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I send you indeed, two letters, by
direction of the Governor. The Governor thinks
that Ashworth is the person, on whose behalf
application has been made to the Bank, by
a Catholic Clergyman. I am Sir

Your obed^t Serv^t

W. Shute

Bank 15 Sep 17.

15 Sept. 1817

Bank

New Bank

Fuller & Son

Joseph Kaye Esq

Esq

New Bank Building

Bank

F25/12/1

recd - Monday 15 Sep 17.

To the Hon^{ble} the Governor and Directors
of the Bank of England.

Gentlemen

The humble Petition of John Ashworth
Sheweth. that your Petitioner, now confined in His Majesty's
Goal, the Castle of Lancaster, and under The Dreadfull sentence
of Death, humbly presumes, thus to implore the Hon^{ble} Gentlemen
the Governor & Directors of the Bank of England, at whose Mercy
your Unhappy petitioner now lies, and most humbly hopes that
you will spare his Life, And by your Hon^{ble} Clemency, you will
cause him to be sent to any part of the world, And he humbly hopes
you will in pity look upon him in thus his Miserable Situation

Your Unhappy petitioner that thus humbly implores your for-
giveness, and Mercy to spare his Life, has for several years past
followed the profession of a farmer, in this County, and never before
this Unhappy Interval fell into any disgrace, or had any unlaw-
full dealings. But always before this misfortune, did by care and
Honest Industry, maintain and support his now perishing and
Unhappy family, and was by Unforeseen Accident drawn into
this Unhappy misfortune.

Your Unhappy petitioner being fully confident of the Cross that
he has comited, and being totally senecable of his Unhappy and Deplora-
-able Situation, still prays for the welfare of that Honourable Soc-
-iety, that influenced by right and just motives, that have thus
justly prosecuted him. But humbly hopes, that they will yet
spare his Life. That altho thus unhappily situated, he humbly
deploring and Begging Mercy, of so Honourable Society as he now
presumes to Address, he humbly trusting and praying that their
goodness will yet spare his life, and send him to such part of
the world, as he may still be of service to the Community at Large
And be enabled to tender assistance to his now unhappy and
perishing family

Your Unhappy petitioner must unless happily released by your Honourable. pardon. suffer Death in a few Days. ^{that} the Honourable Society of Whom. he so earnestly implores for his life. will in pity look upon his most deplorable situation. and spare his life. and your petitioner will in Duty Bound ever pray for the good and Welfare of these Honourable Gentlemen. of whom he now so earnestly Begg forgiveness. and Mercy.

And Should your Honourable Society not think proper to spare his life. he still will most Devoutly pray for the good and Welfare of so Honourable Society.

Your petitioner here humbly begs to assign his name and humbly ^{prays} your Honourable Society. the Honourable the Governors and Directors of the Bank of England will in pity look upon his, now Deplorable and Unhappy situation

And is with due Respect

Your Honours.

Most Devoted

Humble & Obedt. Servt.

John Ashworth

Lancaster Castle September 10. 1817

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To
The Hon^{ble} the Governor & Directors
of the Bank of England
London

MASTERS
JAN 14
1817

Bank
John Williams

F25/12/2

London 13th Sept.^r 1817

Sir

The Gov.^r & Directors of the Bank of England have by this Post received a Petition from John Ashworth now under Sentence of death in your Custody, praying them to interfere to save his life, and they have desired us to acquaint you that they cannot consistent with their Duty to the Public interfere in his favour. You will please to communicate this to the unfortunate Convict that he may not be entertaining expectations which will not be realized:—

We are Y^{rs}
H P V H

John Higgins Esq^r
Gov.^r of the Prison
Lancaster

15 Sept. 1817

Bank

Reas Ashworth

To John Higgins Esq

F25/12/3.

Island of Guernsey 20th Sept. 1844

To the Secretary of the Bank of England
Sir

I beg leave to inform you, for the information
of the Directors of the Bank of England, that
I lately had the misfortune to be arrested for a Debt
due in London & through the Escrow of mediation
- near whom I employed to sell an Estate for me,
with my money, was put into this prison, I had occasion
to send my wife home to her friends in England, but
sorry I am to see much trouble with a true Heart man
near so great ^{a helpmate in the Packet} of age who I am just informed by a
person from Jersey has been in the habit for
this long time past, of trading to France & these
Islands, bringing forged Bank of England notes, & getting
Guineas Dubloons & Silver coins, which I am informed
to be to a Very great amount, - Bank of England

notes in these Islands & I have here a certain person
am informed he went to several Banks in Jersey & obtained
pieces for notes, I am informed intelligence as been
sent to you, if not you had better make enquiry
at Jersey, where I am informed a bank note will not
be taken in consequence I should this be true, I think
on one only application, I can give information through
my wife's friends to the Discovery of the person, he
assumed the name of Teminster or something near
that in Jersey, I hope you will excuse this mode
of Communication for I am ignorant of the proper
Manner to make it known, neither am I Witness to
the truth but, trust if you have not already been made
acquainted, with the business, on Enquiry you will find it
be a strong foundation, I give you my best & every in-
formation, as was made, that I can give, I have applied
to be removed to the King Bench in London, & my affairs
are not immediately settled, which I hope they will in the
course of a week or two, I any further information, that I
can give, shall be very glad,

And I remain,

Sir,

your most obed.

Alm. Serv.

Henry Smith
Guernsey Prisoner

20th Dec 1857

Bank

For Mr. Henry Smith

GUERNSEY

To the Secretary of the Bank
/// of England
Le Le Le
London

1857/12/20

Lancaster Castle Sept. 22. 1844

Honoured Gent^l

It is with the greatest humiliation possible that I thus presume to lay before you my Melancholy and deplorable Situation. Most humbly craving you will pardon my presumption.

My habit and course of life has been for the last 12 years in traveling in the character of a Licensed Hawker, which I have regularly taken out a licence for that purpose. And have traveled with unvaried steps from town to town, to enable me to support myself and my dearly beloved children, which it was their misfortune to be deprived of one of the best of Mothers when they were very young. And with all the tender feelings of separation I have laboured to support them as a tender parent, wishing to have them Educated

And brought up in a Christian like man-
ner. It was my greatest desire to have
my little Innocent and immaferious
Offspring instructed in the Paths of
Religion and Virtue. But alas all
my Expectations are blasted and gone
away. For unfortunately having in my
possession some forged Bank of England
Notes, for which I have been sentenced
to 14 years Exile from my native Coun-
try. Thus my poor, and imploring
children are left as Orphans, without
father or mother or any friend in the
world to take the best care of them, or
to provide the common necessities
of life for them. I most solicit and
intreat your commisseration, in this
humble manner in behalf of my un-
happy and imploring children. - Please
to favour me with a few lines stating

how or in what manner I am to
give, to those who are in the care of them
for their future support. Have the goodness
to write immediately as my time of
staying here is very uncertain, I may
be removed almost any day for any
thing that I know. — you understand
me. I am wishful to know if there is
any provision made by the laws of
our Country for the support of poor
that are left in this deplorable and un-
happy manner. — poor what I have
said upon the subject you perceive my
meaning, and I most certainly
shall esteem it a particular favour if
you will write to me as soon as con-
venient, in hopes of your compliance
I remain your Obedt. Serv^t. with
all Submission
Hugh M. Mahon

To the Governors
 and Directors of
 the Bank of England
 London

Thos R. McWhorter



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London 25th Sept: 1817.

Hugh M^c. Mahon,

The Governors & Directors of the Bank of England have recd. your Letter of the 22^d inst. & have desired us to inform you that they cannot in any respect interfere on behalf of your Family. You ought to have considered the destitute situation they would be left in, before you engaged in the Criminal pursuits that have placed you in the unfortunate situation in which you now stand. no provision has been made for a Family so unfortunately circumstanced, except that under the Poor Laws. -

We are

S^rs.

R. T. & R.

Hugh M^c. Mahon,
a Prisoner in the Castle
Lancaster. -

15 Sept 1847

Bank

To Hugh W. Mahon

F25/12/6

Sir
I beg you will excuse me for taking the liberty
of addressing myself to you with as I have at this present
under the great necessity of speaking to you, hope sir you
will have the goodness to take the earliest opportunity of
letting me see you sir in so doing you will much oblige
your most obedient humble servant

Anne Agnew

Lancaster Castle
31 Aug. 1817

Don
Mr Irishfield
Solicitor of the
Bank

Bank
For Annual Expenses
1810

F25/12/7

Midstone Goal Sept 18th 1817

Thos^d Sir, I hope you will Pardon My freedom of Writing to you
begging Sir your Pardon My Past Offences As I never Meant
to Offend you in Any thing Whatever if I did it was more
to My Murthering than Any Otherwife Sir I am Innocent for
this Unfortunate Circumstance I was Only Employed to An Agent
to Sell the Horses for Smith & Neman seen them in My Life.
One thing grieves Me Respecting of some Notes I sold & Thorp
to Dinman And Paid Me in All nearly bad I had Witnessed
Respecting the selling of the Thorp & believe he got the Thorp
Now A Person came to Me in Thorp Manger Lane Respecting
the Notes I wrote to him & his Answer was to Me he was
to March in favour with the Bank for you to Listen to
My Evidence but I think he sent some Person to get
them changed. him have not less than fourteen Persons
Passing them for him All Round the Country & if I had
not Met with this Unfortunate Circumstance I should found
Means to have them All Detected but was As Innocent
As A Child Unborn Respecting the Notes being forged As
Dinman gave Me Otherwife Sir I should have brought
them to you to inspect them - I hope you will Excuse this
Letter & I beg Ten Thousand Pardons for My Past Misconduct
I have brought A Poor Afflicted Wife through My Misfortunes
to the grave & four fatherless Children left to the wide

World & not I find to make My unhappy situation
known unto Sir let me beg leave to subscribe

Myself your Obedient Humble Servant

Stephen Bryant

Bank

for Stephen Baynes

Mr Westwood

Bank Holdings

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London

25/12/7



Shrewsbury July 6th 1617

Sir

We Most Humbly Beg Pardon in troubling
You. But having sent One to the Company
of Bank of England. Concerning getting the 5th
Which is Customary to be paid after Receiving
Sentence. And say we have Received no Answer We
Are Informed to Make Our Application to You
Which we humbly Beg You will be pleased to Look
Into May we are now in the Greatest Distress
And should you but Condescend to Answer this Letter
We should be Extremely Thankfull. We was tryd at
Last York Aprill 11th March, 1617

And say we going out of the Country for Life the
Money if could be got would be of the Greatest Service
And we should have but Little Doubt of Success if
you would kind Sir But Interecede In Our Behalf.

On Board of the (We Remain Your Most Affe^d Son
Restricution Halk Shrewsbury) W^m Hammon Crumpton
& Robert Grey

6 July 1809



Gray & Champtons

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Mr New 13/c
Solicitor
of the Bank of England
London

Bridewell, Bristol. May 12th 1841

Gentlemen,

I most humbly take the liberty of acquainting you that I was tried last month at the Assizes in this City, before Sir Vickers Gibbs, and was sentenced to seven years transportation, for uttering forged Notes purporting to be Bank of England. Having some conversation with Mr Evans, Keeper of the Bridewell, respecting the Man that I got the said Notes from, he informed me that if I would tell where the Man was to be found, and taken into custody ^{that I got the Notes} that thro' your interference, that my punishment might be altered from transportation to imprisonment. If you should wish for such information, you will please to send a proper person to treat with me on the subject. In case that there is any thing that can be done for me, respecting my punishment being altered, I can assure you that I can soon put you

in the way of bringing him to justice, and come forward
to prosecute. There is a number of his Notes at present
in circulation, and many people striving to pass them
in different parts of the Kingdom. I leave to your better
judgment, what is to be done in this business. If you should
have occasion to write, you will please to direct to the
care of Mr. T. Evans, Bridewell.

I am, Gentlemen, your
Humble Servant,

To the Proprietors of the
Bank of England

Johanna M'Carthy

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To the Proprietors of the Bank
National Bank,
London

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Bank

Gentl^y

I beg to inform you that
Joanna Mearns Declines saying any
thing without a promise of mitigation
of her punishment - & if I shall be
to add I think its out of her power
to do any thing with any good
Effect &c

I am sure yours

Alfred Oct^r Ser²

Bristol May 24. 17

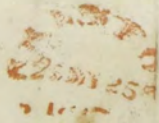
Thos Evans



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Mrs Mary Fitchfield
O Salers
London

For Mr. Evans
The other party



Bank

25 May 1726

pas 12/10.

