

gave her some Broadfides. She proves to be the *Arethusa* Frigate, commanded by the Marquis *Vaudreuil*, pierced for 36 Guns, 32 mounted, and 270 Men, from *Rochefort* for *Brest*; has been launched about two Years, and is esteemed the best sailing Frigate in France. She had 60 Men killed and wounded. Captain *Colby* had 4 Men killed and 11 wounded, 3 of which are since dead. Captain *Harrison* had 5 Men wounded.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 26, 1759.

Orders for the Court to leave off the Mourning on Sunday the 3d of June, for her late Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Orange.

Whitehall, May 11, 1759.

HIS Grace the Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant, General, and General Governor of Ireland, doth hereby signify his Pleasure, That all such Officers of His Majesty's Forces upon the Establishment of Ireland, as are absent, and not on the Recruiting Service, do repair immediately to their respective Posts in that Kingdom.

By his Grace's Command,
Rich. Rigby.

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, 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-men-

tioned 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, May 10, 1759.

His Majesty having been graciously pleased, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to establish certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commission and War-rant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at *Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth*; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at *Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness*; and with the Naval Officers at *Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale*; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to *Mr. Charles Fearn*, at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st of May Instant; This is to give Notice thereof, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, by the 31st of this Instant, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

Navy-Office, May 17, 1759.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 31st of December 1757, to the 30th of June 1758, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf;

These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tuesday the 5th of next Month, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the same Hour: That all Persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his present Majesty. And in Case any of the said Sea Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

Navy Office, May 14, 1759.

The Principal Officers and Commissioners of His Majesty's Navy give Notice, that on Monday the 28th Instant, at Nine o'Clock in the Morning, *Commissioner Rogers* will expose to Sale at his Office in His Majesty's Yard at *Plymouth*, Several Parcels of Old Stores, laid a part in Lots in the said Yard, 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 Yard, 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 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.