

said Reward to be paid immediately on the 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.

Admiralty-Office, August 8, 1758.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having received authentick Information, that a Dutch Ship named the City of Rotterdam, whereof Warner Pieterfon was Master, laden with different Kinds of Merchandize; and also with the Baggage, consisting of very valuable Effects, of the Marquis de Pignatellij, Minister from the Court of Spain to the Court of Denmark, and having likewise on Board his Household Steward, Confectioner, and Cook, and also the Coachman of the Danish Ambassador residing at Paris; and being bound from Rouen to Rotterdam, was, in the Course of her said Voyage, on the 30th Day of June last, boarded three several Times, by the Crews, or Parts of the Crews, of three different English Ships or Vessels, pretending to be Privateers; and that some of the Crew of one of the said English Vessels, (which had two Masts) went on Board the said Dutch Ship, about Six o'Clock in the Morning of the said Day, and after searching her, took and unlawfully carried away with them two Oars, one Boat Hook, and a Dutch Cheese: And that about Nine o'Clock the same Morning, Ten of the Crew of another of the said English Vessels, (being a Cutter, or one Mast Sloop) went armed with Cutlasses, Pistols and Hatchets, on Board the said Dutch Ship, and after examining the Papers, they by Violence forced open the Hatchways, and went into the said Ship's Hold, and there broke open two Trunks belonging to the said Marquis de Pignatellij, wherein were rich Cloths, and laced Liveries, which they took and carried away, to their own Ship: And that about Two o'Clock in the Afternoon of the same Day, the Commander, who was a young Man, and wore a Gold laced Hat, together with some of the Crew of another of the said English Vessels, (being a Cutter, or single Mast Sloop, mounted with four Guns) came armed as aforesaid, on Board the said Dutch Ship, and after examining the Ship's Papers, and those of the Passengers, pretended the same were False and Counterfeit, and then went into the said Ship's Hold, and began to plunder the Effects there; and that whilst they were so doing, the Crew of the aforesaid English Vessel, which Boarded the said Dutch Ship about Nine o'Clock that Morning, returned again, and joined those who were then in the said Ship's Hold, and that then both the said Crews in Conjunction, committed very great Outrages, by breaking open all the said Marquis de Pignatellij's Cases, and Trunks, and taking and carrying away all the valuable Effects, which were in six of the said Cases and Trunks, and destroying or damaging the Rest of those Effects; and then falling upon his the said Minister's Officers, and beating them in a very cruel and shameful Manner, and stripping them of their Cloths, and carrying the same off, together with their Letters of Credit, and a Bill of Exchange.

Their Lordships therefore, in order to discover and bring to Justice, the Persons guilty of the Piratical Offences above-mentioned, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, without any Deduction, unto, or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within three Months from this Time, discover any two or more of the Offenders concerned in committing the Piracies abovementioned, so as such Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof: Which Reward shall be paid by Samuel Seddon, Esq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the said Offenders, (other than, and except, the respective Commander or Commanders of any of the abovementioned English Ships or Vessels) who shall discover and prosecute to Conviction, any two or more of the said Offenders, shall be likewise entitled to His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon,

J. Cleveland.

Admiralty-Office, August 14, 1758.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outrageous Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of neutral Ships, sailing in the English Channel, by the Crews of Ships and Vessels pretending to be English Privateers;

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such Offences, in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within three Months from this Time, discover any two or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, so as such Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof; which Reward, shall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatsoever, by Samuel Seddon, Esq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of such Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the said Offenders, (other than and except the respective Commander or Commanders of any such Piratical Ships or Vessels) who shall discover, and prosecute to Conviction, any two or more of the said Offenders, shall likewise be intitled to His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon.

J. Cleveland.

Bedford, August 15, 1758.

Whereas at a Meeting held at this Town on Tuesday the 18th of July last, in Pursuance of a former Advertisement, to receive the Names of such Gentlemen as were willing to accept of Commissions as Officers in the Militia of the County of Bedford, a sufficient Number did not then offer themselves, nor have since that Time offered to accept of Commissions in the said Militia, as would be requisite for the Battalion intended to have been raised in the said County; Notice is hereby given by His Majesty's Lieutenant, that all farther Proceedings for raising the Militia of the said County will be suspended until the 25th Day of March 1759; when a Meeting will be held at this Town to receive the Names of all such Persons as shall be then qualified and willing to accept of Commissions to serve in the said Militia, and to proceed in the farther Execution of the several Acts of Parliament for the better Ordering of the Militia Forces.

BEDFORD.

Burghley, August 12, 1758.

Whereas by an Advertisement, dated the 26th Day of June last, in the London Gazette, all Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia Forces of the County of Rutland, according to the Directions of the Acts of Parliament for the better Ordering of the Militia Forces, &c. &c. and willing to accept Commissions, were desired to meet at the Crown Inn at Oakham, on the 11th Day of July last, in order to deliver in their Names, (specifying the Rank in which they were willing to serve) to His Majesty's Lieutenant of the said County, or such Person as he should appoint to receive the same: And whereas no Persons qualified, delivered in their Names at such Meeting; and His Majesty's Lieutenant of the said County has not been able to find, within one Month after the said Meeting, any Persons qualified and willing to accept the Commissions of Field-Officers, and Captains; These are therefore, according to the Directions of the Act of Parliament, to give Notice, that all farther Proceedings, in the Execution of the Provisions of the said Acts, are suspended until next Year.

EXETER.

Shobdon Court, August 18, 1758.

All Persons, qualified to serve as Officers of the Militia Forces of the County of Hereford, according to the Directions of the Acts of Parliament for the better Ordering of the Militia Forces, &c. and willing to accept of Commissions, are desired to meet at the Green Dragon Inn in Hereford, on Tuesday the 5th Day of September next, do deliver in their Names, (specifying the Rank in which they are willing to serve) to His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Hereford, &c. or to such Person as he shall appoint to receive the same.

BATEMAN.