

Retire out: (Part of which was engraved with the following Coat of Arms in Lozenge, viz. a Fez between Three Dolphins, Or.) As also a considerable Sum of Money, together with a Gold Watch in a chased Case, and a large Quantity of Household Linnen; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Burglary and Robbery, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement, the said Mrs. Philippa Leman does hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to any one of the said Accomplices, who shall discover one or more of the said Offenders; to be paid upon their Conviction.

Philippa Leman.

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, 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 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.

And whereas Informations have been taken against the following Persons for being concerned with others

in filing and diminishing such Guineas as aforesaid, viz. the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harrison, and Margaret Ruthford, 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, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waistcoat; he lived Servant to a Gentleman in Charges-street Piccadilly, and Old-liver-street St. James's, and lodged last at the Red Lion in King-street Golden Square.

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 Ruthford alias Mary Foster, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Ruthford, 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-Land, Cheap-side.

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

London, Dec. 2, 1748.

General Post-Office.

Whereas the Post-Boys bringing the West Mail from Andover to Basingstoke, was last Night, between the Hours of Seven and Eight, attacked on the Highway about a Quarter of a Mile on this Side of a Place called Clarken Green, which is near Four Miles distant from Basingstoke in the County of Southampton, by a single Highwayman, who carried off the Letters contained in the following Bags, viz. The two Exeter Bags, Shaftsbury, Ashburton, Truro, Barnstaple, Launceston, Weymouth, Camelford, Bodmin, Tonness, Ilchester, Dorchester, Somerton, Yeovil, and Blandford.

This is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, of whom no particular Description is as yet come to Hand, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen; or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person, who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the same Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Post-Master-General,

George Shelvocke, Secretary.

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General Post-Office, December 17, 1748.

His Majesty's Post-Master General, for the farther Improvement of Correspondence, having been pleased to order,