

Whitehall, March 24, 1817.

**W**hereas it hath been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that, about eleven o'clock on the night of Monday the 10th instant, some evil-disposed person or persons did maliciously set fire to two large ricks of beans, standing in a field belonging to Mr. Brindley, of Wheaton Aston, in the county of Stafford, and 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 or persons 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.

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And as a further encouragement a reward of TWENTY POUNDS is hereby offered, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Lapley and Wheaton Aston Association, and a further reward of TWENTY POUNDS by the said Mr. Brindley 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 said offenders, or any of them, to conviction, or cause them, or any of them, so to be apprehended and convicted as aforesaid.

Whitehall, March 29, 1817.

**W**hereas it hath been humbly represented unto His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that about twelve o'clock on the night of Monday the 24th instant, a barn, stable, and cowshed, and two straw ricks nearly adjoining the barn, on the premises of Mr. Joseph Howell, of Gunstone, in the parish of Brewwood, in the county of Stafford, were discovered to be in flames, the whole of which were entirely consumed, and that there is every reason to suppose that the same were wilfully and maliciously set on fire by some evil-disposed person or persons;

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 set fire to the said premises and straw ricks), who shall discover his, her, or their accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a further encouragement, a reward of FIFTY GUINEAS is hereby offered by the said Mr. Howell, and TWENTY GUINEAS by the Brewwood 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 said offenders, or any of them, to conviction, or cause them, or any of them, so to be apprehended and convicted as aforesaid.

Navy-Office, May 2, 1817.

**T**HE Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed money for the payment of half-pay to Sea Officers, from the 1st January to the 25th March 1817, according to His Majesty's establishment in that behalf; these are to give notice, that the several payments will begin to be made at the Pay-Office, by the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, at ten o'clock in the morning, on the following days, viz.

On the 12th instant, and two following days, to Admirals, Captains, and their Attornies.

On the 15th, 16th, 19th, and 20th instant, to Lieutenants, and Chaplains, and their Attornies.

On the 21st and 22d instant, to Masters, Surgeons, and Pursers, and their Attornies.

After which the lists will be recalled the first and third Wednesday in every month, that all persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable to them, and not only bring with them the affidavit required, touching their not having enjoyed the benefit of any public employment, either at sea or on shore, during the time they are to be paid their half-pay, but also to produce certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths of Allegiance required by Act of Parliament, to His present Majesty; and in case any of the said Officers should not be able to attend themselves, but employ Attornies for that purpose, that the said Attornies do produce the like certificates and affidavits from the persons they are employed by.

Where Officers are abroad on leave, their agents are to produce attested copies of such leave, before the half-pay can be paid.

And as by Act of Parliament, passed in the thirty-fifth year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for establishing a more easy and expeditious Method for the Payment of Officers belonging to His Majesty's Navy," it is enacted by the twentieth clause of the said Act, "that if any Commissioned or Warrant Naval Officer who shall be entitled to receive Half-Pay, and shall be desirous to receive and be paid the same at or near the place of his residence, he may apply to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, in London, to have such Half-Pay paid at or near the place of his residence, &c. in the manner pointed out by the said Act;" and by a further Act, passed in the fifty-sixth year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for enabling the Officers in His Majesty's Navy, and their representatives, to draw for and receive their half-pay," it is enacted by the first and third clauses of the said Act, "that if any Officer in His Majesty's Navy, who shall be entitled to receive any sum of money for or on account of his half-pay, shall be desirous of drawing a bill of exchange for the same upon the