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Brussels, October 16, N. S.

Several Waggon and Horses set out from hence on Monday last to fetch the Train of heavy Artillery which is at Louvain; and the next Day others took the same Route, in order to fetch away the Bombs, Cannon Balls, and other Military Stores, to remove them to Douay and the other Frontier Places; and a great Number of Waggon has been also order'd in Brabant, Flanders, and the County of Namur, for the like Purpose. 'Tis said that the Troops which are canton'd in the Neighbourhood of Limburg, have not only abandon'd that City, but also all the other Places belonging to that Province, and will take up their Winter Quarters at Maubeuge, Quesnoy, Landrecy, and in the other Frontier Towns; but a great Body of French Troops, which has been for a long Time posted on the Left of the Meuse, has not yet made any Disposition to decamp from thence; and it is believed will remain there till after the Evacuation of Maestricht, from whence all the Artillery is sending to the Banks of the Meuse, in order to be transported by Water to Namur.

Whitehall, Sept. 15, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that, on the 6th of this Instant September, one Hugh Coffy was committed to Newgate, on strong Suspicion of Filing and Diminishing Portugal Gold Pieces: And as there is the strongest Reason to believe, that the said Coffy, and several others (who since the said Coffy's Commitment have absconded) have been concerned in Filing the Current Coin of this Kingdom called Guineas, and in dispersing the same: Their Excellencies are pleased to promise His Majesty's most gracious Pardon to any of the Persons concerned with the said Coffy as aforesaid, upon his or her discovering one or more of his or her Accomplices; as likewise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament, to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons concerned in

Filing and Diminishing the said Current Coin of this Kingdom, so as he, she or they may be convicted of the same.

J. Potter.

Mint Office in the Tower of London, Sept. 30, 1748.

Whereas divers evil-disposed Persons have, for some Time past, made a Practice of filing Guineas, and dispersing the same; and for the apprehending of the Offenders therein, their Excellencies the Lords Justices have been pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend and take any Person or Persons concerned in filing and diminishing of Guineas, so as he, she, or they be thereof convicted: And whereas Samuel Davies and Joseph Mapham, against whom Informations have been taken upon Oath, have, since the above Discoveries, absconded from their Habitation, the Sign of the Bull and Butcher in West Smithfield; on sea ching which said House, was found in a Bureau belonging to the said Samuel Davies, Tools and other Instruments for filing of Guineas, with a large Quantity of Filings of Gold Coin.

Samuel Davies was born at Wrexham, served his Apprenticeship at Liverpool, well known at Thame in Oxfordshire, and kept a Butcher's Shop for some Years in German-street St. James's. He is a black Man, about five Foot ten Inches high, has a down-cast Look, and had on, at the Time he absconded, an old white Wigg, a Fustian Frock with Plate Buttons, a blue and white striped Waistcoat, black Breeches, light colour'd Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

Joseph Mapham (by Trade an Inlayer in Tortoiseshell,) was born in Newgate Market, and for some Years was a Green Grocer there: He is about sixty Years of Age, of a fair Complexion, has a long Nose and Chin, is about five Foot seven Inches high, walks very lame, and had on, when he absconded, an old white Wig, and light coloured Coat and Breeches.

And whereas Informations have been taken against the following Persons for being concerned with others in filing and diminishing such Guineas as aforesaid, as also the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Usher Gabagan, Bryan Duff, John Fullham, Mary Dean alias Harrison, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately absconded.

Usher

