

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 searching 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 Wig, 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 Gabagan, born in Ireland, about five Foot six Inches high, a slender bodied Man, and pale faced, about Thirty-five Years old, Author of Latin Poems on Pope's Criticisms; and had on, when he absconded, a dark brown Lapelle Coat with yellow Buttons, and a Silver lac'd Hat; well known about Chancery Lane, and the Inns of Court Temple Bar; and lodged last with Hugh Coffy, in Dorset Court Fleet-street.

Bryan Duff, born in Ireland, a middle sized Man, full bodied, has a round plump Face, of a ruddy Complexion, and has a brisk Eye; is about thirty Years of Age, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow

low Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waistcoat; he lived Servant to a Gentleman in Charges-street Piccadilly, and Charles-street St. James's, and lodged last at the Red Lion in King-street Golden Square.

John Fullham, born in Ireland, of low Stature, has a very round Face, and a ruddy Complexion; generally wore a blue grey Coat with yellow Metal Buttons; went for a Lawyer, and lodged last in Ram Alley Fleet-street.

Mary Dean alias Harrison, born in Cheshire, is between forty and fifty Years of Age, lived many Years in Dublin, and well known at Liverpool, is a Dealer in Irish Stuffs: She is a middle-sized Woman, has a large Scar in the Left Side of her Neck just below her Hair, a Swelling in one of her Knees, and walks lame; well known in Green Harbour-Court near the Golden Hind, Moorfields, and lodged last in Sedwick's Rents near Moor-Gate.

Margaret Rutherford alias Mary Foster, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Rutherford, of Sir John Ligonier's Regiment, is a tall jolly Woman, between thirty and forty Years old, is pitted with the Small Pox, has grey Eyes, and a remarkable Dent at the End of one of her Thumbs; is by Trade a Mantua-maker and Dealer in Irish Stuffs, well known about Temple-Bar, and the Villages round London, and lodged last in Bow-Lane, Cheapside.

Whoever apprehends the said Samuel Davies and Joseph Mapham, or either of the other abovementioned Persons, or any other Person concerned in these Practices, may apply themselves to Mr. Fountaine Cook, Solicitor to his Majesty's Mint, at his Chambers in Clement's Inn, London.

Hand-in-Hand Fire-Office.

The Directors give Notice, that a General Meeting of the Members of the said Society will be held at their Office in Angel Court on Snow Hill, on Thursday the 10th of November next, by Three in the Afternoon; where all who have Insured are desired to be present. The Election of Directors for the Year ensuing, by Ballotting, will be held at the same Place on the three preceding Days, from Nine in the Forenoon to Twelve, and from Three to Six in the Afternoon.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Ship's Company of the late Shoreham Privateer, whereof Robert Millegen was Commander, that there has unexpectedly come into the Managers Hands a small Sum of Money, since the Dividend in March last, which was thought to be final, which they intend to divide amongst them on Saturday the 12th of November next, at the Mitre Tavern in Fenchurch-street; between the Hours of Nine in the Morning, and One in the Afternoon.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of his Majesty's Ships Captain and Monmouth, that the former will be paid their respective Shares of the Prize Graaf Dannekiold, at the King's Arms on Tower-hill, on Friday the 18th of November next, and the Retalls will be at the same Place on the first Tuesday of every Month for three Years after. The Monmouth will be paid at Mr. Harrison's, in Pike street, Plymouth, on Wednesday the 16th of November next. The Retalls to be at the same Place on the first Saturday of every Month.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship the Angelsea, Robert Duff, Esq. Commander, who were on board her at the taking the Extravagante Privateer, that the Bounty Money for the said Prize will be paid at the Dolphin Tavern in Tower-street, on Wednesday the 26th Instant: And such Shares as are not then demanded, will be paid at the same Place the first Tuesday in every Month for three Years to come.

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