

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 Proctor 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.

Navy Office, March 14, 1759.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, That on Thursday the 22d Instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning precisely, they will expose to Sale at this Office, Several Partels of Old Stores, laid apart in Lots, in His Majesty's Yards at Woolwich and Sheerness; where such Persons, as are willing to be Purchasers, may have the Liberty of viewing them any Time in the common Working Hours of the said Yards, till the Day of Sale.

And as a Deposit of 25 l. per Cent. or in Proportion thereto, is to be made by the Persons who shall purchase the said Stores; All Persons, who shall attend the said Sale, are to take Notice thereof, and come prepared for that Purpose, and unless the Stores so purchased shall be paid for, and taken away at the End of Forty Days after the Day of Sale, the Deposit shall be forfeited, and become the Property of the Crown.

Bedford House, March 1, 1759.

Whereas a sufficient Number of Gentlemen did not offer to serve as Officers in the Militia for the County of Bedford, at the last Meeting held for that Purpose at Bedford, His Majesty's Lieutenant for the said County hereby gives Notice, there will be another Meeting at the Swan Inn in Bedford, on Saturday the 24th of March 1759, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, where such Gentlemen, as are willing to accept of Commissions in the said Militia, are desired to deliver in their Names in Writing to the said Lieutenant, or such Person as shall be by him authorized to receive the same, specifying also the Rank in which they are willing to serve.

BEDFORD.

All Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Salop, and willing to accept Commissions therein, are desired to meet at the Talbot in Shrewsbury, on Saturday the 7th of April next, 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 this 14th Day of March, 1759.

POWIS.

All Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Northumberland, and willing to accept Commissions therein, are desired to meet at Mrs. Grey's, at the Swan Inn in Elswick, on Thursday the 5th of April, 1759, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, 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 13th Day of March, 1759.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

All Persons qualified to serve as Officers in the Militia of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and County of the same, and willing to accept Commissions therein, are desired to meet at Mr. Parker's, at the Turk's Head Inn in Newcastle upon Tyne, on Thursday the 5th of April, 1759, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, 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 13th Day of March, 1759.

NORTHUMBERLAND.