

*Admiralty-Office, Jan. 12, 1759.*

PURSUANT to an Act of Parliament passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information hath been sent to this Office, That on Sunday the 31st of December last, the Ship *St. Peter*, Joseph Mendieta, Master, Burthen about 100 Tons, laden with Raisins and Olives, and bound from Seville and St. Lucar for London, was drove ashore at Lee Ness near Farleight, and broke to Pieces, and all the Cargo, except Two Hundred and Sixty Four Kegs and Three Jars of Olives and Capers, and Eighty Frails of Raisins, is lost.

*J. Cleveland.*

*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, 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.*

*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. Petersbourg, 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, some of the Crews of the said English Ships boarded the said Galliot off Dungeness, and opening the Fore Hatchway, went into the Hold, and broke open a great many Cases, and Packs of Merchandize, and unlawfully took, and carried away, great Quantities of Velvets, Silks, Silk-Stockings, Gloves, Confectionary Goods, and one whole Bale of Silk: And that between Three and Four a-Clock in the same Afternoon, being off Dover, the said Galliot was again boarded by the Crews, or Part of the Crews, of three other English Ships, who being in Company, went together into the Hold, and rummaged the said Galliot, and unlawfully took, and carried away, some Silk, and Silk-Stockings, Part of which they wrapped about their Bodies, and put the rest into their Pockets, and also took away a Sword: And that soon afterwards, on the same Day, the said Galliot was a third Time boarded by the Crew, or Part of the Crew of another English Ship, who went into the Hold, broke open several Cases, and unlawfully took, and carried away, two Boat-loads of Merchandize, consisting of Men and Women's Velvets, Silk, embroidered Cloaths, Silk-Stockings, Leather Gloves, French-Plate Candlesticks, some Swords, and Hangers, Bottles of Cordials, Perfumes, and Confectionary and other Goods; and then beat several of the said Galliot's Crew, and confined the said Master in his Cabin, placing a Centry over him with Pistols:

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 one or more of the Offenders concerned in Committing all or any of the Piracies above-mentioned, so as such Offender or 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 Offender or 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 any one or more, other of the said Offenders, shall, on the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders so discovered, be likewise entitiled to His Majesty's most gracious Pardon.

*J. Cleveland.*