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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

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Old Bank

Fuller Street

F25/12/1

Joseph Kaye Esq

~~Esq~~

New Bank Building

Bank

recd - Monday 15 Sep 17.

To the Honble 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 Intercourse 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 sensible of his Unhappy and Deplora-
-able Situation, still prays for the welfare of that Honourable Socie-
-ty, 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, ^{& trust} 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 petitioners 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. Serv^t.

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
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Bank
John Norton

F25/12/2

London 13th Sept. 1817

Sir

The Gov^{rs} & Directors of the Banks 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

Per Ashworth

To John Higgins Esq

F25/12/3.

Island of Guernsey 20th Sept 1814

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 Care of an Auctioneer
- near whom I employed a Seller of an Estate for me,
with my money, was put into this Prison, & had occasion
to send my wife home to her friends in England, but
I am to lose much Labour with a true Heart man
near to ^{whom I am in the Pocket} great 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 am here a certain personum &
am informed he went to several Banks in Jersey & obtained
Specie 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 & should this be true, I think
on our only application, I can give information through
my wife's friends to the Discovery of the person, he
assumed the name of Temister 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, or Enquiry you will find it
be a strong foundation, I give my best on every in-
formation, as was said, that I can give, I have applied
to be removed to the King Bench in London, if my affairs
are not immediately settled, & wish I had they were in the
course of a week or two, if any further information, that I
can give, shall be very glad,

and remain,

Sir,

your most obed.

Wm. Smit

Henry Smit
Guernsey Prisoner

20th Nov 1817

Bank

Mr. John Henry Smith

GUERNSEY

To the Secretary of the Bank
of England
London

1817/12/4

Lancaster Castle Sept. 22. 1847

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 Steerage, which I have regularly taken out a license for that purpose. And have traveled with unvaried steps from town to town, to enable me to support myself and my nearly beloved children, which it was their misfortune to be deprived of one of the best of Mothers when they was very young. And with all the tender feelings of bereavement 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 impenitent
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 necessaries
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. Servt. with
all Submission
Hugh M. Mahon

1817

Walter Gurney
and Directors of
the Bank of England
London

Henry M. Watson

22/4/1817



Bank of England

22/4/1817

F25/12/5

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. & K.

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

10 Sept 1817

Bank

To Hugh Mather

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 obligateness 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 Amos Agnew

F25/12/7

Midstone Goal April 18th 1817

Thou^d Sir I hope you will Pardon My freedom of Writing to you
Requiring Sir your Pardon My Past Offences As I never Meant
to Offend you in Any thing Whatsoever 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 A Thrope
to Dinman And Paid Me in All nearly bad I had Witnessed
Respecting the selling of the Thrope & Believe he got the Thrope
Now A Person came to Me in Thrope Wager 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 find
Grievous 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 fatherly Children left to the wide

World & not a friend 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 Solicitor

Bank Holdings

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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 they Customary to be paid after Receiving
Sentence. And they 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 they 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 has we going out of the Country for Life the
Money if could be Gods would be of the Greatest Service
And we should have but Little Doubt of Success if
you would kind Sir But Antecede In Our Behalf.

On Board of the (We Remain your Most Affe^{ct}ionate
Retribution Halk Shrewsbury) W^m Hammons Crumpton
& Robert Grey

6 July 1697



Gray & Champlons

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Mr New 13/6
Solicitor
of the Bank of England
London

Bridewell, Bristol, May 12th 1749

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 certain 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 informing 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. J. 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
of England
London

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Bank

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Gentl^y

I beg to inform you that
Joanna Mearns, Dublin, having any
thing without a promise of mitigation
of her punishment - I shall be
to add I think it's out of her power
to do any thing with any good
Effect &

I am Dear yours

Wm^o & Ab^l Ser^r

Bristol May 24. 17

Thos^o Evans

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Mrs. Mary Fielding
O Salter
London

Recd of Mr. Salter
for Mr. Salter

25 MAY 1757



Bank

25 May 1757

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Sir

If Joanna M^{rs} (Cathy) 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 &c