Sir

If Joanna McCarty thinks proper
to make any communication you will take
down the particulars and transmit them to us,
but we cannot hold out to her any
promise or expectation of further favor
beyond that which she has already
received, She should have made any
discovery in her power before her conviction

We are Sir

R F V R

London 16 May 1827

M^r Evans

Bridewell

Bristol

11 May 1811

Bank

Reverend W. F. A. H. H.
W. W. Evans

11 May 1811

my maker—

Duty I owe to the world at large—
The Gov^{rs} Company of the Bank of
England and the future Generation—
to Aid and Assist (as well as to my
own Conscience—) in Detecting—
I preventing but not prosecuting or
giving evidence at any future Time—
All and Every person and persons connected
Concerned— & actually employed in making
uttering knowing to be forged—Notes
resembling the Bank of England— I am
a Citizen by Birth— my father was a Respectable
man Robert Jones— Carrier— London well
N^o 5. many years before the Rocks in the yards

my Grandfather was D^r Winder of
Bethlem Hospital but late of Bullocks
Hatch ^{of Paternoster Row} ~~Winder~~ — Mess^{rs} Basil Herne &
Brother were my Grandmothers atty^s—
Mr Jennings of Shore Lane my ^{deceased} Brothers
~~deceased~~ — I merely mention this
to show you I am no Vagabond— I was
Regularly admitted an atty—practise
I might have done well but Gambling &c—
ruined me— after which I was brother—
Officer to Mr Tho^s Donovans Son Chas^l
Donovan who was killed at Wartertoo
~~after which~~ ^{then} Lt. 52^d Reg. 2^d Batt^y Col^l Ker
where Young Abercromby belonged—to—

Therefore to do as I have above promised
If you yourself will call on Henry Capper
Esq^r Secretary of State & say you will
give me some hackney writing to Copy (Hire &c)
~~at my own charge~~

Longstone Harbour Septem^r 17. 1816 —

Honour'd Sir

Most deeply impressed with a sense of my obligations for the humane manner you was pleased to express yourself towards me, in my unfortunate situation, and the extended Mercy which has been granted to my two Sons by restoring them to Society

I most humbly entreat permission to return my most sincere and grateful thanks, assuring you the remembrance of your goodness will be impressed upon my mind, with the most grateful sensations, to the latest period of my existence —

Since my removal to the Hulk, I find my health greatly impaired, owing to my debilitated constitution, which having been always weak renders me incapable of enduring labourious employment, and fearful (at my advanced Age of life) that my present state of Health will not permit me to endure the fatigue and privations of a Voyage to New South Wales, or a long confinement at the Hulk without the most imminent danger of my Life, and being most duly impressed with the enormity of my Crime, and with sincere contrition most willing to make every atonement in my power.

I most humbly implore your compassion for my sufferings, and entreat you will be pleased to intercede on my behalf with The Honourable The Governor & Company of the Bank of England, to induce them to take into consideration the Petition which now lies in the hands of Mr Capper, and will be presented to them, and the respectable signatures affixed thereto, on my behalf, and as my life was always (until this my first offence) conducted with the strictest rectitude, that they will condescend to grant a further extension of their Mercy, by complying with the prayer of the Petition, which would be received with that gratitude, as it most justly due for such an inestimable Blessing

I most humbly entreat

your pardon for this intrusion which I am induced to make from your
humane and benevolent Character, and imploring your compassion for my
sufferings, and humane intercession on my behalf to alleviate them
with the most devoted Respect

I beg permission to remain

Honored Sir

Your Grateful, Obligated &

Most Humble Serv^t

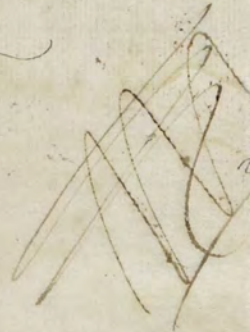
William Bagnall

To

Westwood Esq^r

1858
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To



Westwood Esq.
Solicitor

Bank of England
London

W. Wood Esq.
Solicitor



F25/12/13

Gentlemen

Being sentenced in March last for
uttering Bank of England Notes. (Tried at Lancaster)
and sentenced to 14 years Transportation, I am
very desirous of obtaining a passage for my Wife
and I am more particularly anxious knowing
that she has nothing to subsist upon, and may
be led from dire necessity to adopt the same evil
practices for which I am found guilty — And
if you will have the goodness to solicit the Governor
and Directors of the Bank — to obtain such favour
from Government. I shall gratefully make such
discoveries — that will prove of the utmost importance
and tender my services accordingly

I am
Gentlemen

Wellspring

Sheerness Kent

June 15th 1818

Your most Obedient

very humble serv^t

Wellsst Hay, Freshfield & Hay

James Walker

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SHEERNESS
51Hys^{rs} "Ray, Freshfield & RaySolicitors to the
Bank of England
LondonJas^{rs} WalkerInscribed
March 24th 1833for James Walker
Bank of England

F25/12/14

London 19th June 1818.

We have rec^d your letter of the 16th inst. & have submitted it
to the Gov^r's Directors of the Bank, who have directed us to acquaint
you that application must be made to the Sec^y. of State for perm^{iss}.
for your ships to accompany or follow you to New South Wales.

We are &c.
H. F. & L.

James Walker
a Convict on board the
Hellerophon,
Shoremouth

19th June 1860
Bank
to Jas. Walker

£25/12/10

June 14th 1888
Piernefs On Board H.M.S. Pellicophon —
Gent^l

I Most humbly beg your
Pardon in thus perswading to address
you. I cannot for bear thinking
my situation very deplorable
When I reflect how, or in the man-
ner in which I was betrayed, and
Persuaded to fetch the Notes, for
which I have brought myself into
such an awful and distressing state,
deprived of every thing that is
dear to me in this world, with
no hopes or Expectations of ever
being restored to my poor un-
happy and disconsolate wife

and imploring children. and my-
self far advanced in years. (and
am in daily expectation of being
sent in ignominious exile from
my native country in all probability
I must never return. — and to
add to my distress have scarcely a
penny in the world. — Now if
either you or the country would have
gain'd any thing or would have
been benefited by using me in
this way I must then have thought
it would have ^{been} nothing but what
I should have deserved. — But I
utterly deny ever being in the habit
of making use of the bad Notes. —
And you may rest assured that
it was for no other purpose than
what is generally call'd blood money

Gov. & Directors of the Bank have recd your letter

I must acknowledge I have committed a very great error in not causing the Parties to be brought to justice at the time I first knew any thing about them. — However I think the information that I have given you both through the channel of Mr. Higgins of Lancaster, and likewise our worthy Captain Mr. Cowie. — will be more in your favour than any injury that ever I did if the dotted in all my life. — (I absolutely think that it is not lawful to persuade people to commit such crimes.) Now if no mitigation can be effected either now; or at any future period, you'll surely have no objection in granting me the favour of my wife and children following me. —

in all due respects
Yours which has
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Feb 5/12/14

N.B. Please to write to me by the next post



11/12/14

To the Gov^r
Sec^y of the
Bank of England
London
Spring 1814

Enclosed -

Mr. Pitt

* as I suppose they cannot go along
with me. - In hopes and expectation
of you using your interest in
my favour. I remain yours

London 19th June 1818

The Gov^{rs} & Directors of the Bank have read your letter
of the 14th instant and have directed us to inform you that
you must make your application to the Secretary of State for your
Wife and Family to accompany or follow you to New South Wales,
as the Bank has no power to grant such permission -

We are &c.

H. J. W. R.

John Whitehead

convict on board

The Parramatta Shipwreck

Bank of ^{the} June 1810
to John Whitehead

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SHEERNESS

Mr Westwood

Esq. or May, Finsbury & Hay

Solicitors to the Bank

of England

Bank Buildings, Lombard

London

Bank

for the Bank of England

28th 1818



F25/12/18

Where in Newgate I wrote to the
Bank respecting the people of the names of
Williams & Kemp - guilty of uttering forged notes
I did not write to you, not knowing the names
of the persons - but in person of the names of Williams
- The two Williams & Kemp are here on Board
the Retribution - Williams principal friend
& associate I understand lodged - & I believe does
live at the Blue Last in Diotaff Lane - he has
a Wife with him - and is a principal Dealer &c.
in that way - which by your management may
lead to great discoveries, and if it should I hope
you will consider me - the name of Williams
is fictitious - my Wife took a Letter from him to
his friend at the Blue Last, but only saw his Wife
- he shall attend you, if you think it worth your
attention to favour me with a Line

I am Sir
most respectfully

Yours obedt servant
Bellerophon Hulke

Geo. Farney

Sheerness -
Feb 26 - 1818

To the Bank of England

Gentlemen

I Humbly Take the Liberty of Informing you
that it is in my Power to be of Great Service to you
to Endeavour to put a Stop to the abominable Scheme of
Forgery on your Banks by which so many Loose their
Lives and Liberty of which I am one now suffering under
the Sentence of Transportation to be banished from my native
Country and Leaving two orphan Children behind without
friends or Relations in my absence to be Tortured among stran-
gers which is a second death to me in my present unhappy
Situation. I am particularly well acquainted with the
Makers in Birmingham whose Names are as follows Mr
Low Mr Hope Mr Souls Benjamin Patrick and Mr
Shanton that is Living in the Neighbourhood of Worcester
since his Exit from Birmingham at the Time that Joseph
Fermings was sent to the. I also can point out to you a press that
is Erected in the Neighbourhood of Liverpool for the purpose
of countersitting the New Gold Coin when put into Circu-
lation, I further Inform you that I am particularly Acquain-
ted with the Principal Dealers in Notes that Travel to Scotland
and Ireland and the ^{Nearest} Frequent which is Edinburgh Glasgow &
Greenock in Scotland Belfast Dublin and Cork in Ireland since
the Bank of England Notes became a Legal Tender, it is in
Power to put a Stop to their Career in which I have seen the
Madness and Folly that attends such a Practice by bringing
so many men to shame and Disgrace Sir, your answer
will much oblige your most Obedt and Humble Servt
Hugh M. Mahon

N. B. Please to Direct for me on Board his
Majesties Ship the Belerophon Lying at
Sheerness Harbour

January the 5th 1810

SHIFFNESS
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To
The Governor and Directors of the
Bank of England
London



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Jan 1865

Bank

for Hugh McMahon

Hugh McMahon
giving Information
respecting forged notes

6/12/19
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Hugh Mc Mahon says that Mr Shenton
lives in Worcester. Don't know the Street

James Craig a Cloth Merchant lives in
Byram Street Liverpool. Deals largely in Prots
and serves people in Ireland. Chiefly at Belfast

Robert Scott a Horse Dealer has been a
Convict about 7 or 8 years since. lives at
Newcastle on Tyne. in Gateshead, a Dealer in
Prots in the North.

John Thompson. Keeps a Public House
in Edinburgh. in Canongate is a Dealer in Prots

William Cail a linen Draper a Traveller
lives in Glasgow. Don't know what frank

Mrs Watson travels to Glasgow and
Greenock with Prots only. lives chiefly in
Glasgow.

John Campbell. John Maguire and
Dagheny. These Irishmen have a press at
Prescott near Liverpool for Gold Coin. thinks
it is at Dagheny's house. has seen part of
the press. they left Danganman. Ireland
for the same thing last winter

Thomas Spooner lives with the Jennings
Wife and serves a great Number of Travellers
David Charles a Traveller goes to Carlisle
and lives there and serves that Neighborhood
James Selley is a Dealer at Manchester
Edward Curman is a Traveller who goes
to Dublin and a David Collins with him -
all these People can get their notes
of Fowler. Lane. Spooner. Geo Collins and
Menton. —

Mr Mahon says if he had his liberty
that he has no doubt he could through his
friends detect and put a stop to the Notes
he has mentioned —

11 Jan^y 1818
Information rec^d
from Hugh McIlwain
on board the Pelagos
Coined Irish at
Shannon ^{the 4th} Jan^y 1818
by Lth

925/12/80

Rebtribution Hulk Sheriffs

Gentlemen)

Nov^r 24 - 1817

We J^r Jones and J^r Armstrong

Jointly agree to solicit Your Honourable Com^{rs}.
For what we are given to understand you allow
to those persons who accept the privilege your huma-
nity induces you to offer we mean that of
pawning. we are Informed that upon leaving
the Country you allow a certain Sum which
we trust your Justness and Generosity will
not withhold from us we further trust that you
will favour us with an answer and if we
have acted imprudent by asking what your
Bounty allows or have been misinformed that
your Honourable Company will overlook &

Bydon the Liberty we have taken we here
Subjoin Ourselves Your petitioners

Jos^d Armstrong
James Jones L

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Westwood's Book
Oct 18/19

SHEERNESS

M^r Westwood
Solicitor To the Bank
of England London

F25/12/21



Bank
for -
mess

London 22 Nov^r. 1817

Sir

We enclose a letter we have received by the Post from a Convict at Portsmouth. We suspect he only wishes to avoid being sent to New South Wales with that view professes a capacity to give assistance in detecting forgeries on the Bank which he does not possess. It may however be proper to hear what he has to say, and we therefore request you will see him and take down all the information he can give & transmit the same to us, we will then consider whether it can be useful. If he proposes to stipulate for any thing in his own favour previous to giving the Information he states himself to possess your answer will be that you have no such Intention

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K. F. O. K.

Mallaway Esq
Town Clerk

Portsmouth

Paul

at Callaway

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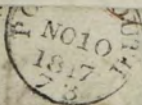
Sir,

I have written to Inform you
I am ready to Give Information
of Depredations of Foreigners &
Letters of Bills Proportable to
be payable at the Bank of England
by Act & Compensation for the
Information

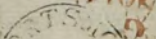
I am your Humble Servant
John Overton

on Board the Laurel Ship
Mull - Portsmouth Harbour
Gosport

Nov^r 10. 1712



Henry Mase Esq^r
Secretary
of the Bank of England
London



10 Nov 1817
From John Jackson

1817/11/23

Plymouth 24th Nov^r. 1817

Gent.

Herein enclosed I forward the Particulars
of the Information obtained from John Osland
— the Captain of the Hulk tells me, he has particular
Orders to send him away in a Ship which now
is at Spithead, to take the Convicts from this Port
to New South Wales: and, in all Probability, a
few days only will elapse before Osland will
be away, unless some fresh Orders are
received touching him. — he says an
Application to Mr. Capper of the Secretary of
State's Office will be the readiest Mode to be
adopted to prevent Osland's Removal should
any further Intercourse with him be thought
necessary

Yours Gent^l
J^r most obed^t
S^t. R. Hallaway

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Mr. Hays Freshfield & Co.
Sole to the Bank of England
Bank Buildings
London

Mr. Hays
Freshfield & Co.
Bank Buildings
London



625/12/24

London 25th Nov: 1847.

Sir,

We are favoured with your Letter, ^{of yesterday} inclining Osland's
Story, which we are convinced is all a fabrication, as
no such Manufactures of forged Notes could have existed
without our having heard of them from various sources.
We have no doubt his sole object is to escape going out
in the Ship now preparing to sail.—

We are &c

R. S. W.

A. Callaway Esq
Treasr Clerk
Petersmouth.

25 Nov 1817

Bank

London

W. H. Callaway Esq

See 12/25

24th Nov. 1817.

John Osland states, that he knows two Persons one living in Norfolk, the other in Bristol who are in Possession of two Plates, and two Rollers for making forged Notes, in imitation of those of the Bank of England that each of these Persons has one of the Plates and one of the Rollers and is in the Habit of manufacturing the Notes being provided with Paper from Scotland - (He does not recollect the name of the Mill from whence it is provided he however has heard it mentioned and should be able if necessary to find it out) - that each of the Persons alluded to is capable and does constantly fill up the Notes, with writing. Their Practice is to issue some themselves and sell others - one he says has gained thirty or forty thousand Pounds within the last six or seven years by these Practices, it is ^{the} one of ~~the~~ who lives in Norfolk he carries on a small trade by keeping a grocer's shop and sells provisions also, he makes the notes at his own house without the assistance of any one, Osland has seen him three or four times in the Act of rolling and filling up the Notes, the other who resides at Bristol does not carry on any Trade but lives independant - Osland states, that he has seen him also twice in the Act of rolling and filling up the Notes which he performs at his own house without any assistance - he had loaded Pistols on the

Table at the Times when Oseland saw him thus at work - Oseland had himself counterfeited Notes of both - these Persons he says are also receivers of stolen Goods by which means he became acquainted with them and gained their confidence - Oseland adds, that they keep the Plates and Rollers each in a secret Place, (known to Oseland) in his own House with the Notes manufactured and the Paper of which they are made, they are generally five Pounds and one Pound Notes, but most of the former -

Oseland says he knows the Person who made the Plate for the one at Norfolk and that Oseland was with the latter when he received the Plate of the maker of it and who still resides at Birmingham - and in all probability would if applied to make a plate for Oseland - he says the Norfolk man is not at all connected or acquainted with the one at Bristol - the Bristol man knows of Oseland's Conviction but the Norfolk man does not - he also says, he knows the residences and persons of fifteen or sixteen people who issue the notes made by the Norfolk and Bristol Manufacturers - some of whom purchased a considerable number at a time - these people do not go to the Houses of the Manufacturers but to some Public House in the Neighbourhood, where the Manufacturers, upon being sent for, meet them - It is not the

same Person who made the Plate for the Norfolk man that made the one for the Bristol man, the latter lives at Bristol, and a man named Robert Fry is now committed at Bristol to take his Trial there for manufacturing forged Notes of a Bank at Bristol from a Plate which Oseland stole, was made by the same Plate maker at Bristol - the secret place of the Norfolk man where he keeps the Plate, Roller &c is in a back room which has a paved floor under one of the Stones and this is the person against whom the Trial for Detection Oseland first wishes to be ^{that} made - the other secret place, that is to say, of the Bristol Manufacturer is at the back part of a pretended Oven in a wash House belonging to his dwelling house, and in the front of this pretended Oven I usually placed 2d shoes dirty shoes, Brushes and knife Board &c. which operate by way of blind or ^{to} prevent suspicion - Oseland declines to give names, or further particulars unless some terms are made for his benefit - he however does not expect he says any good to derive from his Information until after detection of some or one of the Parties - after the Trial is made upon the Norfolk man if success should attend the search he should propose to accompany some proper persons to be appointed by the Directors of the Bank in order to assist in the detection of the other parties. -

24th Novr 1817.

Bank of England

Particulars of the
Information given by
John Acland touching
Forgeries. —

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holders of forged Bank Notes. We request you will
Mr. Inge,

Sir!

Having been in fettered Bondage upwards
of Three years, I take the liberty of soliciting your
Kind interference in my behalf, by writing a letter
to this Capt^l Chas^r Stedman Esq^r, requesting
him to restore me to my family and friends as
early as possible - but also (when convenient) that
you would make personal Application to J. H.
Capper Esq^r at the Secretary of States Office,
mentioning to him the services I have done, and
promise to do, in relating such information as I
trust) have proved, and will prove servicable to the
Bank of England, as soon as the Legislature are
pleased to restore me to my liberty. -

Your immediate compliance will much oblige
your devoted supplicant.

Jonathan Broomfield?

Edw^d Bamford. -



Joseph Hays Esq.,
Sol^r to the Bank of England,
New Bank Building,
London.



21st Dec 18

Bank/
for

21st Dec 18

F25/12/27

Gentlemen.

I beg to state, that I
have this morning received
the enclosed, from Portsmouth,
and I have taken the liberty
to transmit the same to
you. The Writer of it, was
sent from this place on
Friday last.

I have the honour
to be

Gentlemen

Very respectfully

Yours obed. Servt.

14th Feb. 1810

W. H. Brown

Clerk of
H. M. Goal
of Basingstoke

For The Directors of the
Bank of England.

Bank
of
England

11th Nov 11

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London 13th Feby 1818.

Sir,

We inclose you a Letter written by Lazarus Levy a Convict on board the Bellerophon at Portsmouth to the Keeper of Newgate proposing to give information respecting the fabricators of forged Bank Notes. We request you will see Levy & take down all he has to communicate, and transmit the same to us. You will not hold out any promise or expectation of favour as the inducement for his giving information, but let his communication be perfectly voluntary. -

We are &c

H. T. & K.

R. Callaway Esq.
Town Clerk
Portsmouth

13 Feb 1868

Amount Paid for
To H. Callaway

F25/12/29

(Copy)

Portsmouth July 10th 1818.

Worthy Sir,

Your humble servant Lazarus Levy
wishes to inform you and the Solicitor of the Bank
that he has certain matter to disclose concerning
the Makers of forged Bank of England Notes which
if the Solicitor will make it convenient to come down
the Leveathin[†] Portsmouth Harbour he will be told
the particulars of it. I do not do this by way of getting
a Pardon but merely to save so many from suffering
through it, till then.

I remain

Your Humble Servt

Lazarus Levy.

†
Leviathan
Hulk
Portsmouth.

To, Mr. Broome
Governor of
Newgate
London

10 Feb 5/8/8

Bank,

for Lazarus Levy -

F25/12/30

Pittsburgh 15 Feb. 1818.

Gent.

Your Favor of the 13th I received
Yesterday; but being particularly engaged, it
was out of my power to see Lazarus Levy - to
Morrow however I shall make it my Business to
visit the Leviathan to obtain the Information he
has proposed to give; & I shall not fail to follow
Your Directions.

I am Gent.

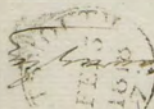
Your most obed^t. serv^t!

B. Callaway



11/11/14

Messrs. Kaye, Trusfield & Kaye
Solicitors to the Bank of England
London



Bank

15 Oct 14

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Portsmouth 17th February 1810

Genl

I yesterday visited the Leviathan Hulk and examined Lazarus Levy - a copy of his Statement is sent herewith - I was with him a long Time and examined him to every Point I could think of, which could lead to any Thing of Importance - all I could make of him is set forth in his Statement, such as it is - he professes himself (having been before convicted & sentenced to Transportation) not to have the smallest Hope of any Favor - that ^{which} he has done, & wishes to do, arises from a Desire to prevent further Depredations on the Bank - he frequently mentioned how very unfortunate it was that he was so hastily removed from Newgate which prevented him from furnishing the Means of tracing out the Residence of Day & his Associates - You will be the best Judge of Levy's Sincerity, & whether any further Interview with him may be useful I am Gent

Yr most ob^t Serv^t

E. D. Hawley

Messrs Hays Freshfield & Hays
Solicitors to the Bank
of England

Recd
The Treasury
for R. B. & Co.

17th Dec 18.

F25/12/32

Sir

I William Shaw was tried for
uttering forged Notes which I pleaded
Guilty for the same

and I understand there is five pounds

Given to Each Convict for pleading

Guilty for the same Forgery

and I should be glad if you will
send the same if it Be given
I am on Board the Battery Now
lying at the lower Wharves

I am your humble servant

Wm Shaw

Dated the
16 Day of October
1817

Convicted Minor offence
Springing. Leicestershire

16 Oct. 1817

16 Oct. 1817

Wm Shaw
Conduct for Relief

Bank
for William Shaw

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Royal Bank of
England

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Sir

I William Wolstencroft was Trice
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guilty for the same
and I under Stand there is five pounds
given to Each Convict for pleading
Guilty for forgery and I should
be glad if you will Send me the
same if it be Given I have on
Board the Bathary Now lying at
the lower Sheerness

I have your Humble Servant

Dated the
16 Day of October
1817

Wm Wolstencroft
Convicted at Lancaster
Minor Office Spring 1817

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16 Oct. 1817

Bank
of the West of England

Mr Woolstenhale
Commit for Relief

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6 The Declaration of John Cutridge, who is now a prisoner in the County Gaol at Bedford, having under Sentence of transportation for 14^{years} for uttering forged notes of the Bank of England; being unhappy in his mind for his past unlawful conduct in the instance for which he was prosecuted and anxiously wishing that the crime so injurious to community, for which he suffers, and which he knows is so frequently committed, he conscientiously make this Declaration, in the hope, that he may hereby be instrumental in diminishing and checking that harmful evil, and may also prevent many persons being drawn into the connection of those men, who ensnare the unwary, by engaging them in various ways to distribute their notes. As he was thus ensnared by the men, whom he now herein exposes and discovers, he hopes that it may save many others from falling into their hands.

The men whose names he now discovers, are chief and principal offenders in this unlawful traffick, and who engage others under them to go about the Country, at the hazard of their lives and liberty, whilst they stay at home, and are enriched by ~~them~~ the labour and suffering of others. The first and chief person, whom he discovers is William Tarnier,

N^o 23 of Hatfield Street, Goswell Street, a young man with
a wooden Leg, about 23 or 24 y^r of age; discharged from St.
Thomas's hospital about 9 months ago, where his leg was
amputated: a stout made man, about 5 foot, 6 inches high -
dark brown hair: this man distributes many forged ^{notes} and scarcely
a day passes, without persons going to receive them of him.
~~The above man~~ The mother — Tavinor of the above man
who lives with him, pretends to fetch the notes for the
persons who go for them, and she is gone about five or
six minutes, and those who apply for the notes pay 10
for a 1 £ note and if they are able to purchase 20, they
pay 20 £. This mother is about 50 y^r of age, of the middle age.
John ~~the~~ Outridge look after W^m Tavinor's horse, and when
he sent another person to sell the horse at Smithfield
he then sent Outridge to Biggleswade fair to buy him
another, and gave him the forged notes which were found
upon him. ~~The~~ John Outridge says, that if the above persons
have any notes by them, they are kept in a back room where
the mother sleeps.

Another person, is Phil Smith, of French Alley,
a corner house near Hatfield Street, his horses stand at
the Black horse yard, Aldersgate Street, where he may
always be heard of, and often seen, at least once a day.
This man frequently goes into the Country, and takes
two or three men with him. He carries the notes, and
when they are about twenty miles from London, he gives

his men one or two of the men a time to purchase articles
of various sorts, and they give him the change. The way
by which Outridge came to the knowledge of this man, was,
~~that~~ by his applying to Outridge, and wishing to engage him to
travel with them into the County, but Outridge did not agree
to his proposals. ~~That~~ That Smith has his notes from
Taviner, the man mentioned before, and whose horse Outridge
looked after. John Outridge says, that the above men
and several others on the same business may are always
at Smithfield on Fridays at the horse market, and go to
a public house near the Green Ground.

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20 April 1810 Declared by me

The mark of John Outridge X

Witness Henry Goode

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Bank
Informant of
John Butledge



William Lloyd

BR 21094

Letter to the Bank
Morda Buildings
London

Copy made for Mr. Spence
31 March 1840

Thomas Atkins a prisoner in Leicester Jail on a charge
of uttering forged notes -

I confess that I got the notes, that were found upon
me, and part of which Yates had, at Birmingham
the wife of
of one John Kitchen, Tailor, who lives in a Street that
leads out of deritend - I believe Kitchen gets them
from a man of the name of Bradway - I ~~believe~~ ^{know}
that Thomas Heath, who lives by the Barracks deals
in notes, and that some Bamford in ~~that~~ ^{John} Street
Birmingham also deals in them -

I acknowledge that when I first went to see the
daughter of Stairs of Woodhouse, she was led
me into joining him, and that he was connected
with Booth, but that since his death, I have
not been guilty of obtaining notes more than two
or three times, and that I got them from the
above persons - I solemnly declare I have no
connection with any person in the business, and
that except the above persons, I do not know
who deals in them - that I have not been an
owner of notes, but that I got the notes found
in my possession, at the earnest desire of John
Yates. - I would give further information if I could
but it was, to state any thing further, I should say
what I have no knowledge of, and should give a false
account -

Thomas Atkin's

Farman now living in Crab Tree Street -
Seicester is a Dealer in Notes. He gets them from Bradney
of Birmingham & generally sells them towards London -

One Salmon who comes from Banbury -
goes to Birmingham & trades with Widow Smith of
Bordesley Street and travels in all directions selling
Notes but not papering -

Soars died about 5 years ago - Since then
I have not been to Birmingham for Notes more than 4
or 5 times since -

I never had from any one but Hitchen
Bamford except in Broth's time and then I went
with Soars

I used to have a great many from Thomas Heath
who lives near the Barracks - He goes to the Angel
in Colehill Street Birmingham

M^r. Jennings living not far from the Barracks
knows the makers and deals wholesale herself and
supplies other vendors

John Low has taken a farm about 4 Miles from
Birmingham & the Manufactory is carried on in his
Farm House by 2 Jews

Low and a Man of the name of James Boot who
lives on the road for Smaricks & when in Birmingham
resorts to the Sign of John Falstaff - And a Man

named Ford who resorts to the Sign of the
Bell in Wood Street fetch them from the Farm
House in a Wholesale way

Sharman can discover if he will

The latter part of these circumstances
Atkins has learnt from a fellow Prisoner
of the name of Smith

Thos. Atkins
&
Sarah Horton
Information ag.
Dealers in forged
Notes.

— Haye & Co
21 Post Office
Warwick

He for ever has a letter
dealer in forged notes

Mr. W. Atkins
Bank
Warwick 1830

F25/12/36

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I enclose a Letter from a
Jetta in Oxford Tail, by direction
of the Governor of the Bank.

Yours obed^t Serv^t

W. Whitwell.

Bank 17 Nov 1717.

Joseph Kaye Esq

Joseph Kaye Esq

& L

Whitbrooke Bank Buildings

Whitbrooke

Bank

Whitbrooke

685/12/37

To the Governor & Com^{rs}, of the Bank
of England -

Gent

Thinking it the Duty of every
Man to give information when Forgery
is in Question - more especially on the
Bank of England - it is strongly suspected
that there is Person - a Horse Dealer -
confined here for Debt - have got some
in his Possession - I can Prove one of
his fellow Prisoners declared he has seen
in his Possession - a Hand-full of bad
Notes - I am Gent. Yours &c
W Coles
Sunday
Dec^r 16th 1847. A Debtor in Oxford Street

18 Mar. 1817

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The Governor & Company
of the
Bank of England

London 18th Nov: 1817.

Sir;

On the other side you receive Copy of a Letter from a Debtor in your County fast to the Bank of England. We request you will have a proper enquiry made into the truth of the information, and if the person he refers to should be found to have forged Bank Notes in his possession, you will of course get him committed or detained for the offence, so that he may be tried for it, and transmit us the forged Notes (first marking them to fix their identity) together with Copies of the Depositions of the Witnesses. —

We are &c.

W. J. W.

Henry Taunton Esq
S^r.
Oxford

Bank
to H. Saunton Esq

F25/12/39

Lancaster Castle Oct^r 1st 1847

Dear

Gent^l

This is the second time
that I have to you wrote, I most humbly
desired you to write to me by return of Post.
I have waited with the greatest anxiety for
^{long} some for an answer, but to no purpose.

It is with the greatest humiliation that
I thus presume to address you in behalf
of my helpless and exploring children
they are now left as Orphans and destitute
of any friend in the world to support
them. you must know my time of
staying here is very uncertain. I may
be called away almost any day. And

what must become of my poor little ones:
I cannot form any Idea whatever. My
heart is almost burst within me when
I reflect upon the awfulness of their un-
happy and distressed situation. I have
as I mentioned in my last been in
the habit of traveling from Town to Town
in the character of a Licensed Hawker, And
have done all in my power to support
myself and children in a just and
an honest way. And though I say it
no one ever paid more regard to
true honour and discharged their ^{to} accounts
with more punctuality than I have done.

Impressed with the tender feelings
of a parent, induces me thus to
write to you. Not doubting but your

10. 11. 1841

honours will pardon my presumption
in thus soliciting your commiseration

If there is any provision made
in our wise and humane laws
for the support and maintenance
of poor helpless and distressed children
left in the manner mine are
Please to condescend so far as to write
to me as soon as convenient pointing
out to me, where I am to apply to
in behalf of their recovery. — I hope
of your compliance to this my
request I remain your most
Obedient Servant, &c. with all submis-
sion — Hugh M'Mahon

F25/12/40

Com. for London

25 April 1817

Large way double
to write to though

breakdown and
state that the bank
will not interfere

To the Governor and
Directors of the
Bank of England
London

15th May 1817
Bank of England
The Right Hon. Mr. Pitt
Clerk of the Council
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To The Hon^{ble} the Governor and Directors of the
Bank of England

The Humble Petition of us the Undersigned
Unfortunate Prisoners now in His Majesty's Gaol the Castle of Lancaster
Humbly implore your Hon^{ble} Company to take into your Most Serious consideration
our Dreadful Condition and humbly Beg you will in your goodness spare our
Lives, in hopes we might become useful Members of Society in a Foreign
Country. As we are Doubtful of our unprepared State for Eternity.....
We beg leave to observe to Your Hon^{ble} Company that there are three Men and
one Woman that have their Lives spared for the like Offence at the present Assizes.

We therefore Humbly beg you will intercede with His Royal
Highness the Prince Regent to Extend to us the Royal
Clemency and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

William^{his} Stuart
mark

Robert Marlow =

St Thomas Curry

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The Honble the Governor & Directors
Bank of England
London.

Bank
March 11/1841
Edition of the
Quarterly Review

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Dear Sir,

I forwarded you by yesterday's post
the information of Mary! David Hunt. Mayall
I now write you ^{the} earnest request of
William Stewart (under sentence of death)

who declares that he never was
concerned in the uttering of ^{notes} forged ~~coins~~
before the transaction that he is now
convicted of - that he was induced to do it
from the solicitations of Street - and that
the parcel containing the notes in
question was only received by him a few
days previous; and in point of fact was
addressed and belonged to a person of the
same name, who used to lodge at his house
when in Liverpool - which person he believes

is now in Custody at Warwick, ^{and that the debt does not belong to him} Thomas Curry
(also has under sentence of Death) says that he
believes this statement to be true and that
Stewart is not so guilty a person as the
Gov. & Park suppose - and that he thinks
he has unwarily been drawn into this crime.

I have seen Kelly upon this subject and
he tells me that Stewart (now here) has not
to his knowledge ever been concerned before
and that he believes this is, his first offence.

Under all the circumstances of the case
I am induced to lay this statement before
you, hoping that the Gov. & Directors of the
Park of England, will be induced to make
an application for this poor creature's life.

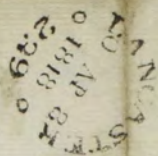
I am, Sir,

with deference

Yours obt. Servant
Thos. H. Wiggin

Sanctuary Castle

8 April 1818.



*Messrs. Paine, Turkfield & Co
Solicitors
Bank Buildings
London*

*Mr. W. Paine
Mr. W. Paine*

Bank

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F25/12/42

Mossesdun Lancaster Castle 30 Jan^r 1818

I Hope you Will Excuse the
Liberty We unfortunate Women take in
addressing you Relating to a little Subsisting
Money We understand the Governors of the
Bank allows to us unfortunate Women
Which if you will have the goodness to Intercede
with the Governors of the Bank of England We
unfortunate Women Will for Ever be Bound to
Pray for you.

by so Doing the undersigned
Will for Ever Pray for you

Allice Willcock
Betty Nealy
Catherine Hardacre
Elizabeth Stott

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Mr Glover

*Solicitor of the Bank of England
Post Office London*

Feb 12/43

*Petition from
Alice Brooks
Betty Steady
Catherine and one
Elizabeth*

*Bank
Madam
Betty Steady
Bath M. Steady
Elizabeth
Jan 1818*

Lancaster November 25 1817

My Sir I take this liberty in addressing you Sir
I hope will Excuse me I had the pleasure of speaking to
Mr Powell at the usages as he knows my situation am
in a unpleasant situation at present transported for
4 years and is Expectation to be sent of Every day
trusting Sir you will take it in to consideration and
assist me if possible as you know wotly have don
for the Bank and mint as Mr Powell wished me to
see you But could not Sir you know this people of here
agent is gone a Brand and you me be well as hand
the will be revenged on me if I shud go a Brand and
shud take it as a great favor if you could make
intercession for me to stop in England I am informed
By friends here I could get to stop at this time place
in London But I do not know wick way to proceed
to do it shud thank you Sir to assist me in it
as I know it is in your power to do it for me as
I am destitute of all friends and living a poor wretch

Child Behind me with thought father a friend trusting
Sir you will do your Best for me in getting me to stop
in this Country & if you was to partishen for me to
stop and hope Sir it will be in my power to do
more then Ever I have don as it will be in my power
to do it trusting Sir you will think on me this time
May so you will forever a blidge your unhappy
friend as I have larned a very good lesson since my
Confinement in Lancaster Castle if I could get my liberty
I should be glad to send it Mayland knows well & am
not decouring of this Confinement but had the misfortune
of being in prison before the did me for pitt as
Mr Willar all was know & was liall to the Bismar
if I am hear at the a sizes & shud be glad to see you
and Mr Powell as I have something to inform you and
& shud be glad to see Mr Willar so for god sake stand
my friend this time and I never will putt you to
the same trouble and I will forever be faithfull to
you in Every respectt May so you will forever have
the prayers of your friend
Ann Agnew

25 Nov. 1817

Bank

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King Street, London
Bank Buildings
London



Sirs,

I have taken the liberty to write this to you, hoping you will excuse the freedom I have taken. I have got a petition to Lord St. Leonards Secretary of State, signed by all the respectable Inhabitants in and about Newchurch, my native place, the purport and prayer of my petition is that my sentence of transportation for life may be commuted into, and that I may be allowed to be admitted into the Penitentiary at Millbank established for the reception of convicted offenders. I have given you all the information I can respecting forged Bank of England Notes, and should any further information come to my knowledge, rest assured it shall be communicated to you,

Sickness and death are light afflictions, nay are blessings when compared to the anguish of the heart, under a sense of being far separated from any communication with my three dear children, I therefore humbly beg and pray that you will be so kind as assist in forwarding my views and ease your Interest in my behalf, with the Bank of England to

procure its signature to the Petition (which
I send herewith directed to them) and forward
same to his Lordship - and

I am Sirs

your very humble servant

Ann Sord

Lancaster Castle Nov^r 28. 1817

Mess^{rs} Hays, Freshfield Hays
Solicitors
New Bank Building
London.

Am. Ford.

C25/12/F5

London 5th Dec: 1817.

M^{rs} Lord,

We have submitted your Letter of the 2^dth Ult: & the Petition which accompanied it to the Governors & Directors of the Bank, who have directed us to acquaint you that they cannot consistent with their Duty to the public interfere further in your behalf than they have already done. The Petition shall be delivered to any person you may direct to apply for it. —

We are, y^{rs} &c.

H. F. & K.

M^{rs} Ann Lord,
a Prisoner in the Castle
Lancaster.

