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St. James's, December 2.

THIS Day being appointed for the Keeping of the King's Birth-Day, a great Number of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Distinction, waited on His Majesty, to compliment Him on the Occasion. The Court was very numerous, and extremely splendid; and at Night there was a Ball.

St. James's, November 30.

This Day Signior Businello, Resident from the most Serene Republick of Venice, had his first Private Audience of his Majesty, to deliver his Letters of Credence; to which he was introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knight, Master of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, November 12, 1748.

Whereas it hath been represented to their Excellencies the Lords Justices, that divers Robberies have been lately committed within the County of Suffex, particularly one on John Waters, near Buxted Bridge, on the 12th Day of October last, by five Persons armed, who took from him Twenty six Pounds; and one other Robbery on the 2d Day of November Instant, in the House of Richard Haffenden, by four Men armed with Pistols and a Blunderbuss, who took out of the said House Thirty-five Pounds in Money, five Pieces of old Gold, two Silver Spoons marked I. H. a Silver Watch, a two handled Tumbler, and three plain Gold Rings; and whereas there is good Reason to believe that the Persons who committed the said Robberies are Part of a Gang of Smuglers, who have long infested the Coast of that County: Their Excellencies, for the better discovering the Persons concerned in the said Robberies, are pleased hereby to promise his Majesty's most gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders (except Thomas Kemp, of Flimwell, who some Time ago escaped out of Newgate, if it should appear that he was concerned in either of the said Robberies) who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be convicted of either of the said Robberies: And as a further Encouragement for such Discovery, a Reward of Fifty Pounds to such Person, or to any other Person or Persons making the same as aforesaid, to be paid on the Conviction of each Offender.

J. Potter.

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.

When as 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, against whom an Information has been taken upon Oath, hath, since the above Discoveries, absconded from his 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 downy 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.

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 Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harrison, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately absconded.

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