R F V R

London 16 May 1757

M^{rs} Evans

Bridewell

Bristol

11 May 1811

Bank

Dear Mr. Farley
To Mr. Evans

11/05/11

with Governance you - the Governor & Company of the Bank of England & my former letter
 See the Inspector who gave me it - done

To the Collector of
 The Bank of England
 Bank of England London

we have given a 20 guinea dispensation
 character line of the name of that
 wrote a few days ago to the
 about him - my name of the
 in March next 19th 1810 - the
 was taken on the 19th of the
 complete to the Inspector -

and back - that I mean what I say - that
 forgiveness to a greater extent - with blessing
 back better - quite perfect in new words
 continue in concentration - the further you
 in habits of vice unless the further you
 hope of the way taken up who in these countries - that is
 Here you & family &c

private Direction Robert Howes at Mr Joseph
 Petworths No. 7. White Horse Alley
 Queens Square. Postea
 On Board the Captivity
 Portsmouth Harbour June 9th 1811.
 Monday morning

Sir

As I am now on the point of receiving
 my Liberty thro' my Uniform Good Conduct
 by which I have obtained the Notice of my
 Capt. Capt. Stedman. The Recd. Mr Tate -
 The Chief Mate Mr Hatter - 2^d Mate Mr Irons
 &c &c. and being about to Receive the
 Cup of Salvation - so soon as I Obtain
 same to prevent the evil disposed from
 saying I went to the Lords Supper merely
 to Obtain my Liberty - I consider it a

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my maker -

Duty I owe to the world at large -
 The Gov^{ts} Company of the Bank of
 England and the future Generation -
 to Aid and Assist (as well as to my
 own Conscience -) in Detecting -
 & 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 West
 N^o. 5. many years before the Rocks in the yards

my Grandfather was Dr. Winder of
 Bethlem Hospital but late of Bullocks
 Hatch ^{Windsor} - ^{Windsor} Basil Herne &
 Brother were my Grandmothers ^{of Palomode Row} atty -
 Mr Jennings of Shore Lane my ^{deceased} Brothers
~~deceased~~ - I merely mention this
 to show you I am no Vagabone - I was
 Regularly admitted an atty - practice
 might have done well but Gambling &c
 ruined me - after which I was brother
 Officer to Mr Tho^s Donovans Son Chas
 Donovon who was killed at Warrenton
~~after which~~ ^{then} Lt. 52^d Reg. 2^d Batt. Col^l Berkeleys
 where Young Abercromby belonged - to
 Therefore to do as I have above promised
 If you yourself will call on Henry Caffer
 Esq^r Secretary of States & say you will
 give me some hackney writing to Copy (Hid. X)
 at my own Exp^{ts}

London 17th Septem^r 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

Honour Sir

Your Grateful, Obliged &

Most Humble Serv^t

William Bagnall

To

Westwood Esq^r

1851
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To



Westwood Esq.
Solicitor

Bank of England
London

Bank
for W. D. ...

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Gentlemen

Being sentenced in March last for
uttering Bank of England Notes. | Tried at Lancaster
and sentenced to 4 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

Yours
Gentlemen

Wells

Sheerness Kent

June 15th 1818

Your most Obedient

very humble Servant

James Walker

Wells
Mess^{rs} Kay, Freshfield & Kay

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Hugh Kay, Freshfield & Kay
Solicitors to the
Bank of England
London

John Walker

London
March 18th 1813



Bank of England
for your order

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 permisi^on
for your ships to accompany or follow you to New South Wales.

We are &c.
H. F. G.

James Walker
a Convict on board the
Bellona, *Mariners*

Bank 19th June 1860
to Jas. Walker

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June 14th 1788
Theernest On Board H. M. S. Belleroophon —
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 Dates, 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

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 she doth 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

Feb 5/12/17

Please to write to me by the next post



11/11/17

Spring of 1817

Enclosed -

To the Govern^r
of the
Bank of England
London

SHEPHERD

* 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. F. W. R.