5 Dec. 1817

Bank
to Am. Lord

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To James King Esq. - Banbury's Expedition
Sir

From your known Benevolence I am induced under my present unfortunate Situation, considering the future happiness of my Wife and Children totally depending on my immediate exertions, to solicit your support, and to point out for your consideration wherein I consider it now in my power to render my Country a piece of essential Service and bring to Justice a Villain whose artifices numbers of unfortunate Men have been brought into disgraceful punishment. And by due representation of these facts - a Gentleman in your Situation (should you be pleased to support my endeavours) I doubt not, but will convince the Public, that I am not a Man totally lost to the feelings of humanity, and may in a great Measure be a means of Attonement for my past errors in life - My unfortunate and distressfull situation was brought on at an unguarded moment by the Villanous persuasion of a person of Banbury who is a wholesale dealer of Forgeries, and base Coin, and who is daily and hourly in the vilest practice of seducing great numbers of Young Men to enter into illicit Transactions in defrauding the Public. While I was at Deirges Prison a Young Man was brought there for passing a forged Bank of England Note (Committed for Salisbury Assizes) I asked the Young Man (Taylor his Name) where he took the Note, he told me he had it of his Brother a Horse Dealer, and he purchased them of T. & J. of Banbury who he said intended to visit the Fairs in Kent and the adjacent Counties this Winter - Were you kind Sir, so benevolently pleased to represent the case to the Solicitor of the Bank of England perhaps I might be permitted to bring convincing proofs that must convict him in his abominable practices - To this Man only have I cause to appeal to a Just God to bring ~~him~~ to that just punishment he richly deserves - You will be pleased Sir no doubt to understand the purpose of my addressing you on this Subject, And intreat you will also be pleased to advise me on the probability of the business being brought forward, and whether you imagine it would render me any Service in my deplorable situation

I am Sir

Winchester County Gaol
Jan 7 12th 1818.

Respectfully Your most Obed^t. Humble Serv^t

Isaac White

Gentlemen /

By the desire of Mr. King, on the other side,
I send you a copy of a Letter he has lately received from Isaac
White, now a Prisoner at Winchester; in order that you may
make such use of it as you see fit.

I am Gentlemen /

Your very obed. Servant

Wm. Haynes

Adderbury near 16. January 1610.



Mr. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Solicitors
New Bank Buildings
London

Single Sheet

For Mr. Maynes

W. B. R. C.

Back

10 years

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Dear Sir

Carmarthen Borough Gaol
April 4th 1848

It has been my lot through some
excursion to apprehend four or five persons
lately for forging upon the Bank of England
one of them was unwitted at Haverfordwest
and two here, at the last Assizes, I
am informed that there are premiums or
rewards out of more than one fund ^{or more} for
apprehending persons guilty of such
crime, but to what amount I have not
heard, I shall therefore be particularly
obliged to you, to enquire and inform
me as expeditious as you can what
are the rewards on such occasions, by whom
paid, and through what Channel I am

to apply, and if it is necessary to have a
certificate from the Magistrates of their
Apprehension and Conviction and if it is
necessary to accompany that with a petition
or memorial, I should thank you
much to put me in the way privately of
procuring what I am entitled unto under
the circumstances I mentioned making all
the documents necessary to be presented for
that purpose. My wife joins me in her
respects to you, and also Miss Bloomer
who have seen this morning and very
belatedly. If there is any allowance from
my fund whatever I shall be very much
obliged to you to let me know as it is
a pity that I should lose any thing that is
mine. I am your very obedient
servant
David Morgan
Esq.

M. Bloome Esq
Messrs Biddulph & Co
Charing Cross
London

To the Hon. Secy
of the Admiralty



Dear Sir

Yr Obedt Servt

F25/12/48

Honoured Sir

Borough Gaol Carmarthen
April 18th 1818.

I have taken the liberty of writing to you to know, if you have considered the paper signed by the Mayor of this place mentioning my service respecting Stephen William convicted at Liverpool West Indies for uttering forged notes, or is the same laid before the Directors or the proper person at the Bank for that purpose—According to the promise you were pleased to make me before you left Carmarthen and if any reward or recompense is ordered to be made or likely to be made for such troubles. I assure you I spent a great deal of my time before then, in watching this man, as well as others that are yet at large, on account of the suspicion of their being concerned in such crime, and I risked my life in taking Stephen at last as he had a large dog in the House who seized me at the time

I also humbly beg you will not forget me

Respecting Mr Baines Miss Baines Andrew and
Henry Johnson tried at the last assizes for this plan for
forgery I was hastily sent for the Mayor about two
Clock in the afternoon in December last without mentioning
for what, and by his order I accompanied him to a room
where we took Mr Baines and afterwards we took
Miss Baines in the street and finding that Andrew
Johnson and Henry Johnson had gone on that morning
I was forced by the Mayor and other Magistrates to
go off that instant by the Coach in company with Mr
Spence without being permitted to go back to make
any arrangement in the Gaol which was then very
full and myself under a very heavy Bond for its
Safety, or even mentioning that I was obliged to go
one when I arrived at Wandsworth I took Andrew
Johnson myself, and kept him at the Public Room
at the Inn among many people while Mr Spence
was gone in search of a Magistrate and when Henry
afterwards came there also took and detained him until
the Magistrate and Spence arrived and was one
in taking care of them down to Cumnorham and I

had a great deal of trouble afterwards in going backwards
and forwards to the different Magistrates of the Borough
and County and attending all their Examinations. I hope
that Bank will allow that in performing this Service I
was much inconvenienced and ran great risque on account
of the Gaol, having no Turkey or Assistant except
my wife who was obliged to sit up all night and in
great anxiety, and that I have in great measure upon
this occasion neglected my own Concern to serve them

I therefore humbly Trust, that the two Graces
you gave me will not afford sufficient Satisfaction for all
Trouble I have taken in this business but hardly
to pay for the loss of my time at Cammatten and that
you will understand to take the whole into Consideration and
I have no doubt from your Honor and integrity and
the uprightness of your conduct I shall be fully satisfied
but if the Application should be made through
another Channel, I beg, you will be pleased to
let me know, or lay me Case before the proper persons
for that purpose and if any Certificate or documents are
wanted let me know and I will send them you

I am Honored Sir and Humble Servant
Your very Obedt
David Morgan

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Charles Ruge Esq
Solicitor for the Bank
London



18 April 1818
Bank
for Mr. Northampton

125/12/49

London 30th April 1810

Mr David Morgan

I duly recd your Letter of the 18th instant The sum of 2*l*.^s was consid^d by his Worship the Mayor as an ample remuneration for any services you rendered, and as he was much more competent to form a correct judg^t upon the subject than I was I thought it the best course to allow you the sum he considered right, which I accordingly did.

As to the case ag^t Stephen Williams I have no personal knowledge on the subject, but the Gent^l who attended to conduct the prosecution, was not apprised of any circumstance, upon which you could found a claim to any further recompence than he allowed you at the Assizes, but in consequence of an application made in your favor by Mr Biddulph the Banker, we paid to that Gent^l £11.6 to make the amount of your recompence 2*l*.^s of which you are probably unapprised.

I am &c
Lth K.

Mr David Morgan, Gaoler Gaolers Marsh

30 April 1840.

Bank

to Mr. David Morgan

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Gentlemen

Bodmin Prison
10th June 1810

At the last Lent Assizes I were convicted of Uttering Base Coin. On the 20th May now past, I gave a Statement of Six persons with whom I am acquainted, who deal in Forged Bank of England Notes, and also in base Coin, ~~and~~ many others I am acquainted with whose names I could not then immediately recollect, and whom I wou'd detect were I permitted so to do with sufficient assistance. As they have a peculiar method of delivering these Bills, it would be difficult to detect them except by a person acquainted with the process.

As I have not rec'd any answer to my Information or to the Letter accompanying

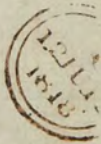
it, which was directed to the direction of the Bank of
England, on the direction of the Privy Council that
whether it came to hand. If you think it worthy your
notice, should thank you to inform me, I am to inform
the former was signed as this -
in the presence of Mr. Hodge

The report of
Mr. Hodge

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Mr. Hodge

Spring abides
1818.



London

The Governor & Company
of the Bank of England

for W. Hodge

10 June 1818

and

March 23rd 1820

Dear Sir

Probably you are already informed that I have
a Prisoner named William Weyman committed by Geo Davis Esq^r
Mayor of the Bor. of Westminster. March 8th 1820 - for uttering a forged
one Pound note purporting to be ^{a note} of the Governor & Company of the
Bank of England. he informs me that he had given a statement
of the transactions he has had with various persons connected with
him. and that it appears also. the names of Jesse Chapman &
his Brother John Chapman who lives on Hounslow Heath &
which I have described to you before. in the name of Jesse
Chapman. from the information. Edw^d. Dyer gave me. but
which this man says, is Chapman and not Chapman. although
they admit it to be the same persons. he also says that a
man by name - Ring who lives in a small square at a
corner house in the square. up a passage adjoining the Cannon
Public House Brentford. is a Bricklayer by Trade and who built
Payne's House Stoke Newington the wholesale Smashman and Finner
and the same person who Edw^d. Dyer described as a Horse Dealer
as well as a Dealer in Counterfeit Coin. this man Ring first introduced
Weyman to Payne. and also to the Champs on Hounslow Heath as
before named. he also introduced him to a man of a most notorious
character and no doubt is well known to you. his name in
the Trade is Salmon Jack and lives at Kilburn near Paddington.
he constantly attends Smithfields Market. and is a Tall elderly man
very thin generally wears a dark laced coat walks with a stick stoops
rather forward in walking thin ^{fair} yellow complexion. his Hair grey appears
to be about 60 years of age. Salmon Jack has a Son in Law well
known by the name of John Mash or Young Tobes. and who
is considered to be a maker of forged notes. and this man Salmon
Jack told Weyman. that his relation was only waiting for the Bank
of England to issue their new notes. for that their apparatus was all
ready. and every preparation in readiness to strike off as the Bank
commenced first their issue. and that John Mash always appears
very genteel and a great

Swell. and is supposed to live near his Father in Law
Salmon Jack. will you acknowledge this information
and say. whether you have done any thing in ^{the} other
information I left at Bowthorpe for you. when last in Town.
I know that you have been lately very busy. and much
engage in serious business and I trust that you will
find time to acknowledge the former and this long Epistle.
which I have carried out to explain every thing to you.
this Fellow is from Harmsworth & Leolbrook is a Bricklayer
by Trade and has worked frequently with Ring. who
introduced him into the soft & Gammy Trade — say who was
your Brother officer that paid company with you at my house —
Yours truly I

Geo Ernest Eaststaff
Keeper County Gaol.
Reading

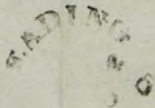
NB. please me your address in Holborn
The M^r Ince —

Mr. Salmon
Officer on the
Bowthorpe Police
Establishment.



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 Mr. Salmon.
 Officer of Police
 Bow Street
 Covent Garden
 London.

March 23rd 1821
Reading



Gentlemen

Manwich July 28th
1818

We the undersigned prisoners
confined in the County Gaol of Manwich and
convicted at the Last March Assizes of uttering
Notes purporting to be of the Bank of England
for which we received Money by being
allow'd to plead guilty - having been
in Confinement Seven Months and seeing no
prospect of being sent out of the County -
- / for which we are anxious / - Most humble
pray to be allow'd to Experience that Bounty
which the Bank has been known to allow to
persons under circumstances similar to our
own - as by Long Imprisonment our means
of support is entirely exhausted and we are
individually reduced to the same allowance
of the Gaol - could we be allow'd the small
sum we shall be so ever thankful -
Otherwise we pray to be Number'd with the
first women who are sent out of the County

We remain Your Obedt^h Humble
and Gratefull Detentioners

Mary Ann Bradney

Elizabeth Bamford + Mauch
Rebecca Bamford + Mauch
Amelia Miron + Mauch
Louisa Mitchen + Mauch

(18.9)



Key Esq
Polister
Bank Building
London



Bank
Letter for Mr. Esq
14th



Very much obliged
for
Letter for Mr. Esq
14th

F25/12/53

London 3. July 1818

Sir,

I have received a letter from Mary Ann Bradney, Elizabeth Bamford and several other female prisoners in your custody requesting the Bank to make them some allowance & to get them sent away by the first ship. — The Bank do not consider them as objects entitled to relief; and with respect to sending them away you can inform them it lies exclusively with the Secy. of State —

I am &c.

JH

Mr. Tatum

Gascoigne Warwick

Banks 3rd July 1740
a Bank ^{of} England
to Mr. Tatnall

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Gent^l

Rev. D. Sherwood

I beg to inform you that I have received a Letter this Morning from Mess^{rs} J. Powell Jones & Powell, Brecon, who says, that William Sherwood is at Ellicott, who was committed to my custody for tendering in payment a Five pound Bank of England Note at Kingswood, and who Broke out of this Prison on the 1st March 1817, - & escaped, is now committed to a Breconshire Gaol for Horse-stealing and that they are retained for the Prosecution, From the description the above Gentlemen give of him I have every reason to believe he is

the person who escaped from this
Prison.

Keshorlan Gaol
19. Mar. 18.8 }

Dear
Gent. your most Obedt
Servt
W. M. M. M. M.
J. M. M.

