

General Post-Office, December 20, 1756.

WHEREAS the Post Boy carrying the Worcester Mail from hence to Southall, was, on Sunday Morning the 12th instant, between the Hours of Four and Five of the Clock, attacked and robbed on the Road near Shepherds Bush, by a Footpad, who laid hold of the Bridle of the Post Boy's Horse, and bid him dismount, and afterwards led the said Horse into a Lane near the great Road, and from thence into a Field adjoining, and there near to a Hay Rick took off the Mail from the Horse, opened it, and afterwards the Letters contained in the following Bags, viz. *Camden, Chipping-Norton, Evesham, Burford, Whitney, Woodstock, Oxford, Ludlow, Bromyard, Worcester, Thame, Southall, Gerrard's Cross, Uxbridge, High Wickham, and Baconsfield.*

Note, The following Bags in the said Mail were unopened, viz. *Shipston, Enston, and Tebury*; and the said Foot-pad, after detaining the Post-Boy upwards of two Hours, mounted the said Post-Boy's Horse, and rode off with the same towards Acton, which Horse was found the same Morning about Eight o'Clock near the Turnpike at Hyde Park Corner.

The Person who committed this Robbery has since put off several of the Bank Notes, and indorset the Name of James Wilson thereon, to several Inn-keepers on the Road to Caxton, by travelling Post in Post-Chaises with four Horses, by the Way of Barnet, Hatfield, Stevenage, and Bugden, and returning from Caxton by Way of Royston, Ware, and Enfield to London, where he was let down at Gray's Inn Gate in Gray's Inn Lane, about Twelve o'Clock at Noon, on Tuesday the 14th instant. This Person is described to be rather above the Middle-size, of a brown Complexion, very thin Visage and Body, with an effeminate Voice; he had on a Silver-laced Hat with a Cockade, blue Surtout Coat with Brass Buttons, a dark brown close-bodied Coat underneath, a Pair of Breeches with Silver Gartering at the Knees, his Wig or Hair, or both mixed was a dark brown, and tied behind with a Ribbon.

This is therefore to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be entitled to a Reward of *Two Hundred Pounds*, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending Highwaymen; or if any Person or Persons, whether an 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 entitled 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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NOTICE is hereby given to all Persons who are any Ways indebted to the Estate of William Griffith, late of Symmond's Inn Celler, Chancery Lane, Cyder Merchant, deceased, to pay their respective Debts to Mr. William Jones, at the Turk's Head Bagnio in Chancery Lane aforesaid, one of his Executors, on or before the 4th of May next, otherwise they

will be sued for the same. And all Persons who have any Claims on the same Estate, and have not yet brought their Accounts, are hereby required to bring in the same to the said Mr. William Jones, on or before the 4th of May, or they will be excluded from any Dividend of the said Estate. A Dividend thereof will be made the 20th of June next, at Symmond's Inn Celler aforesaid, at Four in the Afternoon.

HIS Majesty hath been graciously pleased to grant unto John Ladd, of Trowbridge in the County of Wilt, his Royal Letters Patent, dated the 9th of April 1757, For the sole making and vending his new Method of constructing, on mechanical Principles, Waggon, Wains, Carts, Rollers, Coaches, Chariots, &c. either for Pleasure or Hire, which, without Horses or other Cattle, and with a very moderate human Force, will move and carry, from Place to Place, great Weights, where there are not steep Ascents, with the usual Celerity; And with the Addition of a much lesser Number of Horses or other Cattle than are now used, will remove and carry the like Weights in all publick Roads and Highways, even where there are great and steep Ascents.

WHEREAS William Archdeacon, Esq; of the City of Bruges in Flanders, Merchant, as Syndick of the Bankruptcy of Mr. Henry Haydon, late a Merchant in said City, has, since the Payment of the last Dividend of 3 per Cent. and closing the Account of said Bankrupt, recovered Four Hundred and Fifty Guilders Exchange, of Debts that were deemed 60, which amount to 2 per Cent. Dividend now due to his Creditors in England, who upon clearing their Title thereto, and giving proper procurations to their Correspondents in said City (the said Mr. Archdeacon excepted) may receive the same any Time in the Space and Term of one Year from the Date thereof, otherwise it will be applied for the Use and Relief of a Poor and only Daughter of said Haydon, deceased and now living in Bruges. And as said Dividend is very trifling, and not worth the trouble of proving and making out Powers to receive it, it is hoped the Creditors will abandon their Claim, and suffer the Money to be converted to said Charity, and God will Reward them for it. N. B. In last Saturday's Gazette, in this Advertisement, for exclusive read Exchange.

April 16, 1757.

WHEREAS a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Rivers, of Winmill Hill in the Parish of Saint Luke in the County of Middlesex, Cloth-worker, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 22d Day of April instant, and on the 10th and 31st Days of May next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to shew his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are to appear and deliver the same, but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. James Green, Attorney, in Tottenhouf-Yard, London.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against John Blydesteyn and Abraham Blydesteyn, of London, Merchants and Partners, intend to meet on the 26th Day of May next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a final Dividend of the said Bankrupts Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons who have made any Claims are to come and prove the same, otherwise they will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Hutcheson, late of the City of Bristol, Merchant, intend to meet on the 12th Day of May next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at the House of Mrs. Mary Elliot, Widow, known by the Name of the Customhouse Coffee-house in Queen-square, Bristol, in order to make a second Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Thomas Birritt, of Wacton in the County of Norfolk, Chairmaker, Wheelwright, and Blacksmith, intend to meet on the 7th of May next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Robert Storey, being the Sign of the Star, situate in the Parish of St. Peter of Manscroft in the City of Norwich, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

In last Saturday's Gazette, in the Commission of Bankruptcy against Sewell Roades, for the 1st of April instant read the 218.