John Whitehead

convict on board

The Parramatta Shermes

Bank of ^{the} June 1817
to John Whitehead

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Mr Westwood
Messrs Gray, Finchfield & Gray
Solicitors to the Bank
Bank Buildings, Lombard
London



Bank
for the Bank of England

25th Feb 1818

Where in Newgate I wrote to the
Bank respecting those people of the names of
Williams & Kemp - guilty of uttering forged notes
I did not write to you, not knowing the (Bank)
Liquorist - least in person of the names of Belmont
- The two Williams's & Kemp are here on Board
the Retribution - Williams principal friend
& Associate I understand lodged - & I believe does
live at the Blue Last in Drottuff 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

Yours
most respectfully

Enclosed the
Bellerophon Hulk -
Sheerness -

Yrs. obt. servt
Geo. Farnley

Feb 25 - 1818

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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 strangers 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 Lowe 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 Jennings 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 Counterfitting the New Gold Coin when put into Circulation. I further Inform you that I am particularly acquainted with the Principal Dealers in Notes that Travel to Scotland and Ireland and the ^{Nearest} Neighbourhood 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 my 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 since, 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 *Iselophon* Lying at
Sheerness Harbour

January the 5th 1010

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To
The Governor and Directors of the
Bank of England
London



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5 Jan 1804

Bank
for Hugh W. Mahon

Hugh McMahon
giving Information
respecting forged notes

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a signature or address]

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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 House 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 Ostenson travels to Glasgow and
Greenock with Prots only. Lives chiefly in
Glasgow.

John Campbell. John Maguire and
Daughter. These Irishmen have a Press at
Prescott near Liverpool for Gold Coin. Thinks
it is at Doughty's house. Has seen part of
the press. They left Dunganman. Ireland
for the same thing last Winter

Thomas Spooner lives with his family
wife and serves a great number of Travellers
David Charles a Traveller goes to Carlisle
and lives there and serves that neighbourhood
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 orders
of Fowler. Lane. Spooner. Geo Collins and
Merton. —

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 dealers
he has mentioned —

11 Jan^y 1818
Information rec^d
from Hugh M. Wilson
on board the Pelagos
Coined Irish at
Shannon ^{the} 11 Jan^y 1818
by Lill

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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
pardon; we are Informed that upon leaving
the Country you allow a certain Sum which
we trust your Justice 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 &

Upon the Liberty we have taken we here
Subjoin Ourselves your petitioners

Jos^l Armstrong
James Jones

London 22 Nov. 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

Nov. 17

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-9-Compensation for the
Information

I am your Humble Servant
John Overton

on Board the Laurel Ship
Mull - Portsmouth Harbour
Gosport

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

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Bank
for John Mase
10 Nov 1817

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Plymouth 24th Nov: 1817

Genl.

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
States Office will be the readiest Mode to be
adopted to prevent Osland's Removal should
any further Intercourse with him be thought
necessary

I am Genl.
Your most obed:
Servt. R. Hallaway

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

Mr. Hays
Bank Buildings
London



F25/12/24

London 25th Nov: 1847.

Sir,

We are favoured with your Letter, ^{of yesterday} inclining Oslands
Story, which we are convinced is all a fabrication, as
no such Manufactories 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. Ho.

A. Callaway Esq
Treasr Clerk
Petersmouth.

25 Nov 1817

Bank

London

W. M. Callaway Esq

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24th Nov^r 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 ~~one of 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 counterfeit 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 in 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 Gorged Notes of a Bank at Bristol from a Plate which Oseland's Note 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 ^{to} 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 Nov^r 1817.

Bank of England

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

Sir!

Having been in fetters Boney upwards
of three years, I take the liberty of soliciting your
kind interference in my behalf, by writing a letter
to this Capt. Chas. Stedman Esq^r., requesting
him to restore me to my family and friends as
early as possible - and 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 procured, and will prove servicable to the
Bank of England, as soon as the Legislature are
pleas'd to restore me to my liberty. -

Your immediate complianc will much oblige
your devoted supplicant.

Lucretia Portsmouth?

Edw^d Bamford. -



Joseph Kay Esq.,
 Sell- to the Bank of England,
 New Bank Building,
 London



E. Despard

for
 Bank

21st Feb 1788

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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. Serv^t

14th Feb. 1710

W. M. Gool

Clerk of
W. M. Gool
of Langkote

For The Directors of the
Bank of England.