Ms. Kaye Troshfield Kaye
New Bank Buildings
London

for Mr. Dowling

Mr. Dowling

Mr. Dowling

Mr. Dowling

Devizes 7th of December

Sir

as to your request -
on the fourth day of Decem-
ber I removed from Devizes
Bridewell the Bodys of Isaac
White, John Buntan and
Henry Manney to Winchester
gaol —

I am Sir your
most Obedt Serv^t

James Lammings

Keeper of his
Majestys gaol
at Devizes -

7 December 1817.

Beats

John James Gannings -

[Faint handwritten signature]

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Mr Kaye Innesfield
G- Kaye Solicitors
London

F25/12/56



On board his Majesty's
Ship Bellerephon June
the 4th 1811

Honourable Company

By the encouragement You gave me
in Your letter enabled me to write to my
wife to come; Which now she came here
to me; and from here she is going to London
where she will call on Your Honourable
Company; And I hope Your Goodness will
be pleased to consider what I have done
for you and both Her and I are ready any
time to lead to Your Knowledge whatever
we know and will at any time required
So I hope you will be pleased to let her
liberty to go with me and that if possible
in the same Ship; And assist and inform
were how she should proceed

And By so doing it
will greatly Oblige your
Most Obedt Servt

James Jelly

Governor & Directors
Of the Bank of England
London

F25|12|57

Bank of England
For the Directors

Sir,

60p.

This will be delivered to you by the wife of James Jelly, a Convict onboard the Bellerophon at Sheerness, under sentence of Transportation for 14 Years, having been convicted on a charge of Forgery on the Bank of England - This Woman is desirous of accompanying her Husband to New South Wales, for we have reason to believe that she has been involved with him in the Crimes which have led to his present situation, & that she would continue the ^{same} pursuits if she remained in this Country, we have been desired by the Govrs & Directors of the Bank to recommend ~~the~~ her application of ~~this woman~~ to the favourable consideration of Lord Sidmouth. -

We are,

Sir, Yr. very Obedt Servt

Benjⁿ O. Cappenberg

N. B. B.
5 June 1840

5 June 1805.

Bank

Recd. of Mr

to B. N. Caplan Esq

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To Mrs Knotts in St.
Gorges Street near
Walnut tree poster

Boston

Lincolnshire

2101

August 1. 1818.

Dear friends I have been very
onesea. to think I have not had a letter from
you before now. I preserved the pound note
and sent you an answer back. be so kind
as to let me know if you receive it. and I hope
not that I letter from you since. if you
have sent me a letter do not post away
the next. and then I think I shall get it.
but I hope one of you will come and see
me if you can. For I would you if it was
3 times as far as it is. if you do send me
word when you will be here as near the
time as you can. and bring me a pair
of stockings and my discharge and a
neck handkerchief. but if you cant come
delay righten to me. and I hope you
will send me sum money if possible you
can. for I have not any to help me now.
I find it very hard to live on Bread &
lone. this hot weather. I should like
to see Mary and all of you very much.
and I hope I shall in the space of 4 or 5
months. the time will not appear so
long when the days get shorter.
Bring my waistcoat. give my kind love to
Mr. and Mrs. Smith. and to Mrs. Hobens.
and tell them I am hearty and well. and in
a good secret as ever. here is two young
men in here for softens. and one now
under the sentence of death. for house
broken. my Mother and brother
are all well. my Mother has not been
to see me. but she says she will come
and see me. if you will come and
call her. she has not been one
to see me since you came.

I think sometimes that Mr. Wall let
those live with you and that is the
person you do not right to me
if he does I hope you will have
the goodness to send me all my
Close and money. you know it was
three pounds that I left with you
I maybe wrong and I hope I am, but
I think if there was not. I am
thing you will let me know
what is the reason of your
not righten to me. before.
So no more at present
from your Obed friend and
ever well wisher. Wm. Furman

F25/12/59

Hon^d Sir

on Board his Majesty Ship the
Biotavia Hospital Ship Surgeons

I Wish to Inform you that I Have a
Friend that his in his Passion Letters of Recommendation
To More then Ten Different Persons which his
Makers and Venders of Bad Notes which they can
Make to any Amount in one Night; And also
Where; They Make both gold and silver Laine which
Their his Thousand of Pound^{amoid} and sent to London
And to Ireland &c And Her Sir you will be pleas
To Observe that My Friend his also Discrib'd to —
Each of the These Parties; as a Man that they May
Depend on as A Pincheson and a good Tradesman
Being a Sailmen in the London Markits But
His at Present along with Me here at the
Hospital Walk as Head Nurs under the Dr
It will not I Hope Prevent you from attending
To This Information as I Can Assure you he

+ his Here Under a Mistake as his Petition will
Convince you which he laid before Lord Sidmouth
Signed By Seventeen Gent^{men} of the first Respectability
In the County of Kent; And likewise the very
Last Information we have got his One of that Partys
Which I wish to bring to your Recollection that
Went Over to Ireland about Eighteen Months ago
To Purchase ^{Notes} Tatties which was Dan to the Amount of
Nearly Two Thousand Pounds Which, Two of those
Parties one the Maker and the other the vendor his
Now carrying on the same Business and supplies
A great Number of vendors; and Our Friend his
Has given us the strongest Recommendations to Them
as he was him self a Dealer and had since he was in
Trouble ^{as he had} several Offers of Sums of Money to be
Paid to Him if he would But tell where the Reservoir
Of Plate and other goods was to be found I Must Obvise
To you that My Friend and self his Mail a Promise
To Our Informers to give them a supply when we

get our Liberty as they expect we are going to Deal in
the same Both Hard and Soft as they Call it

NB My Friend has served between Two and three years
and My self Near Four years and the Number of Information
Which we have lately got from Different Men convicted
of States Appears to us to Correspond with the Prisoners
orders and Masters Which Nothing but our
Present Situations could have enabled us to have
got the same as Cuming to the Hospital as Prisoners
I wish before I Conclud say we shall expect
a Personal Interview as our Situations will not
Admit of Letters as our Lives would be in Danger as
the Beavers Can Capture and will give you any
answer your May want to know Respecting our
Characters in our Situation But he knows Nothing of
This Business But he his Trust Worthy See
you will be pleased to Inquire for Tho Dale
I will then Introduce My Friend to Barber to the
Hospital
you or yours

To The Solicitor
of the Bank of England
at the Bank
London

by Favour of
Mr Kingsnorth

Bank of England
the Mr King

And Sir the Receiver of this
Note is a trustworthy friend as
I could trust as else my Life would
be indanger And Sir I have got
A Capes hold estate and a free hold
Corn to Me as you at Law see
I have been in this Captivity and
Never Robed a man of a Shilling
Sir all my Life Nor Never before
At Majesty for Any thing in all my
Life And I am in Grate hopes
That Mr Capper will Give me
my Liberty Before long And then
I will bring all the men to justice
With your order and Mr Cappers
Consent

your humble

Servant

Thos Gray

Mr
Hingsworth
Refrence
To it Gentelma

F25/12/61

Recd 1815
South
de Hingworth

W^m Thomas Adkins
Sir

I have now before me your Letter dated the 26th June last. - directed to Tho^s Dale on the subject of some information he wished to communicate to you of great importance he has acted in conjunction with another person of the name of Thomas Grey - your Letter was answered by return of post as you requested - and two others hath been since wrote - - no answer having been received nor any thing transmitted they as well as myself have every reason to suppose that they have not reached your hands - the restraint is so great that it is hardly possible to convey even the out lines of any matter without inspection and that inspection is tantamount to a public discovery under all these circumstances how difficult and even impossible it is to act - unless you were to come down yourself - or either you or the Directors of the Bank - could open a communication that would be free from inspection by procuring an order from the Secretary of State for that purpose - which I should imagine there would be no difficulty in obtaining - is obvious. - The Bank I should presume would have no objection to bear your expenses Dale and Grey have taken me into the concern and committed to me the management of this affair I therefore conceive it my Duty to candidly give you the outlines - The person from whom it was originally

obtained is gone to New South Wales - ^{to} forged notes ^{to}
to the amount of £220. ~~are~~ ^{is} under a stone in the
~~Highgate~~ a News - at the West end of the Town - which
cannot be well described by writing - but what is
a thousand times more important - intelligence
can be given you who the parties are, that manufactures
there - and where - at different places - And
draw by a ~~secret~~ - pass word - concerted and
appointed by themselves - any person possessing
this secret may - be admitted into their confidence
to purchase - a quantity to a large amount was
sent to Ireland - your answer by return of post
how and in what manner - you shall think ~~proper~~
proper to proceed will much oblige

for
Batavia Hospital Ships }
Sheerness. }
Dec^r. 24. 1819

Y^r. obed^t. serv^t.
Geo: Farney
Well

Thos Gray Thos Dale

NB. - you will be pleased to direct - (not to me)
but to

Mr. Flinn

Quarter Masters

CD

on Board His Majesty's Ship

Retribution

Sheerness

and marked on the left hand corner - with the letters C D. -
as above - but I must beg and confide in you that Mr. Flinn's
name be kept a profound Secret - he knows nothing of the contents &
hands unopened

one of the parties is a Man of the name of
Morrison Tayshop New Street Birmingham


 SHEERNESS
 51
 J. W. L. Atkins
 Bow Street
 Birmingham
 London


 To Mr. L. Atkins
 To Mr. L. Atkins
 Back
 11. Dec. 1820

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Sheerness, Kent

Honourable Gentlemen) Bellerophon May 14th 1818th

I take the liberty of addressing You in
hopes your honourable company will take it
into your most serious consideration the distressed
situation I am now placed in leaving my wife
and family destitute of money and friends. And
if your goodness would interfere in her going with
me as she is anxious to go; And I am doubtful
that if I could not be allowed to get her to go
with me that poverty would cause her to be
guilty of some such like crime as mine; And
be the means of leaving six small children in
a distressed situation as neither of us has any
friends to look after them if she would happen
any misfortune which I am doubtful that
by being reduced by poverty as she now is
may be the case her knowing them that are
concerned in such like as I am here for
I hope that your Honourable company will
consider what I have ^{formerly} made known to you &
be the means of sending my wife with me
and also that I might gain the liberty of the
Island when I reach to New South Wales And
I am desirous to leave this place as soon as
it will be convenient for you to send me
away as I am not of ability to undertake
the hardships I have to undergo here

So Honourable company
if your goodness will be pleased
to inform me as soon as possible
if I may expect your goodness
going and thing for in regard of
the above mentioned and to be pleased
to answer this by return of post and it
will greatly oblige Yours^t James Jelley

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Governors & Directors
of the Bank of England
London



Bank of England
per James Kelly

11 May 1863

F25/12/63.

James Kelly

James Selby,

We are directed by The Governors and Directors
of the Bank to acquaint you that they have not the
power to comply with your wishes to take your wife
with you to Botany Bay, but if she will come to
London and Petition the Secretary of State for leave to
accompany you, we will recommend her Application to his
Consideration.

We are &c

W. F. V. K.

London 15 May 1718.

James Selby,
a Captain on Board the
Bellerophon
Shamrock.

10 May 1864

Bank,
to James Kelly.

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To the Hon^{ble} Directors of the Bank of England

The Petition of John Moore

Most Humbly Sheweth

That Your Petitioner is now a Prisoner on Board His Majesty's Ship *Pellagophon* Sherriff, having been sentenced to Transportation for the term of Fourteen Years.

That Your Petitioner has a Wife and Four Children, three of them Your Petitioner is anxious to believe will be provided for by the Humanity of Your Petitioner's relatives; the Youngest of them, with its Mother, are totally destitute, and without the least prospect of a Provision being made for them.

That Your Petitioner's Wife is in possession of a recommendatory Letter from Sir John Jackson M. P. to Lord Sidmouth soliciting his Lordship to send her to New South Wales on Your Petitioner's arrival there, but Your Petitioner being aware of the great lapse of time that must necessarily intervene before that event takes place, is anxious that She may be allowed a Passage in the earliest Female Convict Ship that leave this Country.

Your Petitioner has therefore to pray
You will be pleased to aid with Your influence with Lord Sidmouth

In being permitted to do so; whereby a recurrence to Crime
may be prevented. which for helpless, and unprotected State
might otherwise, wage her to the Commission of. —

And Your Petitioner will ever Pray



SWIFERNESS
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To The Hon^{ble} Directors of the
Bank of England

Feb 10 1831

John Moore
Petitioner from

Whitehall
Dec. 28. 1813.

Gentlemen,

The Superintendent of Convicts
having communicated to me a Letter,
which he has received from the
Master of the Retribution Hulk
lying at Sheerness, containing some
Information which appears to be of
Importance respecting the Forgery
of Bank Notes, I am directed by
Lord Sidmouth to transmit to you
an Extract of the said Letter, and
to acquaint you that every Facility
will be given on his Lordship's part
to any Measures which you may
deem necessary for following up
such Information with Effect.

I have the Honour to be,

Gentlemen, Your obedient
humble servant

The Governor & Dep. Governor
Bank of England

H. Ho & Rouse

28th Decr 1819.

Bank

for Mr Robhouse

F25/12/66a.

