Majesty's gaols.

SIDMOUTH.

The above named James Watson is a surgeon by profession, and has been employed in that capacity on board a Greenland ship: he is a young man, apparently about twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, but is only twenty; dark hair, rather pale complexion, five feet five inches high, rather slender made, has a scar or mole under his right eye, and a slight scarification on the eyelid, which disfigures the eye, and faint remains of small pox in his face; had on a brown great coat, blue under coat, black waistcoat, drab breeches, and long gaiters; appearance, shabby genteel: he formerly lodged in Hyde-Street, Bloomsbury, and was in the habit of wearing a black coat buttoned, kerseymer breeches, and long gaiters.

Whitehall, January 16, 1817.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that, on the night of Sunday the 5th instant, some evil-disposed person or persons did maliciously destroy nineteen rams belonging to Mr. John Hall, of Countessthorpe, in the county of Leicester;

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 or persons who actually killed the said sheep) who shall discover his 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 FIFTY POUNDS is hereby offered by the said John Hall to any person (except as is before excepted) who shall discover his, her, or their ac-