Bank
of
England

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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

M. T. & K.

R. Callaway Esq.
Town Clerk
Portsmouth

13 Feb 1861

Amount Paid
To H. Callaway

F25/12/29

(Copy)

Portsmouth July 10th 1810.

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 Leveathen^{*} 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 1818

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

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

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Portsmouth 17th February 1810

Gent.

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 Depreciations 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 Residences 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 obed. Serv^t

E. D. Hawley

Messrs Hays Freshfield & Hays
Solicitors to the Bank
of England

Recd by Mr. Hays
for R. B. Hays Esq.

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I William Shaw was tried for
 uterem forged Notes which hee
 Guilty for the same
 and I understand there is five pounds
 Given to Each Convict for pleading
 Guilty for the same Forger
 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 Shewness

I am your humble servant

Dated the

Wm Shaw

16 Day of October
 1719

Convicted Minor offence
 Spring spiz. Leicestershire

16 Oct. 1817

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Wm Shaw
Convict for Relief

Bank
for William Shaw

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Royal Bank of
England

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Sir

I William Wolstencroft was Tride
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guilty for the same
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Guilty for forgery and I should
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same if it be Given I have on
Board the Bathary Now going at
the nower Sheerness

I have your Humble Servant

Dated the
16 Day of October
1817

W^m Wolstencroft
Convicted at Lancaster
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Convict for Relief

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The Declaration of John Cutridge, who is now a prisoner in the County Gaol at Bedford, having under Sentence of transportation for 14th 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 hurtful 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 Tournier,

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, 8 inches high -
dark brown hair: this man distributes many ^{notes} forged; and scarcely
a day passes, without persons going to receive them of him.
The above man The mother — Taverner 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 size.

John ~~the~~ Outridge look after W^m Taverner'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 ~~the~~ Smith has his notes from
Taviner, the man mentioned before, and whose horse Outridge
look'd after. John Outridge says, that the above men
and several others on the same business may be always
at Smithfield on Fridays at the horse market, and go to
a public house near the Greenhouse.

th 20 April 1710 Declard by me

The mark of John Outridge X
Witness Henry Goode

Bank
Informant of
John Buttridge



Westmoreland Paper

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W. Squire to the Bank
Bank Buildings
London

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Cpy made for Mr. Spurrin
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 ~~know~~^{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 Brutt'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

Sharrman 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.

— Kays & Co
Post office
Warwick

dealer in forged notes
The former has a letter from
Mr. W. Atkins
Bank of England

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I enclose a Letter from a
Jetta in rapid Sail, by direction
of the Governor of the Bank.

Yours obed^t Serv^t

W. Shute.

Bank 17 Nov 1717.

Joseph Kaye Esq

Joseph Kaye Esq

of the

Bank Buildings

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

Gent^{ls}

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^{ls} Yours &c
Sunday
W Coles
Dec^r 16th 1817. A Debtor in Oxford Street

18 Mar. 1817

Bank

to

for the use of



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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 held 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

10-11-1811

Bank
to H Saunton Esq

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Lancaster Castle Oct^r 11th 1777

Honoured

Gent^l

This is the second time
that I have to you wrote, I most humbly
desire you to write to me by return of Post.
I have waited with the greatest anxiety for
^{long} some time 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. Ad

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 account
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

To the Governours and
Directors of the
Bank of England
London

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Com. for London
25 April 1817
George was Quaker
to write to Throg
Proclamation and
State that the Bank
will not interfere

F25/12/40

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} +
mark
Stewart

Robert Wadlow =

Thomas Curry



20 APR 1848
LONDON

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The Honble the Governor & Directors
Bank of England
London.

Bank,
Attorn of the
Bankers & Co
March 1848

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 forged ^{notes} ~~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 money does 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. & Dir. of the Bank suppose - and that he thinks he has unwarily been drawn into this crime.

I have seen Tilly 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.

Knowing all the circumstances of the case I am induced to lay this statement before you, hoping that the Gov. & Directors of the Bank of England, will be induced to make an application for this poor creatures life.

