

terdam, 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 Cheefe: 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 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.

Reading, August 14, 1758.

Whereas the Duke of St. Albans, His Majesty's Lieutenant of the County of Berks, did, by Advertisement in the London Gazette, and other Weekly News Papers usually circulated in the said County, desire all Persons, qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the said County, and willing to accept of Commissions therein, to meet at the Town Hall at Reading, on this Day, in order that every Person so qualified, and willingly to accept any such Commission, might deliver his Name in Writing, or cause it to be delivered to His Majesty's said Lieutenant, or, in Case of his Absence, to such Person as should be authorized by such Lieutenant to receive the same, specifying also the Rank in which he was willing to serve. And whereas Lord Henry Beauclerk, in the Absence of the Duke of St. Albans, and authorized by him to receive the Names of Persons qualified and willing to accept of Commissions in the said Militia, did attend at the said Meeting this Day, and several Gentlemen did appear and deliver in their Names to serve as Officers in the said Militia; yet for the more effectual carrying into Execution the Acts of Parliament lately passed relating to the Militia, it is desired that such Persons, who are qualified and willing to serve as Officers in the said Militia, and have not already delivered in their Names, will deliver, or cause their Names to be delivered in at another Meeting to be held for that Purpose, at the Town Hall in Reading, on Tuesday the 5th Day of September next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

H. BEAUCLERK.

Winchester, August 10, 1758.

Whereas a sufficient Number of Gentlemen have not this Day offered to serve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Southampton; Therefore His Majesty's Lieutenant for the said County hereby gives Notice, That there will be a further Meeting at the Chequer Inn in the City of Winchester, on Friday the 1st of September next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, where such Gentlemen, as are willing to accept of Commissions in the said Militia, are desired to deliver in their Names in Writing to the said Lieutenant, or such Person as shall be by him authorized to receive the same, specifying also the Rank in which they are severally willing to serve.

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.

Durham, August 15, 1758.

Whereas a sufficient Number of Gentlemen did not offer to serve as Officers for the Militia for the County of Durham, either at the Meeting held for that Purpose on the 11th Day of August instant, or at the General Meeting held here this Day; Therefore His Majesty's Lieutenant for the said County hereby gives Notice, that there will be another