

Whitehall, December 24, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to the King, That Richard Hawkins, late of Yapton in the County of Sussex, Labourer, being, some Time in the Month of January last, at Work in a Barn near the said Parish, was forcibly taken from thence by Jeremiah Curtis, alias Butler, late of Hawkhurst in the County of Kent, and John Mills, alias Smoaker, of Trotton in the County of Sussex, Labourer, and was by them carried into a Back Room in the Dog and Partridge Alehouse on Slin-den Common; where Edward Savage, alias Sawidge, alias Fat-back, late of Bexhill, but now of Billings-burst, Alehouse keeper; and Thomas Winter, alias Coachman, alias Kentish Coachman, of Postling, near Hythe, in the County of Kent, Farmer, were wait-ing for them: In which Room they detained the said Richard Hawkins till about Twelve o'Clock at Night; when the said Jeremiah Curtis, John Mills, Edward Savage, and Thomas Winter went away, and took with them the said Richard Hawkins; who was not afterwards seen or heard of till his Body was found in a Pond in Parham Park, in the said County of Sussex: That the Coroner's Inquest having sat upon the said Body, found it to be the Body of the said Richard Hawkins, and brought in their Verdict, Wilful Murder by Persons unknown.

And whereas it hath been further represented to the King, That several Murders, Burglaries and Robberies have been lately committed in the County of Sussex; and that there is the strongest Reason to believe, that the said Jeremiah Curtis, John Mills, Edward Savage, and Thomas Winter, were the Authors of the said Murder: His Majesty, for the better apprehending and bringing to Justice the abovesaid Persons, as well as for discouraging such horrid and barbarous Outrages; is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any Per-son who shall apprehend, or, by giving Information, shall cause to be apprehended, so as he or they be con-victed thereof, any one or more of the said Offenders; notwithstanding the Person making such Discovery shall now stand outlawed for not having surrendered himself to Justice, pursuant to Notice given in the London Ga-zette; provided that such Person shall not appear to have been concerned in the abovesaid Murder, or any other Murder; or to have been concern'd in the break-ing open his Majesty's Warehouse at Pool.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Custom-House, London, Dec. 24, 1748.

And as a further Encouragement for bringing the Offenders to Justice, the Commissioners of the Customs do hereby promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds for the dis-covering and apprehending each of the Persons concerned in the said Murder; to be paid by the Receiver General of the Customs upon the Conviction of each Offender respectively.

By Order of the Commissioners,
William Wood, Secy.

Whitehall, December 20, 1748.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, That the Dwelling House of Mrs. Philippa Leman, of Wen-baston, in the County of Suffolk, was broke into, on the 5th Instant, between the Hours of Ten and Eleven of the Clock in the Night, by Five Men armed and dis-guised, and a large Quantity of chased Plate was taken thereout; (Part of which was engraved with the fol-lowing 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 Hoasbold-Linen; 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 Ac-complice 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. 13, 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 New-gate, 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 ab-sconded) 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 Per-sons concerned with the said Coffy as aforesaid, upon his or her discovering one or more of his or her Ac-complices; 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 dis-persing the same; and for the apprehending of the Of-fenders 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 appre-hend 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, were 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