

your Majesty's Forces by Sea and Land, will, through your unwearied Endeavours, be so vigorously directed, as to restrain the restless Ambition of our ancient Enemy, secure to these Nations their indisputable Rights and Possessions, maintain the Liberties of Europe, and restore every desirable Blessing to your faithful People, by an honourable and lasting Peace; which we shall ever consider an additional Glory to your Majesty's most gentle and auspicious Reign.

And your Majesty may be assured, that your loyal Citizens of Bristol, from an unfeigned Zeal for your Honour and Service, will, upon every Occasion, exert their utmost in Defence and Support of your Majesty and your Illustrious House, against all Enemies and Opposers whatsoever.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, Dec. 1, 1757.

WHEREAS adhering to the King's Enemies, by giving to them Aid or Comfort, either within his Realm, or elsewhere, is High Treason, and the Concealment thereof is Misprision of Treason;

And Whereas the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have received Information, That a Loan of Money for that Purpose is at this Time negotiating in this Kingdom; Their Lordships do hereby promise a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds to any Person, by whose Discovery any Subject of His Majesty, or any Person residing within this Realm, shall be convicted of lending or advancing directly or indirectly, or of causing or procuring to be so lent or advanced, or of subscribing for, or contributing to, or of soliciting or contracting for or remitting, either in Coin or Bullion, or by Bill or Bills of Exchange, or by any other Means whatsoever, any Sum or Sums of Money, to or for the Use or Purpose aforesaid. The 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.

Whitehall, September 9, 1758.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, That on the 6th of last Month, a Danish Ship and Crew, called The Travelling Jacob, Jacob Hansen, Master, for Topsham, sailed from the River Elbe, and being becalmed off Dover on the 14th, 15th, and 16th past, was boarded by Five English Vessels, during that Time, who took from him Five Chests of Linnen, containing 617 Pieces of Dowlas, to the Amount of 670 l. Sterling, and upwards, belonging to John Duntze and Son, Merchants, at Exeter; His Majesty, in order to the apprehending and bringing to Justice the Persons who committed this Piracy, is pleased to offer His most Gracious Pardon, to any one who was concerned therein, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so that he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a further Encouragement, We the said John Duntze and Son do hereby promise to pay a Reward of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to any Person making such Discovery as aforesaid, to be paid upon the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.

John Duntze and Son.

N. B. The abovementioned Vessels are supposed to belong to Hastings, Rye, Folkitone, and Dover: Four of them were small Cutters, and one an open Boat with ten Oars: They have likewise taken away several other Things of Value belonging to other People.

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 Barts 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.