I am Gent^l

with deference

Your obt. Servant

Thos. H. Wiggin

Parceter Castle

8 April 1818.

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Mr. J. Payne, Turkfield House
Sot.
Bank Buildings
London

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Mr. J. Payne
Turkfield House
Sot.
Bank Buildings
London

Honoured Sir Lancaster Castle 30 Jan^r 1818

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

by so Doing the undersigned
Will for Ever Pray for you

Alice Willcock
Betty Nealy
Catherine Hardacre
Elizabeth Stott

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PAID
OFFICE
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Mr Glover

Solicitor of the Bank of England

Post Office London

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Petition from
Alice Brooks
Betty Steady
Catherine and one
Elizabeth

Frank
Justice Hickson
Betty Steady
Rathm. Suckers
Glas. H. Suck.

30 Jan 1818

Lancaster November 25th 1817

11^o
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 Expecting 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 wishd me to
see you But could not Sir you know this people of a
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
introduction for me to stop in England I am informed
By friends I could get to stop at thir same place
in London But I do not know wick way to proceed
to go it shud thank you Sir to assist me in it
as I know it is in your power to do it for me as
am destitute of all friends and being a poor destitute

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 or if you was to partishen for me to
step 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
My so you will forever a blidge your unhappy
friend we have larned a very good lesson since my
confinment in Lancaster Castle if I had got my liberty
I should be glad to see it Mayland knows well I am
not deavouring of this confinment but had the misfortune
of being in prison be for the did me for pitt as
Mr Willar all was know was liall to the bisness
if I am hear at the usages I shud be glad to see you
and Mr Powell we have something to inform you and
I 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 My so you will forever have
the prayers of your friend

Ann Agnew

25 Nov. 1817

Bank
for your account

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511
King Street
New York Buildings
London

LANCASTER
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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 Sturchurch, 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.

John Ford.

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London 5th Dec: 1817.

M^{rs} Lord,

We have submitted your Letter of the 2^d^o 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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Sir

To James King Esq^r - Banbury's Expedition

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 error 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 - Deuzes Prison a Young Man was brought there for passing a forged Bank of England Note (Committed for Salisbury) 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 - s 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

Respectfully Your most Obed^t Humble Serv^t

Isaac White

Winchester County Goose

Jan 7th 1818.

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.

17 MAY 1818
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Mr. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye
Solicitors
New Bank Buildings
London

Single sheet

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10 years
Bank
W. B. R. C.
for Mr. Kaye

Dear Sir

Carmarthen Borough Gaol
April 4th 1818

It has been my lot through some
excursion to apprehend four or five persons
lately for forgery upon the Bank of England
one of them was invited 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, in short I shall thank you
much to put me in the way privately of
proceeding in that 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 Bloomie
who have seen this morning and very
belovely. If there is any allowance from
any fund whatever I shall be very much
obliged to you to let me know as it is
a pity that I should loose any thing that is
mine. I am your very Obedient
David Morgan
Gaoler

M^r. Bloome Esq
Mess^{rs}. Biddulph & Cox
Charing Cross
London

For Mr. Biddulph

To Mr. Bloome

Bank
Mess^{rs}



By Appointment

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Honored 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 trouble. I assure you I spent a great deal of my time before then, in watching this man, as well as others that are got 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 their plans 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 evening
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 Sandown, 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 Canterbury 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 Turnkey 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 Guineas
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 vnderstand 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 be
wanted ^{I beg to} let me know and I will send them you
I am Honored Sir and Humble Servant
Your very Obedt
David Morgan
Gaoler

[Large handwritten flourish]

Charles Royce Esqr
Solicitor for the Bank

London

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18 April 1818
Bank of England

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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 tendered, 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 £1.11.6 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

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 wou'd 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

10 June 1818

Recd

for W. Hodge

To The Governor & Company
of the Bank of England
London

10 June 1818

Wm Hodge

Spring abridges
1818.