Extract of a Letter from the
Commander of the Retribution Ship
at Sheerness to Mr. Caffer Superintendent
of Convicts. — Dated 27 December 1819. —

Having received information
from a Man of the Name of Ferguson
that Lison had got forged Notes in
his possession, I laid a plan to catch
him, which has succeeded in getting
one of them without his knowledge,
and have also by the same means come
at the Names of the Persons with
whom Lison dealt with during the
time he was at large, the Person
who keeps the press is John Hansbrough
the press is under ground, about a Mile
and half out of Birmingham on the
Liverpool Road, and he is a Householder
on Snow Hill on the same Road,
his Agents are David Caullons of
Birmingham, and John Ellis, Ball
Yard Golden Lane London, the only
way to obtain an interview with
these People is to get a letter written
as

as coming from Luson with his
recommendation to Ellis, describing
the Person as just discharged from
the Kutks, saying He is going to
Birmingham and wishes to be
recommended to some person there,
Ellis will recommend Him to Caullon
or Collins and Collins to Hanstrough
by these means it may be discovered,
if You think the Plan likely to
succeed. I had better get the letter
written here by the Person who has
given me the information as He
has written one or two letters to
Ellis for Luson on the same subject,
and transmit it to You, I shall
not let Luson know that I have
discovered his illegal Transaction,
till I know whether the Plan succeed
or not. —

27 December 1848

Bank.

Extract of Lie from
Statement of Bank of England
to Mr. Copper

F25/12/66

Sir,

By the directions of the Governors & Directors
of the Bank, I have engaged a Person of the name
of John Wales to endeavour to detect the offenders
mentioned in the Letter of the Commander of the
Retribution Hulk at Sheerness to Mr. Capper, an
Extract from which was inclosed in your Letter
to the Gov^r of the Bank of the 28th ult^o. - If you
will have the goodness to obtain a Letter of
introduction from Lush to Ellis in favour of
Wales, I will then instruct the latter to take
measures to render it available. It will not
however be prudent to introduce Wales to Ellis
as being lately discharged from the Hulk, as Ellis
would be making enquiries after persons on board
which Wales could not answer. It will be prudent

to say as little of Wals in the Letter as can be avoided, &
Further than to represent him as a Smasher (utterer
of soft goods, forged Bank notes), & a Person that may
be confided in. I am very much afraid that
the sanguine expectations of the Comsanda of the
~~Redemption~~^{Redemption} cannot be realized. He is not aware
of the extreme caution of the Fabricators & Dealers in
forged Notes. So far ^{from} Ellis being able to introduce
a Person to Hansbrough I am perfectly convinced that
the latter would not permit even Ellis to see the
press at work, or inform him where the manufacture
is carried on. The fabricators will not even be the hand
to deliver to the Dealers the forged Notes, but make use
of intermediate Agents, perhaps two or three deep,
to carry on their criminal traffic - I mention these
Circumstances to account to you for the little expect-
tentation of any good resulting from the proposed
experiment, but the Gov^t & Directors are desirous of

tryingeness means that can be suggested to check the
or fabrication & circulation of forged Bank Notes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Y. very ob. Servant.

N. B. B.

3rd Jan. 1820

H. Hobhouse Esq
Secy.

3 July 1820

Bank.

to W. Hobhouse Esq

625/12/67

31 Jan^y. 1820.

Bank
to Mr. Ellis
for Mr. Lapper.

Mr. Lapper presents his
Compts to Mr. Hays &
Triskfield & incloses a Letter
of introduction to Ellis
(Holder of forged Notes)
purporting to be written
by Benson a prisoner on
Board the Retribution kept
at Shewport.

Whitehall

31 January 1820

F25/12/68

Retribution Skueness 25th of July 1820

Dear friend

I am sorry to find that you have by
every appearance forgot me I wrote you two Letters where
in I stated my present Distress. But it tis Annold.
Saying and I was one out of sight out of mind.
But I can only say as this if it had been your face as it
has unfortunately been mine to fall in tow I state of this
kind and me to be enjoying my Liberty as I hope you are
I would if travel'd Day and Night or I would if Educated
your Verses. I Capt Every thing in Kindness for your
coming Down and if there had been the least Danger
I would if Sacrifice my Life Sooner than I would I
Requested you to come. But my Dear friend I am as
well Satisfied that you did not come Down altho I
Little Expected when I Give up all thoughts of your
coming Down that this favorable opportunity would
turn up. My Dear friend the Brewer John Whaley
has been known to me ever since I was first trans-
ported he has been in the Contractors employ of
this Dockyard this 5 years and has a man I
have put many a pound in his Pocket.

Before I left the Ship. Last therefore he would
almost do any thing for me he & Man that
in the habit of searching all stolen
Goods that is taken out of the Dockyard
Such as Copper and many other things.
So he goes to London twice or 3 times
A year to make Seale of them. So my
Dear friend you had not be the Least
afraid of them Doing any thing that is
ungenerous it was here put the town
of way that I had heard with me. So
I have Give the Beaver 5 £ for to Give to
you So I hope you will let him
have value for the same I have that
Dependance to put in you that you
won't wrong me. Dear friend this is a
Place where there is no Suspension of
my thing of the kind for it tis all
Government money that is in Circulation

here so it has from hand to hand there is
no Country Bank here nor in any other
town in the County as far as I can
hear. — Dear friend I hope you will
be so kind as to have them all numbered
and signed and if the Dealer wants any
for them self you may let him have them
for there is no fear you may repent your
selling him. — He has behaved to me like
brother since I have been my summer
home — I am going and me in Boath
going to the Bay in the first ship
that sails from this so the will be
as good as the best to me on the
Passage. — So No more from
Yours sincere well wisher
John Luson
Give my compliments to
Mrs Ellis

Mr. John Ellis
Margaret Gordon
Leam London

25 Dec 1869
Bank of England
Mr. Ellis

F25/12/69

6/11/40

Sir,

We are favoured with your Letter of the 31st ult^o transmitting us a Letter of introduction from Luson to John Ellis in favour of John Wales, with a view to detect Ellis in the utterance of forged Bank Notes. upon referring to ^{Mr. Kay's} ~~our~~ Letter to Mr. Jobhouse of the 3rd ult^o you will find that he particularly requested that Wales might not be represented as having been a convict on board the Detribution, as that would lead to enquiries which he could not answer, consequently he ~~he~~ would be discovered. - as the Letter from Luson is now formed, Wales cannot make use of it without risking such discovery, and as that would ~~be~~ ~~undoubtedly~~ put Ellis ~~more~~ upon his guard & render his detection more difficult, we beg you will endeavour to obtain a Letter of

introduction free from this objection. -

We are &c.

V. B. B.
27 Feb 1820

John H. Capper Esq

2^d Feby. 1821

Bank
to Miss
to John Hopper Esq.

F25/12/70

Rehoboth Sharnep 29 July 1820

Dear friend)

I have sent you three Letters
Since I have fame hear are was always
in hope you would have complied with
my Request as I have kept at in Ricenes
for you there is no danger I have put
it way tow that I Brought with me--
and I wish to have some before I go
to the Bay as the are as Good to me as
the Bank on the Passage-- So my
Dear friend I thought I never
could embrace a Better opportunity
than this the Bearer John A. Hale has
Served two years and has now Received
his Pardon from the Ship and is
illiberated-- So my Dear friend him
Being a man I could depend my
Life on Beath before I Left the Ship
and since so his intentions is to
go to weals as I think it is the
Best Place for him to do any thing
in --

I did very well in it if I had kept from
Frank he has a considerable some of money
out of this with him. So my Dear friend after
you read this few lines if you can do any
thing for him I hope you will do it you
need not be the least afraid I could
depend my Life in him doing any thing
ungenerous. -- also you will be so kind
as to direct him to it place in Birmingham
as he will be a stranger there if not. --
So my Dear friend I hope you will let
him know whether you are coming
down to see me or not and if you are
any ways unwilling to write let him
know the same and he will write
and let me know. I suspect what
you are afraid of that I have not the
money but the Beaver can well assure
you of that for I showed it to him before
he left me. -- and as soon as you
come on Board you were to look for Saml
erguson and he will give you the £12
for By your Expenses the Beaver can
inform you that he is my comrade and
is going to the Bay with me and he is
done for the same as me from Scotland

No more from your sincere
wellwisher John Luson

Mr John Ellis
Ballyard
Golden Lane
London

For account to Mr
a Member of the House of Commons

Bank

Jan 4 1820

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Genl^l

We send you enclosed a Copy of
a Letter we have received from the
Govt at Rodman enclosing a Confession
made by W^m Hodge a Prisoner here
respecting several Persons who are
Dealers in counterfeit coin

We are &c

New Bank St
20 May 1810

Messrs Barron & Franklin
Lincoln Lane

20 May 1860

Bank

To Messrs. Kimball & Fitch

P25/12/72

20 May 1810. Copy sent by Vane & Franklin
to the Hon. Mr. M.

Sir

Bodmin 20 May 1810

William Hodge a prisoner in Bodmin Gaol, who, was convicted at the last Lent Assizes for uttering base coin is willing to Lodge Information against several Persons who make, and have made a constant practice of disposing of, and selling Forged Bank of England Notes; and also base Coin in imitation of the current coin of this Kingdom. — The connection is chiefly between Birmingham, Bristol Gloucester & London, to a very large amount. The coin is brought from Birmingham to Bristol by Cart Loads, to distribute. — The Bills, in parcels; He is acquainted with these whose names (under) he can recollect —

James Malby — "his present name" known also by "Old Bags" "Old Love" — "Old Jemmy," by Trade a Malkster, and lives at Radcliff Back, Bristol — Deals in Notes & Coin.

John Hooper alias "John Honeycars" — by Trade a Carrier, lives near Little Ann Street, near the Jolly Skinner, Bristol. Deals in both Notes & Coin, largely.

Mr. Owl, lives at the Narrow-ware Bristol, a son, or "description of Fortune teller &c." a large dealer in both Notes & Coin.

Mr. Hipsley, lives at Gloucester (with another Man) her Husband being in Newgate, Bristol, confined about Two Years since, for uttering 3-base Tokens, by Trade a Tinker, deals in both Notes & Coin.

Capt. Thornley, lives at Exeter, goes by or known by the names Robertson, also Sullivan, deals in Notes chiefly, to carry to France, and other places abroad.

Roberts, or Robertson, or Robinson lives at Launceston in Cornwall — Deals in both Notes & Coin

Robert. Miller, a maker of Coin, lives in Birmingham
by Trade a Blacksmith — And many
more the names at present not recollected, he could and
would detect if permitted so to do, with sufficient
assistance, to be protected, as he is determined never
to follow this nefarious practice any more, being now
convinced, of the evil tendency of it. —

The mark of
William. Hodge

There is a peculiar mode
of deciphering these Notes
which Wm. Hodge can more
particularly describe — }

In the presence of
R. Thorne

Gentlemen. New Prison at Broom's May 1817

William Hodge named on the other side is a Prisoner in my Custody -

At the last Assizes he was convicted as a counterfeiter of false and counterfeit silver Coin knowing it to be false and counterfeit, and sentenced to be 12 months imprisoned in this Gaol, and also to find surety for his good behavior for two years -

On his informing me he has a wish to give Information against sundry people who traffic in base Coin, and forged Bank of England Notes I have written his particulars on the other side this sheet which I now send you, and should you think proper to have him examined before a Magistrate or a Solicitor I'll get one to attend here for the purpose - I am Gentlemen your very Obedt Servant

James Chapple.
Gaol.

Solicitors to the Mint
and Bank of England.



8 To The Solicitors of the Mint
and
Bank of England
London

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20 May 1773
Confession
of
Mortgage
The Healer in Lane City.



Fas 12/73

Chelmsford Jan^y 17 - 1820

Sir

I have taken the liberty of writing these
few lines to you hoping they will find you in
a good state of health as it leaves me at present
thank god for it and Sir if you pleas. i will
turn overers of the Bank of Forged knotes
I Thomas Coal is in confinement in Chelmsford
Goal now and if you will Com down to me
I will tell you ware the place is to get them
and how i was let in to the libe of them and how
is Comward in them for I my self can rather recd
nor wright so i hope you will com to me your
self for I dont like to trust to mouch to other
peple for i think it the bes way to acquaint you
of it so i hope if you dont Com you will send
me a letter and let me know ware you will Com
or know so no more at present from your Humble
Servant Thomas Coal

Directions
Thomas Coal Prisoner
Chelmsford Goal
Essex

For the Clerk of
the Bank of England
London

Mr. Archer,
Ed to the M. agent.
Malmesbury

Mr. Thomas Clark

Private

1822

F25/12/74

London 20.th Jan'y 1820

Sir,

We have recd the Letter of Tho^d Coal of the 17th inst. proposing to give information respecting forged Bank Notes. — We request you will see him and take down in writing what he has to communicate & transmit the same to us to be laid before the Gov^{rs} & Directors of the Bank.

We are &c.

