

Conviction of every such Offender, by the Solicitor of the Treasury, without Deduction, their Lordships having given Directions for the immediate Prosecution of such Offenders.

Whitehall, December 29, 1757.

Whereas a threatening Letter, directed, "For, William Bucknall Esq; at Oxey, near Watford, Hartfordshire, by the Way of London, with Care," was sent, by the Post, and received, by the said Mr. Bucknall, on the 13th of last Month, having the Word Southall, as the Post Mark, on the Back of it, and being in the Words and Figures following, viz.

October the 25th, 1757.

"Sir, This is to acquaint You That Your Cort of Request is cared on in a very base manner by a parcel o fellows that dos no Justice at all and as no Justices of the Piec attends the Cort and You end Your Brother Grimstone was the Men that first occasioned it at Watford We will mak it Our Buiness to wait of You the First Opertunity to reward You for Your Pains and will set Fir to the Hous befidis if You dont set it asid whilst Time are beter for pore Peopel for Them Prespetrenc that You set as Comishenors have no regard of Consienc in Them for They will swear a black Cro is whit for a Six peny Feic to if You fail doing it We will not fail Our Words with in a very little Time".

from Yrs

Thomas M.

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His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in writing and sending the said threatening Letter, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one, or more of them, (except the Person who actually wrote the said Letter) who shall discover the Person that was principally concerned in writing and sending the same, so that he may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

**HOLDERNESSE.**

And, as a further Encouragement, the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount Grimston, and John Askell Bucknall, Esq; do, hereby, promise a Reward of Fifty Guineas, to any Person, or Persons, making such Discovery as aforesaid; to be paid, by them, upon the Conviction of the Offender.

Grimston.

John Askell Bucknall.

Whitehall, December 30, 1757.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That an anonymous Letter, directed, "To Mr. Francis Sheppard, at the Great House at Alhet, near Pinner, in the County of Middlesex," was sent by the Post, and received by the said Mr. Sheppard, on Sunday the 11th Instant, threatening to set Fire to the Houses of Richard Lack, Ralph Weatherly, John Martin, William Douglas, and Mrs. Rogers, of the Parish of Ruislip; and to blow their Brains out; and, also, to cut the Throat of one of them; His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice, the Author of the said destructive Threats, contained in the Letter aforesaid, is, hereby, pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any one, or more, of the Accomplices concerned in the Writing and Sending the said Letter, who shall discover the Author of the said destructive Threats, contained therein, so that he may be apprehended and convicted thereof; and, also, a Reward of Fifty Pounds, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the Conviction of the Author of the said Threats.

**HOLDERNESSE.**

And, as a further Encouragement, William Ashby, of the Parish of Breakspears in the County of Middlesex, Esq; does hereby promise a Reward of Twenty Guineas, to the Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid by him, upon the Conviction of the Offender.

Wm. Ashby.

War Office, October 25, 1757.

It is His Majesty's Pleasure, that all Ensigns, who have not already joined their Corps, should immediately repair to the Head Quarters of their respective Regiments, where their Commissions will be delivered out to them, after being examined, and approved of, by the Colonel, or other Commanding Officer. Such as do not make their Appearance, with all possible Expedition, will be superseded; and other Officers appointed in their Room. If any Ensign lately appointed should be ignorant where his Regiment is quartered, he will be informed thereof, on writing to Thomas Tyrwhitt, Esq; Deputy Secretary at War.

By His Majesty's Command,

BARRINGTON.

General Post Office, London, Dec. 24, 1757.

His Majesty's Post Master General, for the further Improvement of Correspondence, having been pleased to order the Bye Night Mails betwixt London and Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Shiffnall, Stafford, Stone, Namptwich, Chester, Northwich, Warrington, Liverpool, and Manchester, which at present pass through Evesham, Worcester and Bromsgrove, to be for the future conveyed directly through Shipston upon Stower, Stratford upon Avon, and Henly upon Arden; by which Means those Mails will arrive much earlier at Birmingham, and all the other Towns North thereof, than they do at present, and a Communication, by the Post, be opened from Shipston, Stratford, Henly, and Aulcester, to all Parts of Staffordshire, Cheshire, North Wales, and Lancashire, and to the Town of Kendall in Westmoreland.

And having also been pleased to order a new Branch to be erected betwixt Stratford upon Avon and Worcester, through Aulcester and Draitwich; by which Channel the Bye Night Mails will be conveyed to Worcester, and a Communication by the Post be opened from Shipston, Stratford, Henly, and Aulcester, to all Parts of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Bristol, Exeter, all Parts of Devonshire, Cornwall, Somersetshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, and South Wales.

Public Notice is hereby given, that these Alterations will commence on the 5th Day of January next, at which Time the Bye Night Bags from London to Evesham and Bromsgrove will be discontinued.

And whereas many Letters have hitherto been collected and delivered in an illegal Manner, at the several Towns and Stages aforesaid, to the great Prejudice of the Revenue of the Post Office, Notice is hereby given, that all Carriers, Coachmen, Watermen, Wherry-men, Dispersers of Country News Papers, and all other Persons whatsoever, hereafter detected in the illegal collecting or delivering of Letters, will be prosecuted with the utmost Severity.

N. B. The Penalty is Five Pounds for every Letter collected or delivered contrary to Law, and One Hundred Pounds for every Week that Practice is continued.

By Command of the Post Master General,

George Shelvocke, Secretary.

Custom House, London, November 18, 1757.

Whereas on Tuesday the 8th Instant, in the Night, John Miles and William Dodd, Officers of the Customs, belonging to the Port of Arundell in Sussex, with four Dragoons, fell in with a large Gang of Smuglers, to the Number of Fifty or upwards, who were loading a great Number of Horses with Tea, and upon the Officers attempting to seize the same, a Signal was given by the Smuglers to a Cutter lying near the Shore, belonging to Selsey near Chichester, commanded by one Thomas Green, as represented by the Account transmitted to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, from which Cutter the said Tea was brought and landed, as there is great Reason to believe; And whereas thereupon a great Quantity of Fire Arms and other offensive Weapons were brought from the Cutter to the Smuglers on the Shore, with which they (the Smuglers) fired upon the Officers and Dragoons, and shot one Thomas Cole, a Dragoon of the Inshilling Regiment, commanded by the Honourable Lieutenant General Cholmondeley, who is

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