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The former was signed as this
in the presence of Mr. [illegible]
The report of
Mr. Hodge
I, which was directed to the Director of the Bank of
England, on the Director of the Mint, and could be
whether it came to hand. If you think it worthy your
notice, should thank you to inform me. I am Gentlemen
Yours most Obedient and very Affectionate
son
Wm Hodge

March 23rd - 1820

Dear Sir

Probably you are already informed that I have
a Prisoner named William Meyman committed by Geo Davis Esq^r
Mayor of the Bor. of Windsor. March 8th 1820 - for uttering a forged
one Pound note purporting to be ^{of the} 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 Haunslow 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
Payn's House Stoke Common the wholesale Smasher and Pinner
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
Meyman to Payn. and also to the Champs on Haunslow 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
rather forward in walking thin. ^{fair} hollow complexion. his Hair grey appears
to be about 70 years of age. Salmon Jack has a Son in Law well
known by the name of Jobe Mash or Young Tobes. and who
is considered to be a maker of forged notes. and this man Salmon
Jack told Meyman. 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 Jobe Mash always appears
very quiet 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 & Colnbrook 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 passed 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 Imcer —

Mr. Salmon
Officer on the
Bowthorpe Police
Establishment.



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W. Salmon.
Officer of Police
Baw Street
Convent Garden
London.

March 23rd 1850
Reading



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Gentlemen,

Marwick July 28th
1819

We the undersign'd prisoners

confined in the County Gaol of Marwick and
convicted at the last March Assizes of uttering
Notes purporting to be of the Bank of England
for which we receive Money by being
allow'd to plead guilty - having been
in Confinement Seven Months and seeing no
prospect of being sent out of the Country.

(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 Simular to our
Own - as by Long Imprisonment our means
of Support is entirely Exhausted and we are
Individually reduced to the Bare Allowance
of the Gaol - could we be allow'd the Smaller
Sum we shall be so ever thankfull -
Otherwise we pray to be Number'd with the
first Women who are sent out of the Country

We remain Your Obedt Servts
and gratefull Detentioners
Mary Ann Bradney

Elizabeth Bamford + Maah
Rebecca Bamford + Maah
Amelia Miron + Maah
Lucretia Mitchen + Maah

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—
Key Esq
Solicitor
Bank Building
London —



Messrs Amberg
Sons
Paterson London
Advances



Bank
Paterson London
4/4/53

London 3. July 1818

Sir,

I have received a letter from Mary Ann Bradney
Elizabeth Bamford and several other female pris^{rs} 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 1750
to the ^{order} of the Bankers
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} Powell Jones & Powell, Brecon, who says, that William Sherwood is at Ellich, 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 1^o March 1817, - & escaped, is now committed to 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.

Fisher's Gaol
19. Mar. 1818 }

Dear
Gent. your most Obedt
Servt
W. D. D. D. D.
D. D. D.

Messrs. Kaye, Froshfield & Kaye
New Bank Buildings
London

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Bank
New
Messrs
for Mr Dowling

Deviſes 7th of December

Sir

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

I am Sir your
most Obedt^{serv}ts

James Gammings

Keeper of his
Majestys goal
at Deviſes —

7 December 1817.

Bank

For James Gannings -

£ 100

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M^r Kaye Innesfield
& Kaye Solicitors
London

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On board his Majesty's
Ship *Wellesborough* June
the 14th 1711

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 pleas'd 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 pleas'd to let her
liberty to go with me and that if possible
in the same Ship; And assist and inform
me how she should proceed

And by so doing it
will greatly Oblige your
Most Obedient
Servant

James Jelly

Governor & Directors
Of the Bank of England
London

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Bank of England
for the City
1710

Sir,

60p.

This will be delivered to you by the wife of James Jelly, a Convict onboard the Bellerophon at Sheerass, 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, as 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 Governor & Directors of the Bank to recommend ~~the~~ her application of this woman to the favourable consideration of Lord Sidmouth. -

We are,

Sir, Yr. very obt. Serv^t

Benjⁿ O. Cappenberg

N. B. B.
5 June 1840

5 Stone word!

Bank

Recd. of

to B. N. Caplan Esq

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

Boston

Lincolnshire

20101

August 1. 1818.

