

Merrydith, may be enabled to send such Directions, by Means of his Majesty's Resident at Hamburgh, as shall be thought proper upon this Occasion; which should be soon dispatch'd, as Mr. Wirck Pieterfen, who now keeps the Body in a careful Manner, folder'd up in the same Coffin, on board the said Ship, will soon proceed, from Hamburgh, upon another Voyage, though there is no Reason to apprehend that any decent Care will be omitted, Mr. Pieterfen having declared, that, if no Cognisance was taken of this Affair in England, he would be at the Expence of a proper Burial.

*Whitehall, May 11, 1751.*

**I**T having been represented to the King, That divers Robberies and Burglaries, (attended with several Circumstances of extreme Cruelty and Barbarity to the Inhabitants of the Houses so broken open and plundered) have, within some Time past, been committed in the County of Suffolk, by Persons armed and disguised, who, it is generally supposed, have, heretofore, rode, and been conversant, with Smuggling Armed Gangs, which have insulted and infested that County: That the Reverend Mr. Robert Hall, of Lopham, near Briffingham, was, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, on Thursday the 23d of March 1749, in a Field, adjoining to his House, attacked by several Persons armed and disguised, who robbed him of One Hundred Pounds, which he was then carrying Home, from a Neighbour, of whom he had received it; and that they dragged him to his own House, where, upon breaking open several Buroes, and Chests of Drawers, they found Three Hundred Pounds more; which, with his Silver Watch, they also carried away:—That, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, on Tuesday the 9th of October 1750, several Persons, armed and disguised, broke into the House of Mrs. Sarah Ventris, Widow of the late Reverend Mr. Ventris, at Earls Stonham, dragged her only Son out of his Bed, threaten'd to murder him, and set Fire to the House, in Case she did not, immediately, deliver what Money she had therein; upon which, they took Fifty Pounds in Gold and Silver Coin; six Thirty-six Shillings Pieces of Gold Coin, and some other loose Money; three Silver Salts, four Silver Spoons, and one Silver Saucepan, marked T. S. V. being a great Part of the Substance which she had left for the Support of herself and Family:—That on Friday the 19th of October 1750, the House of Mr. Josiah Stubben, at Offen, near Bramford, Yeoman, was robbed, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, of between Twenty and Thirty Pounds in Gold and Silver Coin, one Silver Watch, and two Pair of Buckskin Breeches, &c. which were carried off by several Men armed and disguised:—That on Saturday the 10th of November 1750, about Seven in the Evening, the House of Mr. John Hemstead, Yeoman, at Battisford, was forcibly enter'd by several Men armed and disguised, who, being resisted, in their Attempt to plunder the House, were immediately assisted by several others, armed and disguised, who rushed into the House, and in Conjunction with the others, beat and abused the Family in a most inhuman and barbarous Manner; fractur'd the Skull of the Son of the said Mr. John Hemstead, leaving him without Signs of Life, and took out of the said House One Hundred Pounds of Gold and Silver Coin,

&c.—That on Saturday the 22d of December 1750, the House of Mr. Thomas Fulcher, Gent. of Bressingham, in or near Diss, was broke open by several Men armed and disguised, upon entering of which they declared to Mr. Fulcher their Intention of striking off his Head with a Hatchet, which they shewed to him; and, in order thereto, blinded him, and laid his Head on a Block in the Kitchen; that then they broke open several Buroes, Boxes and Places in the said House, and did likewise considerable Damage to the Furniture of the said House; carried away One Hundred Pounds or more in Gold and Silver Coin, a great many Gold Rings, two Silver Watches, several Pieces of Old Gold Coin, and of old Silver Coin; three Silver Spoons, one Silver Tobacco Box, &c. and upon going out of the House, dragged the said Mr. Fulcher into the Back Yard, and hung him with a Girdle by the Neck, on the Branch of a Tree; and that upon one of the Gang's cutting the Girdle, he fell to the Ground, senseless and stunned, in which Condition they left him: His Majesty for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in all, or any of the Facts abovementioned, is pleased hereby to promise his most gracious Pardon to any of the said Offenders, who shall, within three Months from the Date hereof, discover any two or more of his or their Accomplices therein, so that they may be apprehended and convicted of any of the several Offences above-mentioned: And as a further Encouragement, that if any of the Persons concerned in any or all of the Facts above-mentioned, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever shall apprehend and take any of the Offenders above-mentioned, such Person or Persons shall receive from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, a Reward of One Hundred Pounds for each Person so taken, within one Month after Conviction, over and above any other Reward they may be entitled to by Law.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Tower of London, April 26, 1751.

*The Lieutenant General and Principal Officers of his Majesty's Ordnance give Notice, that they will sell by publick Auction, on Tuesday the 21st of May next, sundry Lotts of Parchment, Paper and Cotton Cartridges, Tann'd Hides, Handscrews, Drums, Showels, Spades, Leather Coats for Firemen, Woolpacks, Tents, Match, Tarr'd Rope, Breechings, Tacklefalls, and other old and unserviceable Stores lying in the Tower, where they may be viewed till the Time of Sale; and printed Lists of the Lotts will be delivered to such Persons as apply for the same.*

By Order of the Board,

Charles Bush,

Admiralty-Office, May 3, 1751.

*His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars*