

in his Chin.—Supposed to have gone off in light coloured Cloths.

JACOB MURTON, of Thaxted, Butcher, about 35 Years of Age, 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, strong Built, a round Face, full dark Eyes, brown Eyebrows, his own short brown Hair.—Supposed to have gone off in a Blue-grey Coat.

JAMES CARDINAL, of Thaxted, Cordwainer, about 25 Years of Age, a down Look, a black Complexion, dark Eyes and very full black Eyebrows, a short Nose, rather rising at the Point, thick Lips, a large Mouth, large Nostrils, full Beard, and dimpled Chin; lately wore his own black Hair, but went off in a brown Wig.

ALLEN LUNN, of Thaxted, Heel Maker, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 Inches high, a brown Complexion, Light-grey Eyes, thin made, and a thin Beard, except on his Upper-Lip, where it is very strong and full.—Went off in a Grey Cut Wig.

WILLIAM BELCHAM, of Hemsted, Labourer, about 40 Years of Age, a short, thick, well-set Man, full faced, dark brown lank Hair.

*Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.*

**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.*

*Admiralty Office, February 19, 1759.*

*Whereas by the Eleventh Article of His Majesty's Instructions given to Commanders of Merchant Ships and Vessels, with the Letters of Marque against France, it is directed that they shall keep a Correspondence by all Conveniences, and upon all Occasions, with the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or their Secretary, and not only to give an Account of their Captures or Proceedings, but also of all they shall discover by any Means whatsoever concerning the Designs of the Enemy, their Fleets, Ships or Vessels, and of their Stations.*

*And whereas by the Fifteenth Article of the aforesaid Instructions it is likewise directed, that the said Commanders shall, by every Opportunity, send exact Copies of their Journals to the Secretary of the Admiralty.*

*To both which Articles very little, if any Regard has been paid by several of the Commanders of Merchant Ships and Vessels having Letters of Marque, and it being a Matter of the utmost Importance that the same should be strictly complied with;*

*My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do therefore give Notice to the said Commanders, and all other Persons concerned, that they will direct the Professor of the Admiralty, to proceed according to Law, against all such as do not punctually comply with His Majesty's Instructions before-mentioned.*

*J. Cleveland.*

*War Office, Feb. 24, 1759.*

*This is to give Notice, that, for the Future, whoever intends to purchase a Commission in the Army, should first inform himself at the War Office, whether the Commission, for which he is in Treaty, may be sold with the King's Leave. And in all Instances, where it shall be found that any Money, or other Consideration, has been given for a Commission, not openly sold with the Leave of His Majesty, the Person obtaining such Commission will be superseded.*

*By His Majesty's Command,  
BARRINGTON.*

*All Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Derby, and willing to accept of Commissions therein, are desired to meet at the George in Derby, on Saturday the 24th Instant, in order that every Person so qualified and willing to accept Commissions, may at such Meeting deliver his Name in writing to His Majesty's Lieutenant, or to such Person as he shall appoint to receive the same, specifying the Rank in which he is willing to serve. Given under my Hand the 12th Day of March 1759.*

*DEVONSHIRE.*

*Whereas*