

Navy Office, October 31, 1758.

The principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that there is in the Hands of the Treasurer of the Navy, Money for paying all Bills registered on the Courfe of the Navy in the Month of May, 1758, in order that the Proprietors of, or such Persons as are legally empowered to receive the same, may bring them to this Office to be assigned for Payment accordingly.

Victualling Office, October 31, 1758.

The Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that there is Money in the Hands of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, to pay Interest and Non-Interest Bills registered on the Courfe of the Victualling in the Month of May 1758, in order that the Proprietors of, or such Persons as are legally empowered to receive the said Bills, may bring them to this Office to be assign'd for Payment.

This is to give Notice, that the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, have been pleased to appoint Money to pay all the Arrears due to the Pensioners belonging to the Chest at Chatham, to Lady-Day, 1758, and that the said Pay will begin on Monday the 20th of November 1758, at the Chest Room in His Majesty's Dock-Yard at Chatham.

L I F E A N N U I T I E S.

Friday, November 3, 1758.

The Trustees for Enlarging and Maintaining the Harbour of Ramsgate, do hereby give Notice, that by Virtue of the Power vested in them by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the 22d Year of his present Majesty's Reign; they intend to raise a farther Sum of Money by Sale of Life Annuities, secured upon and payable out of the Rates or Duties on Shipping granted by Parliament for that Purpose. For further Particulars inquire of the Secretary at the Old South Sea House.

Ar. Eliott, Secretary;

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Pelican, that were on board on the 1st of December last, at taking, in Company with the Aldborough, a French Privateer called the Duke de Croy, that they may receive their respective Shares of the Produce of the Hull and Bounty thereof, on Tuesday the 14th Instant, at the Navy Coffee House in Crutched Fryers, and the Shares not then demanded will be paid at the same Place the second Tuesday in every Month, for three Years to come.

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 Courfe 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 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 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,