

Florence, Dec. 9. On the 1st Instant, by the violent Rains that we had for some Days past, the Arno swelled so much, that it overflowed the lower Part of the Town, by which several Houses received considerable Damage, and great Quantities of Provisions were destroyed; but the Damage has been still greater in the Country, where whole Districts have been laid under Water. The Emperor, as an Encouragement to People to settle in the Suburbs of Leghorn, has caused an Edict to be published, by which many Privileges and Exemptions are granted to those who should fix there.

Berlin, Dec. 16. This Day arrived here Andrew Mitchell, Esq; His Britannick Majesty's Minister to this Court, on his Way to Breslaw, for which Place he will set out in a Day or two, in order to attend the King our Sovereign, who is supposed to have come to that City Yesterday.

Hambourg, Dec. 22. Count Dohna arrived at Mirou, a Town in the Dutchy of Mecklenbourg Strelitz, on the 17th Instant, with a very considerable Body of Men. He is to join General Manteuffel's Corps, and pursue further Operations against the Swedes, who are retreating in Haste towards Stralsund. The greatest Part of the Russian Army is retired back as far as Royal Prussia; the rest will winter in the Environs of Thorn, Marienwerder, and the Banks of the Vistula.

Whitehall, December 30, 1758.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that, on the 16th Instant, between Seven and Eight in the Evening, one John Moor, Brazier, of Gilling in Yorkshire, on his Return Home from Richmond Market, was found dead on the Turnpike Road between Gilling and Richmond, about half a Mile from the latter, wounded in his Breast and Groin by a Gun or Pistol, besides Marks of Violence on his Head; and tho' great Diligence has been used to discover the Author or Authors of this inhuman Murder, it has been, as yet, ineffectual: His Majesty, in order to discover and bring to Justice the Person or Persons who committed the said Murder, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of the Persons concerned therein, (except the Person who actually committed the said Murder) who shall discover his, her, or their Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

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And as a further Encouragement, the Corporation of Richmond, and the Widow of the said John Moor, do promise a Reward of Fifty Pounds to be paid to such Person as shall give Information thereof, so as that the Person or Persons concerned in the said Murder may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

Admiralty Office, December 4, 1758.

MY 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,

failing 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.

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Admiralty Office, December 26, 1758.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, having received authentick Information, that a Galliot or Vessel, called the Juffrow Christina Elizabeth of Lubeck, whereof Casper Muntzenberger was Master, laden with different Kinds of Goods and Merchandize, belonging to the Subjects of the Emperors of Russia, and bound from Rouen to St. Peteribourg, was, in the Course of her said Voyage, on the 18th Day of September last, boarded three several Times by the Crews, or Part of the Crews, of six English Ships or Vessels, being, or pretending to be Privateers; and that at the first of those Times, viz. about One a-Clock in the Afternoon of that Day,