H. F. W. L.

M^r. Archer,
Clerk to the Magistrates
Chelmsford

20 June 1820

Bank

to Mr Archer

F25/12/75

Honoured Gentlemen

Be Pleased to Excuse ^{Me} taking
This liberty of Troubling you as I most Humbly
Sollicit your Assistance in this unforseen
situation I am now Placed in. Honoured
Gentlemen it is Respecting Me Having Sixty
one Counterfeit Mint Shillings found on My
Shop window which the same I had from Mrs Horton
At Ashby Del. Le. youck And the same I have kept
In My Possession Ever Since Forporley to show to
Peple that Deal in the same not thinking that
This woud of happend to Me I Purched of Mrs
Horton twice before once shee whas taken
In to yesterday for Selling to me But I informed
Mr Burleigh that I could get some Bank Notes
she whas Discharged Mr Smith High Constable
of Leicester sent to the wine forged Bank of
England Notes on purpose to show to any one
that I should be Likely to form a connection
with the same I Believe to be in the hands of
Mr Smith to this Day And the Sixty & one found on

My Shop window I kept for one other purpose -
Shew for the good of the Bank of England And -
The Mint Mint It is in My Power to render
Further Assistance to the Bank and likewise to
The Mint I hope Honored Gentlemen you will
Interfere with the gentleman of the Mint As -
I May Be Liberated from this confinement for
I am as innocent as My God in Heaven in any
Dealings whatsoever. There is a Man the name
of William Sharrman that is Pretending to -
Serve the Bank you will Be disappointed for he
only wants Money Honored Gentlemen

Let Me once More crave your Assistance As you
May rely on ~~My~~ My Being innocent of Me keeping
them for any bad Intent what ever

I remain your Most obedient and
Humble Servant John Yates
Gaol Coventry May 8.



Mrs Key Junore
Solicitor
At The Bank of England
London

May 1811
Bank of England
for John Gutter

1811/12/76

London 7 May 1888.

John Yates,

I have this morning received your Letter. In consequence of an application made to me last week by your wife, I applied to Mr. Burbridge, to ascertain how far her statement and the one repeated by your Letter, is true; and it is stated to me in answer to the enquiry, that none of the base Coin purchased by you of any one of the persons you were employed to detect by the Police at Leicester, was left in your possession; but the whole was delivered up to the Constables. I am therefore under this representation of the business, prevented from any interference in your favor.

I am &c.

C. B.

John Yates
Gaul Coventry

May 11/77
to John Gates

625/12/77

and ever of them
Honored Sir

So Inform you Mr Burdidge
As paid to me twenty pounds by your order
For my services at Leicester last Assizes you
will please to consider that I was a free man
when I was engaged by Mr Burdidge and I
have been employed since May 1817 up to March
1818. My employment I have neglected and the
loss of 18 months attending to your wishes with
at the Hazard and Risk of My Life I have done
and at length recompensed with 20. pounds I hope
Sir you will take this into consideration there was
your capably convicted & brought to tryall
and gentlemen I can assure you that I have three
times that Money out of pocket as I have received
from Mr Burdidge I hope you will this consider
and please to send me what you think My services
Deserve & desire no more please to direct
Giles John Yates Coventry Goal

May 20th 1818

A circular library stamp from the University of Toronto Libraries. The text "UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO" is curved along the top inner edge, and "LIBRARIES" is curved along the bottom inner edge. In the center, the year "1819" is printed. The stamp is slightly faded and overlaps with other markings on the page.

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M^r Kaye

Bank Solicitor

London

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John Yates

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London 22^d May 1810

John Yates

I have read your Ltr of the 20th
inst & submitted it to the Gov.^{rs} & Directors of the Bank -
you must recollect that you need sev^l Sums of Money
for Mr Bartride and some from me at Warwick besides
the £20. at present the Gov.^{rs} & Directors of the Bank
have not det^d upon your appl.ⁿ, and will postpone
the Consideration of it until after your trial for your present
affairs and if you sh^d be acquitted, and be disposed
to pursue honest means to acquire a livelihood, it is
probable they may be disposed to give a favorable
Consideration to your appl.ⁿ

I am y^rs &c
JH

John Yates a Pris^r in the Gaol
Coventry

22 May 1847

Bank

To John Yates

£25/12/79

Special original in King's Bench and
Common Pleas

Deven
to me

Truly Wille Hays Esquire Sheriff of the County
aforesaid to the Keeper of my ward or prison
in and for the said County and to John Wisemote
Edward Smalleridge Richard Swells John
Yeo William Harvey William Furneass
John Sparks George Knowling William
Weeks Peter King

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N^o 630 and every of them give

By virtue of a writ of our Sovereign Lord
the King to me directed I command you and
every of you that you or one of you do take

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John Ellis

Southampton
Buildings

19th January
1820

Samuel Johns late of Plymouth Dock in my
County yeoman if he shall be found in my
hauilock and that you or one of you do cause
him to be brought to my prison at the parish
of sainte Thomas the apostle in the County
aforesaid and delivered to the Keeper of the said
prison who is hereby directed to receive and
keep him there safely so that I may have
his body before His Majesty in fifteen days
of saint Hilary wheresoever His Majesty
shall then be in England to answer
Bartholomew Boyle Thomas John Ellis

and Joseph Cowdie in a plea of trespass on
the case to the damage of the said Bartholomew
Boyle John and Joseph of One hundred pounds
and this you and either of you are not to omit
given under the seal of my office the twenty
first day of January in the sixteenth year of the
reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by

Deven
London

Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Ireland King defender of the faith
and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and twenty

R. C. Campson

I hereby certify that the above named Samuel Johns is
detained for no other cause than those mentioned in the
original warrant of which the foregoing is a true
copy witnessed my hand this 19th day of February 1820

Chas. Butcher

Eschequer

Keeper of the Ward or
Prison of the Sheriff for the County
of Devon

Warrants for and
arrest on a capias
and return

Sworn
to me

Frederick Hely Hauss Esquire Sheriff of the County
aforesaid to the Keeper of my Ward or Prison
in and for the said County and to John Willmott
Edward Smalldridge Richard (Dunlop) John Geo
William Hamney William Furneaux John
Sparks, George Knowling William Bucks
Peter King and every of them greeting

Seal

N^o 466 By sentence of a writ of our Sovereign Lord
the King to me directed I command you and
every of you that you or one of you do take
James Bennett the younger if he shall be
found in my Bailiwick and that you or one
of you do cause him to be brought to my
Prison at the Parish of Saint Thomas the
Apostle in the County aforesaid and delivered
to the Keeper of the said Prison who is hereby
directed to receive and keep him there safely
so that I may have his body before the Barons
of his Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster
on the morrow of all Souls next coming

to answer to William Burt his Majesty's
debtor of a plea of trespass whereby he is

the less able to satisfy His Majesty the

debt which he owes his Majesty at his

Majesty's said Exchequer to his great damage

as he says he can reasonably shew that

thereof the said James ought to answer

Given under the seal of my office this

twenty seventh day of October in the

sixtieth year of the reign of our Sovereign

Lord George the Third by the grace of God

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Ireland King Defender of the faith

and in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and nineteen

R. C. Campion

underscrip

I hereby certify that the above named James Penn
is detained for no other cause than that mentioned in
the original warrant of which the foregoing is
a true copy witness my hand this 19th day of February
one thousand eight hundred and twenty

A. R. Boucher

Goalor or Keeper of the ward or prison
of the Sheriff for the County of Devon

Rose
26th October 1819
Burt vs
Black Richards
and Meecham
agents
Richards & Meecham
in Court

B. Rose
Paid for thirty
four pounds
and upwards
by affidavit
filed -

Feb. 1820.

Bant

Rx. John Benue

Copy warrants

for Mr. C. Bant

Rs 5 | 12 | 80

Sir

I send you inclosed, Copies of the respective warrants
on which Samuell Johns and James Bennett are
severally detained in the Ward or prison of the Sheriff
for the County of Devon and I thereby state that the
said Copies are true and correct Copies of the said
warrants respectively

I am Sir Your Obedt Servt

Dated this 19th Feby 1720

Chas. Bontcher

Goalster or keeper of the
Ward or prison of the Sheriff of
the County of Devon.

F25/12/81

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Sr: Whiteford Esq
at Messrs Sanders Norton Roarke & Sanders
Solicitors
Crane Court
Fleet Street
London



Bank of England
to Messrs Sanders Norton Roarke & Sanders
Solicitors
Crane Court
Fleet Street
London

Per.

Thomas Dudley } States that Ben^g Patrick
now a Prisoner in the } a Die Sinker & Engraver who
Goat of Horsham } lives in a house of his own
a Locksmith by trade } near Baldons Factory at
& did live in Lambeth. Handsworth near Birmingham
-ham is a large manufac-
-turer of Forged Bank Notes.

That Patrick employs a
Man who has been in the
Army as an Assistant,
whose description is about
35 Years of Age - 5 feet 7 high
don't know his name or
Residence.

A Jew who lives in
Queen St Boro is a
large Dealer

Patrick way of dealing
He receives the Money &
- gives his wife the same
who goes to Birmingham
& returns in about 1 1/2 hour
with the Forged Notes.

Patrick's defies detection
as he only deals with one
Person at a time.

Mrs Patrick is Bill Piddles
Sister
J. Glover

1 Oct 1819

1 October 1844
Information of
Thomas Sudley
a Prisoner in
Horsham Goal.

F25/12/82

London
Mar. 8th 1820

J. Henry Esq. Esq.

I In my official capacity I
have the honour to transmit in-
formation which may prove of the
utmost importance to the Bank.

A Young Man has just
destroyed himself in this jail
who was taken this morning by
the Constable, for circulating forged
One Pound of Five Pound Bank
of England Notes: the following
lines have been deciphered, written
in Chalk, upon the Iron Bars
in the jail, doubtless by the
deluded Victim - "Pray let my
"dear Wife have the Money the
"man has got" and underneath
"I am a man"

" Mary Baxter, 24, Bryanston Street,
" Portman Square, and my Clothes."

I hope the woman is not im-
-plicated but duty compels me to
write the most diligent search should
be made upon the premises.

I have the honour to be
Sir, Your faithful & Obedient Servant.

J. H. Wetton,
High Comptroller,
Bray.

P.S. Two other men were of this Gang -
one has been since heard of at Warburton Green (Wimborburn)
where he passed a £5 note same description. I think
the man who passed here yesterday to be 3 of 5 pounds
and 5 of one each.



HAIDENHEAL

Wm. Rose, Esq.
Bank of England,
London.

for
Bank of England

8 March 1833

F25/12/83

He have named -

Staidenhead 9th March 1820

Sir,

I had a five Pound note presented to me this morning, which I thought was forged, on enquiry my opinion was confirmed by the Clerk of our Bank. consequently I had the man confined, & this afternoon the poor fellow put an end to his existence by hanging himself to the Bedpost of a Bed in the Gaol.

He had written with Chalk on the Iron Bars of the Window - "Let my dear wife Mary Baxter, 24 Regent Street, Portman Square have my Money & Cloths."

You will hear the particulars from Mr. P. Solicitor. but I could not forbear writing this, as it appears to me important, that

reference to 24 Bygonstone W. should be immediately attended as I have reason to believe he had some accomplices, who hastened out of this place as soon as he was confined. I herewith send the note, which he presented to me.

Mr E. Fielder has found one Pound note which he found in the lining of the Iron Hat. I beg to recommend E. Fielder to your notice, as had it not been for his firmness & attention, the Man would have escaped.

I beg to remain Sir,

your obedient humble servant

Stephen Westbrooke.

To the Governor of the Company
of the Bank of England
London.

*Bank of England
to the Governor*

F25/12/84

Maidenhead 16th March 1820.

My dear Sir,

I do not know how to direct to the
office at Bow Street, or I would not trouble you
with this.

On searching poor Baxter the enclosed paper was
found in his watch's pocket, & by some oversight it
was returned to him, as those who searched, did not
think of any moment. After he had made away
with himself this paper could not be found.
Mr. Fielder who had seen it being present when the
search took place, went yesterday again to the
jail & after diligently examining every crick &
corner fortunately discovered it torn, as you receive
it.

I have been informed that the address
will lead to the Officer, to a nest of iniquity.
I know you will feel interested in the business.

I got home safely, found a jury had set on
the Body - & verdict destroyed himself in a fit of
despair, or a ferocity of desperation I can't remember
which. I shall be thankful for a line

in a day or two, to know how my child
goes on - I feel greatly indebted to you
all for your great kind and attention to her.
Mrs Westbrook unites with me in best respects.

They remain dear for

your obliged friends

S. Westbrook

Mr. Manning
St. James's Street
St. Luke's

MAIDENHEAD
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W. Wright Esq
28 Henrietta Street
Court Garden
London

W. Wright Esq
Court Garden
London

18 March 1880

Bank
to Mr. Stephen Westbrook

F25/12/86

Dear Sir,

Manchester 28 Feb: 1839

We the undersigned, do most Humbly
Solicit You, to let us have some Money that was taken
from us on the 18th day of September last, we was app-
rehended for passing notes, which we understand
You know about, it was taken from us by the
Constables of Bolton, who Refuses to Deliver it to us
their names is Thomas Barnett and others, and we
having no other means of making our Defence but
by getting this Money, makes us take the liberty of
writing to you, hoping that you will have the goodness
to give us an Order to get it and by so doing you
will certainly Oblige

Sir

your Obedient

Humble Servants
Jas. Grimmett Elder
Jas. Grimmett the younger
Solomon Mathew

As to the Money
they took from us is this
Old Grimmett £12.0.0
Young Grimmett 1.13.0
Solomon Mathew 2.4.0

The Gov^r & Directors
of the Bank of
England
London

London
21st July 1837
Circular to the Directors

J. A. G. G. G.

