

of this Instant April—And whereas it is judged expedient for His Majesty's Service, and the Safety of this Kingdom, that the said Prohibition should be continued for some longer Time, —His Majesty doth therefore, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hereby Order, Require, Prohibit and Command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever (except the Master General, Lieutenant General, or principal Officers of the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service) do, at any Time during the Space of Six Months, to commence from the said 29th Day of this Instant April, presume to transport into any Parts out of this Kingdom, or carry Coastwise, any Gunpowder, Salt Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, or Ship, or Lade, any Gunpowder, Salt Petre, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition, on Board any Ship or Vessel, in order to transporting the same into any Parts beyond the Seas, or carrying the same Coastwise, without Leave or Permission in that Behalf, first obtained from His Majesty, or His Privy Council, upon Pain of incurring and suffering the respective Forfeitures and Penalties inflicted by an Act passed in the Twenty Ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Salt Petre, and to enforce the Law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the Exportation of Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms and Ammunition; and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying Coastwise of Salt Petre, Gunpowder, or any Sort of Arms or Ammunition"—And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Lieutenant General and principal Officers of the Ordnance, and His Majesty's Secretary at War, are to give the necessary Directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

Hen. Fane.

Admiralty Office, May 1, 1759.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Faulkner, of His Majesty's Ship Windsor, of 60 Guns, to Mr. Cleveland, dated at Lisbon, April 8.

The 27th past we discovered four large Ships to Leeward; on giving them Chase, they drew into a Line of Battle a-head, at the Distance of about a Cable's length a-funder, and remained in that Situation till we had engaged the Sternmost Ship near an Hour, when the three Headmost made all the Sail they could from us; on seeing which, the Ship we were engaged with struck her Colours. She proved to be Le Duc de Chartres, pierced for 60 Guns, had 24 French Twelve Pounders mounted, and 294 Men, 28 of which were killed, and 18 wounded. The Windsor had in this Action one Man killed, and six wounded. The Prisoners inform me, the Lading of Le Duc de Chartres consists of Sixty Tons of Gunpowder, One hundred and fifty Tons of Cordage, Flour, Sail Cloth, Wines, &c.

The other three Ships that run off were, Le Maffac, pierced for 70 Guns, had 26 Twelve Pounders mounted, and 300 Men; the East-India Company, pierced for 54 Guns, had 24 Twelve Pounders mounted, and 274 Men; and the St. Luke, pierced for 24 Guns, had 18

Twelve Pounders mounted, and 200 Men: They all belonged to the French East-India Company, sailed from Port l'Orient the 22d of March, and were bound to Pondicherry.

Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.

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.

J. Cleveland.

Navy Office, April 17, 1759.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, That on Wednesday the 9th of next Month, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning precisely, they will be ready to treat with such Persons as are willing to supply Iron Ballast for His Majesty's Service, that they may attend with their Proposals at that Time.

Trinity House, April 28, 1759.

Notice is hereby given, That the Floating Light Vessel near the Edystone Rock, lately broke away from her Moorings, is replaced with the following Marks and Bearings.

The Edystone Rock East by South, Distance two Miles, and is in One with the Bolt Land, and the Ram Head North East half North.