

**T**HE Letter signed Verax has been received, and the Author of it is desired to send that further Explanation mention'd in his Letter.

Admiralty Office, December 4, 1758.

**M**Y Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outrageous Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships, as well English as Neutral, sailing in the English Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Vessels being or pretending to be English Privateers:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such Piracies and Robberies; (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Dishonour thereof) 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 one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of such Offences as aforesaid are greatly encouraged by divers Persons as Accessaries thereto, who knowingly assist, maintain, counsel, or advise the Committing of such Acts of Piracy, and also by Persons who receive Goods so piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed such Robberies:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect or bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such last mentioned Offences, 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 one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Offences last mentioned, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which said respective Rewards before mentioned, 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 any one or more of the said Offenders, shall, on the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders so discovered, be intitled to His Majesty's most Gracious Pardon.

And their Lordships do also promise to grant, upon Request, to every Person, being a Seaman, (who by making any such Discovery or Discoveries as aforesaid, shall be intitled to either to the Whole, or to any Part or Parts of any of the above-mentioned Rewards) an absolute Protection, to prevent his being impressed into His Majesty's Sea Service, during this present War with France.

J. Cleveland.

Navy Office, December 1, 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 Course of the Navy in the Month of June, 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.

The Merchants and Insurers of London, having, at a General Meeting, had on Wednesday the 29th Day of November 1758, come to several Resolutions for the taking of proper Methods for the Discovery and Punishment of Persons guilty of Piratical Practices, by plundering of Ships, or otherwise, and of Persons who are

Encouragers, Accessaries, Aiders, and Abettors thereto, who knowingly assist, or maintain, procure, command, counsel, or advise the committing of such Piracies, or who receive Goods so piratically taken, or entertain and conceal such Pirates and Robbers, knowing them to have committed such Robberies, in Violation of the several Acts of Parliament made for punishing of such Offences; which Practices not only tend greatly to the Dishonour of this Kingdom, but are very prejudicial and injurious to the Trade and Commerce thereof: And the said Merchants and Insurers, at the said General Meeting, having appointed a Committee for the carrying of the said Resolutions into Execution, The said Committee do hereby give Notice, that they are ready to assist and give due Encouragement to all Persons who shall impeach, make Discovery, and Proof against any Person or Persons guilty of any such Offences, either as Principals or as Encouragers or Accessaries, which Assistance and Encouragement the said Committee do hereby promise, over and above all Benefits and Rewards offered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Discovery of Persons guilty of such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, and, if it shall be desired, the Names of the Person or Persons, making such Discovery or Information, shall be concealed; and, for the more ready Assistance of the Person making such Discovery, they are desired to apply to M<sup>r</sup>. Browne and Smith, of Austin Fryars, London.

Office for Sick and Wounded Seamen, and for Exchanging Prisoners of War, December 6, 1758.

The Commissioners for taking Care of Sick and wounded Seamen, and for Exchanging Prisoners of War, do hereby give Notice, that they will be ready on Monday the 18th Instant, to receive sealed Tenders, and treat with such Persons who are willing to supply at Bristol and Plymouth, Ships of or near 200 Tons Burthen, which shall be in those Ports at the Time of making the said Tenders, for the transporting of Prisoners of War to and from France. The Places of their Destination, the Number of Prisoners, and all other Particulars relating to this Service, may be known by applying to the Secretary of the said Office; to Mr. Fans, Agent for Prisoners of War at Bristol; and to Mr. Tonkin, Agent for Prisoners of War at Plymouth.

Merchants Seamen's Office, Royal Exchange.

A Quarterly General Court of the President and Governors for the Relief and Support of Sick, maimed, and disabled Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as shall be killed, slain, or drowned in the Merchants Service, will be held at this Office on Wednesday the 27th of December Instant, at Eleven o'Clock.

By Order of the President and Committee,  
Dan. Campbell, Secretary.

Royal Exchange Assurance Office, Dec. 6, 1758.

The Court of Directors of the Royal Exchange Assurance Company do hereby give Notice, that their Transfer Books will be shut from Tuesday the 19th Instant, to Thursday the 18th of January next; and that the Annual General Court of the said Company, appointed by their Charter, will be held at their Office on the Royal Exchange, on Wednesday the 20th Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, and that a Dividend will be considered of at the said Court.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Defiance, who were actually on board at the taking a French Ship called the Duc de Berry, that their respective Shares will be paid on board the said Ship at Plymouth next Week, or as soon after as possible; and that the Shares then unclaimed will be paid at Mr. Thomas Dickins's in Bull Lane, Cannon-street, the third Wednesday in every Month for three Years, from Eleven to Twelve o'Clock.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines that were actually on board His Majesty's Sloop Dispatch;