

it was greatly against his Inclination) he was obliged, in the View of acquitting what he owes to himself, to set this Affair in its true Light, as he would not make himself answerable to Posterity, for the fatal Effects that might attend the Prejudice occasioned to the Finances from these Delays. His Highness then acquaints the States, that after having maturely weighed every thing that could be offered on this Subject, he found that there were only two Methods of answering the End proposed. The first, by the Introduction of a General Poll-Tax on Families, divided into several Classes, according to every one's Consumption, Retinue, Calling, and Means. The second, by levying, by Means of Collectors, the Imposts which were formerly farmed out to the Pachters.

*St. James's, May 3.*

This Day the Chevalier Ossorio, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia, had a private Audience of Leave of his Majesty.

And immediately after Count Perron, his Successor in the same Character, had his first private Audience of his Majesty, at which he delivered his Credential Letters: They were both introduced by his Grace the Duke of Bedford, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Charles Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

*Leicester House, May 3.*

This Day the Chevalier Ossorio, and Count Perron, had private Audiences of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

And afterwards of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

To which they were introduced by Charles Cottrell, Esq; Assistant Master of the Ceremonies.

*Kensington, May 6.*

This Day his Majesty, with the Royal Family, came from St. James's to reside here.

*Whitehall, April 21, 1749.*

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Thursday the 30th Day of March last past, the Malthouse of Thomas Ward, of Kingston upon Thames, in the County of Surry, situated in Kingston aforesaid, being composed entirely of Timber, wherein was contained a large Quantity of malted and other Grain, was wilfully and maliciously set on Fire in several Parts thereof, by Persons unknown; and had not the same, by the timely Assistance of the Neighbours, been immediately extinguished, the said Malthouse, together with the Grain therein contained, must inevitably have been consumed, to the utter Ruin of the said Thomas Ward, and the great Terror of the Neighbourhood thereabouts, whose Houses would have been in infinite Danger, had

not the Flame been prevented from rising to a Head. His Majesty for the better discovering and bringing the Offenders to Justice, is hereby graciously pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of the Persons concerned in the abovementioned Crime, who shall discover any one or more of his Accomplices, so that he, she, they, or any of them be apprehended and convicted thereof.

B E D F O R D.

And as a farther Encouragement for the making such Discovery, I do hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Pounds, to any Person or Persons whatsoever making such Discovery as aforesaid, so as he, she, or they be apprehended and convicted thereof.

Tho. Ward.

*Whitehall, April 25, 1749.*

Whereas it has been represented to the King, that (in Consequence of an Advertisement published in the Gazette on the 28th of last Month, promising a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to any Person who should discover the Author or Authors of an anonymous Letter directed to William Templeman, Esq; Clerk of the Peace of the County of Dorset) Samuel Talbot, of Portesham, Blacksmith, has been committed to Goal, for being the Author of the said Letter; and that, since the Commitment of the said Talbot, another anonymous Letter, directed as follows, viz. To Mr. Templeman, in Dorchester, was, on Sunday Night the 15th Instant, put into the General Post-Office in the Town of Dorchester, threatening to kill the said Mr. Templeman, and to burn the House of Mr. Tucker of Weymouth; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Person or Persons concerned in writing the said Letter, is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they be apprehended and convicted thereof. And as a farther Encouragement, His Majesty is pleased to promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any Person who shall make such Discovery as aforesaid.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

*Navy-Office, April 24, 1749.*

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy give Notice, That on Tuesday the 23d of next Month, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, Commissioner Hughes will expose to Sale at his Office in his Majesty's Yard at Portsmouth, the Hulls of his Majesty's Ships the Medway, Burthen 914 Tons; Montagu of 920 Tons; Chester of 703 Tons; Inverness of 354 Tons; Dolphin Fireship of 428 Tons; Vulcan Fireship of 228 Tons; and the Princess Royal Storeship of 546 Tons; together with the Masts, Yards, Bowsprits, Pumps, &c. of some of them as they now lie at his Majesty's said Yard; where they, and the Particulars to be sold with them, may be viewed by such Persons as are inclinable to attend the said Sale, and bid for them. And as a Deposit of 25 l. per Cent. or in Proportion thereto, is to be made by the Persons who shall purchase the said Ships and Particulars, all Persons that shall attend the said Sale, are to take Notice thereof, and come prepared for that Purpose: And unless the said Ships and Particulars so purchased, shall be paid for and taken away at the End of Forty Days after the Day of Sale, the Deposit shall be forfeited, and become the Property of the Crown.

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