

General Post-Office, March 21, 1757.

WHEREAS the Post-Boy bringing the Norwich Mail from Epping, to this Office, was, this Morning about Four o'Clock, attacked and robbed on the Road, by the Obelisk, or High Stone, near Laytonstone, in the County of Essex, by a single Highwayman on Horseback, who presented a Pistol to the Post-Boy, at the same Time ordering him to deliver him the Mail, otherwise he would blow his Brains out, which obliged the Post-Boy to untrap the Mail, and deliver it to the Highwayman, who took the whole Norwich Mail before him upon his Horse, and rode away with it full Speed towards Epping.

N. B. The Norwich Mail contains the following Bags, viz. *Norwich, Swaffham, Attleborough, Windham, Ibsford, Lynn, Stoke, Bury St. Edmunds, New Market, Saffron-Walden, Cambridge, Bishop Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Downham, Epping, Ongar and Ely.*

The Man who committed this Robbery is described to be a middle sized Man, and had on a white or very light coloured Kiding Coat, with a plain Hat—He rode a brown or dark coloured little Horse, with a swish Tail.

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 of 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 Shelwocke, Secretary.

Stamp Office, June 28, 1757.

WHEREAS by an Act of this Session of Parliament it is enacted, that for every Piece of Vellom or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which shall be ingrossed, written, or printed, any Licence for retailing of Wine, to be granted to any Person who shall not take out either a Licence for retailing of Spirituous Liquors, or a Licence for retailing of Beer, Ale, or other excisable Liquors, over and above all other Rates and Duties payable by Virtue of any former Act or Acts of Parliament imposing any Duties on Stamp Vellom, Parchment and Paper, an additional Duty of Five Pounds for every Piece of Vellom or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which shall be ingrossed, written, or printed, any Licence for retailing Wine, to be granted to any Person who shall take out a Licence for retailing Beer, Ale, and other excisable Liquors, but shall not take out a Licence for retailing of Spirituous Liquors, over and above all other Rates and Duties payable by Virtue of any former Act or Acts of Parliament, imposing any Duties on stamped Vellom, Parchment and Paper, an additional Duty of Four Pounds. And for every Piece of Vellom or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which shall be engraffed, written or printed, any Licence for retailing of Wine, to be granted to any Person who shall also take out a Licence for retailing of Spirituous Li-

quors, over and above all other Rates and Duties payable by Virtue of any former Act or Acts of Parliament, imposing any Duties on stamped Vellom, Parchment and Paper, an additional Duty of Forty Shillings.

And whereas by the said Act it is further enacted; that from and after the 5th Day of July 1757, no Person whatsoever, unless he or she shall be authorised and enabled by Licence under the Hand and Seal of two or more of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Stamp Duties, shall sell or utter Wine by Retail, that is by the Pint, Quart, Pottle or Gallon, or by any other greater or less retail Measure, or in Bottles in any less Quantity than shall be equal to the Measure of the Cask or Vessel in which the same shall have been or may lawfully be imported, any kind of Wine or Wines, or any Liquor called or reputed Wine, upon pain to forfeit for every Offence the Sum of 100*l.* one Half to any Person who will inform for the same.

The Commissioners do therefore give Notice, that (in pursuance of the said Act) they are ready to grant Licences, under their Hands and Seals; to such Persons who shall by themselves or Agents apply to them for the same, at their Office in Lincoln's Inn, London; every Person applying for such Wine Licence, producing their Licence to sell Ale, and also to sell Spirituous Liquors, if they have any such Licences.

Excise Office, London, June 15, 1757.

Whereas by an Act passed in the 29th Year of His Majesty, [entitled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty several Rates and Duties payable by all Persons, and Bodies Politick or Corporate, having certain Quantities of Silver Plate,"] all Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, were required to give Notice, and make true Entry in Writing, at the several Offices of Excise in England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, of their owning, using, having, or keeping Silver Plate, and of the Number of Ounces of such Plate chargeable by the said Act, with the Rates and Duties therein mentioned, whereforever the same or any Part thereof shall be kept, and of the Parish or Place, or Parishes or Places where such Persons shall respectively inhabit, or where such Bodies Politick or Corporate shall respectively be situate, distinguishing in such Notice, whether the same be on their own Account, or on the Account of any other, and what Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politick or Corporate.

And whereas by the said Act, all Persons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, who did give, or were obliged to give such Notice as aforesaid, are required to give, within Thirty Days next after the Commencement of each Year, for which the said Rates and Duties shall be payable, a fresh Notice in Manner aforesaid, and pay down the respective Annual Rates and Duties mentioned in the said Act, according to the Number of Ounces of Silver Plate chargeable thereby, which they shall then respectively own, use, have, or keep, as long as they shall respectively continue to own, use, have, or keep any Quantity of Silver Plate chargeable thereby.

This is therefore to remind all Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, that the Time for making the said fresh Entries and paying the said Duties for the subsequent Year, will commence on the 5th Day of July next ensuing; when, or within Thirty Days after, all Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, are obliged by the said Act

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