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Whitehall, April 18, 1825.

The King has been pleased to give and grant unto Robert-Purkis Hillyar, Doctor in Medicine, late Surgeon of His Majesty's ship the Windsor Castle, His royal licence and permission, that he may, in compliance with the earnest desire expressed by His Most Faithful Majesty John the Sixth, King of Portugal, accept and wear the insignia of a Knight of the Royal Portuguese Military Order of the Tower and Sword, which that Sovereign was pleased to confer upon him, on occasion of His Most Faithful Majesty's visit on board that ship, in the Tagus in the month of May 1824; provided, nevertheless, that His Majesty's said licence and permission doth not authorise, and shall not be deemed or construed to authorise, the assumption of any stile, appellation, rank, precedence, or privilege appertaining unto a Knight Bachelor of these realms:

And also to command, that His Majesty's said concession and especial mark of His royal favour be registered, together with the relative documents, in the College of Arms.

Whitehall, April 16, 1825.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Sidney Walsingham Bennett, of Brighton, in the county of Sussex, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

Whitehall, April 11, 1825.

WHEREAS it hath been humbly represented unto the King, that, about three o'clock in the morning of Sunday the 27th day of March last, some evil disposed person or persons did wilfully and maliciously set fire to a certain barn and a certain stable, coach-house, outhouses, and out-buildings, situate in the parish of Windlesham, in the county of Surrey, the property of the Rev. Thomas Snell, as Rector of the rectory of the said parish, and belonging to and parcel of the said parish, and also a certain stack and quantity of wood, the property of the said Thomas Snell, then being in the said barn;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the felony above mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious pardon to any one of them (except the person who actually set fire to the said property), who shall discover his accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

ROBERT PEEL.

And, as a further encouragement, the following rewards are hereby offered to any person (except as aforesaid) who shall discover the said offender or offenders, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted of the said offence,

viz.: **FIFTY GUINEAS** by the said Thomas Snell, and **TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS** by the parishioners of the said parish of Windlesham; such rewards to be paid on conviction by Mr. Mears, solicitor, Bagshot, in the said county.

Whitehall, April 19, 1825.

WHEREAS it has been humbly represented to the King, that, some evil disposed person or persons did, on the night of Thursday the 24th of March last, and again on the night of Monday the 4th of April instant, feloniously set fire to the White Horse public house, in North-street, in the parish of Bishop's-Stortford, in the occupation of Mrs. Mary Bium, and also did on the night of Tuesday the 5th of April instant, feloniously set fire to a barn, used as a carpenter's shop, in Hockerill, in the parish of Bishop's-Stortford aforesaid, in the occupation of Samuel Warner, which communicated to an adjoining barn, in the occupation of Mr. Robert Cole; subsequent to which an anonymous letter has been addressed to "The Committee at the Vestry," threatening that the said town of Bishop's-Stortford shall be laid in ashes, if two persons therein named are not released from prison, and alluding to a reward which had been offered for the discovery of the offenders in the above-mentioned felonies. And whereas it hath been further represented unto the King that in the night of the 16th, or early in the morning of the 17th instant, the house of Mr. William Francis, of North-street, in Bishop-Stortford aforesaid, was burglariously entered and set fire to in two different places, and that at the same time a barn, or outhouse adjoining thereto, was also set on fire;

His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to justice the persons concerned in the felonies above-mentioned, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious pardon to any one of them (except the person who actually set fire to the said respective premises, and except the writer and sender of the said threatening letter), who shall discover his accomplice or accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

ROBERT PEEL.

And, as a further encouragement, the following rewards are hereby offered to any person (except as aforesaid) who shall discover the said offender or offenders, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted of the said offences, to be paid on conviction by Mr. A. M. Ashby, of Bishop's-Stortford aforesaid, Clerk to the Association for Prosecuting Felons, viz.:

ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS for the discovery of the offender or offenders in the case of the two fires at the White Horse public house, on the 24th of March and 4th of April above-mentioned. **TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS** for the discovery of the offender or offenders in the case of the fire at Hockerill on the 5th instant above-mentioned; and **TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS** for the discovery of the offender or offenders who set fire to the premises at Mr. William Francis's aforesaid.