

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 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 above-mentioned 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.

Victualling Office, Oct. 23, 1758.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Friday the 3d Day of November next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as may be willing to undertake to deliver at Guernsey, free of all Charge and Risque, Malaga, Vidonia, Canary, and Fayal Wines, for the Service of His Majesty's Navy. The Conditions of the Contract may be seen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling Office, London.

October 26, 1758.

The Court of Directors of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England give Notice, that they have appointed Thomas Tomlinson and John Bridger to be two of their Cashiers, and impowered each of them to sign Bills and Notes for the Governor and Company of the Bank of England.

Robert Lewin, Secretary.

The Governors of the Charity for the Relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen do hereby give Notice, that their Annual General Court, appointed by their Charter, will be held at the Chapter House in St. Paul's Church Yard, London, on Thursday the 9th of November next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the Choice of Officers for the Year ensuing.

Ste. Comyn, Register.

Free British Fishery, Royal Exchange,

October 26, 1758.

The President of the Society of the Free British Fishery doth hereby give Notice, that a General Court of the said Society will be held at this Office on Friday the 1st of December next, from Eleven in the Forenoon till Two in the Afternoon, for the Election of a Governor, President, Vice-President, and also a Council, consisting of thirty Persons, out of and from the Members of the said Society.

S. Bethell.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Companies of his Majesty's Ships undermentioned, who were actually on board at taking the following Prizes, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the said Prizes, viz. Rochester and Lowestoff for the France, Pallas for the Pearl, retaken, to such of the Ships as are in Port before they proceed to Sea, and to the others on their Arrival: And the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at the French Horn, Crutchfield