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Whitehall, March 28.

**L**etters from Vice-Admiral Vernon dated at Jamaica the 2d of February give an Account, that he was returned to that Island with his Majesty's Squadron under his Command; that several of the Ships had suffered Damage in their Masts and Rigging by the hard Gales of Wind in the Passage from Porto Bello; but that they were refitting with all possible Expedition; and that the Admiral proposed to put to Sea again about the Middle of February. His Majesty's Ship the Greenwich, with the Fireships, Bomb Vessels, and Storeships which were sent from hence to join Admiral Vernon, were all arrived at Jamaica on the 15th of January. Admiral Vernon had granted a Convoy to several Merchants of Jamaica, for protecting their Ships which were intended to trade on the Spanish Coasts.

Letters from Edward Trelawney, Esq; Governor of Jamaica, of the same Date, advise, that pursuant to a Letter dated the 23d of October last, from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, he had caused War against Spain to be proclaimed in the three Towns of that Island. That upon former Orders he had taken all Precautions to prevent Stores or Ammunition being carried to the Enemy, and would continue with the same Vigilance to prevent their being supplied therewith from Jamaica.

Whitehall, March 29.

The Honourable Edward Finch, Esq; his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Czarina of Muscovy, set out early this Morning for Harwich, in order to embark for Holland, and from thence to continue his Journey to Petersbourg.

Whitehall, March 20th, 1739-40.

Whereas Robert Gainsford, of Culham, in the County of Oxford, Gent. did, in the Year 1729, build and erect a Brick Kiln House, and four other Houses thereto adjoining, for the making of Bricks, Tiles, and Lyme, and on or about the 10th Day of January 1731, between the

Hours of Twelve and One at Night, one of the Houses was privately and maliciously set on Fire by some wicked Person or Persons, which entirely consumed the same. And on or about the 5th day of November then next following, between the Hours of Twelve and One at Night, two other Houses adjoining to the said Kiln were in like Manner set on Fire, which entirely consumed the same with the Utensils thereto belonging; and also a large Quantity of Fuel. And on or about the 23d Day of December then next following, between the Hours of Twelve and One at Night, one other of the said Houses was in the like Manner set on Fire, which entirely consumed the same. And on or about the 10th Day of December 1737, between the Hours of Twelve and One at Night, a considerable Quantity of Fuel for the Use of the said Kiln was in like Manner set on Fire, but Part of the same, by timely Assistance, was preserved. And on Tuesday the 4th Day of this Instant March, between the Hours of Eight and Nine at Night, the Fuel for the Use of the said Kiln, was in like Manner set on Fire, which entirely consumed the same: His Majesty, for the better Discovery of the Person or Persons concerned in so wicked Acts, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall impeach or discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a further Encouragement, the Reverend Mr. Woods, Vicar of Culham aforesaid, promises a Reward of Five Pounds, and the said Robert Gainsford the Sum of Ten Pounds, to any one of the Accomplices, or any other Person or Persons who shall make the Discovery above-mentioned, so as any one or more of the Persons concerned may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

James Travers, in Great James Street, near Bedford Row.

General Post Office, March 14, 1739.

Whereas the Post-Boy, who was carrying the Worcester Mail from London to Southall, was set upon this Morning about Four of the Clock, between Aulsebrook-street End and Isburn Turnpike, by Two Footpads, one of which was a lusty Man, in a white Cape Coat, who presented a Pistol to the said Boy, and demanding the Oxford Bag, led him into a Field against Audley-street End, opened the Mail, and took thereout the Worcester and Oxford Bags; the Worcester Bag containing the Ludlow, Tenbury, and Bromyard Letters; the Oxford Bag containing the Burford, Whitney, and Woodstock Letters.

The Postmaster General thinks proper to advertise the Publick, that whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, both or either of the Persons who committed the said Robbery, will be intitled

( Price Two Pence. )