Dear friends I have been very
onesa. to think, that not hav. a letter from
you before now. Preserved the pound note
and sent you an answer back. be so kind
asto let me know if you reser. it. and I shoud
not hav. a letter from you since. if you
have sent me. a letter do not post say
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 woud you if it was
3 times as far as it is. if you do send me
word when you will be her 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 shoud like
to see Mary and all of you very much.
and I hope I shall in the space of 4 or 8
months. the time will not be so
long when the days get shorter.
Bring my wastcote. give my kind love to
W.^r and M.^{rs} Smith. and to M.^{rs} Habens.
and tell them I am hearty and well. and in
as good secret as a sever. here is two young
men in here for softens. and one now
under the sentence of deth. for house
breaker. 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. there has not been one
to see me since you came.

I think sometimes that Mr. Hatlet
dese live with you and that is the
person you do not right to me
if he dese I hope you will have
the good ness to send me all my
Close and money. you know it was
three pounds that I left with you
I maybe rong and I hope I am, but
I think if there was not. O sum
thing you will let me know
what is the reason of your
not righten to me. before.
So no more at present
I am your Ould friend and
ever well wisher. Wm. Furman

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Hon^d Sir

on Board his Majesty Ship the
Britannia Hospital Ship Sheerness

I Wish to Inform you that I Have a
Friend that his in his Passions Letters of Recommendation
To More than 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 Pounds ^{annuall} and sent to London
and to Ireland &c And His Sir you will be pleas'd
To Observe that My Friend his also Describ'd to
Beck of the These Parties; as a Man that they May
Depend on as a Pincheser and a good Trade Man
Being a Sailmen in the London Markits But
His at Present being with Me here at the
Hospital Walk as Head Nurs under the Dr
It will not I Hope Prevent you from attending
To This Impirication as I Can Assure you he

x his Here Under a Mistake as his Petition will
Convince you which he laid before Lord Sidmouth
Signed By Seventeen Gent^{rs} of the first Respectability
In the County of Kent; And likewise the very
Last Information we have got his One of that Party
Which I wish to bring to your Recollection that
Went Over to Ireland about Eighteen Months ago
To Purchase ^{1 Peter} Tatties which was Done to the Amount of
Nearly Two Thousand Pounds, Which, Two of those
Parties one the Maker and the other the vender his
Now carrying on the same Busness and supplies
A great Number of venders, and Our Friend his
His given us the strangest 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 Reserves
Of Plate and other goods was to be found I Must Observe
To you that My Friend and self his Maid a Promise
To Our Infirmers to give them a supply when we

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

My Friend his Service between Two and three years
and My self near Four years and the Number of Informations
Which we have lately got from Different Men convicted
of Statute Offences to us to Correspond with the Prison
Orders and Masters which nothing but our
Present Situations could have enabled us to have
got the same as coming to the Hospital as Persons
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 you may want to know Respecting our
Characters in our Situation But he knows nothing of
This Business But he is Trust worthy & I
you will be pleased to Enquire 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

F25/12/60

Bank
of the Bank

Yhon Sir the Receiver of this
Note is a trustworthy friend as
I could trust as els My life woud
be indinger And Sir I have got
A Caprey hold estate and a free hold
Corn to Me as yhair at Law sense
I have been in this Captivity and
Never Robed a man of a Shilling
Sir all My Life nor Never before
At Mjgesty 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
 Kingsnorth
 Receiver
 To the Gentlemen

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Nov 1819
 Bank
 of England

Wth 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 objections 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

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obtained is gone to New South Wales - Forged Notes
 to the amount of £220. ~~are hid~~ under a stone in the
~~High~~ 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 manufacture
 there - and where - at different places - and
 how 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 ~~it~~
 proper to proceed will much oblige

for

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

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

Tho: Gray Tho: Dale

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

Mr. Flinn

Quarter Master

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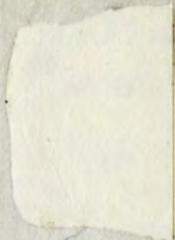
on Board His Majesty's Ship
 Retribution
 Sheerness

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

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Mr J. W. G. Atkins
Bank Court
Abow street
Birmingham
London

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Back
Mr. G. W. G. Atkins
Bank Court

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Sheerness, Kent

Honourable Gentlemen) Bellerophon May 14th 1818th

I take the liberty of addressing You in
hope 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
she 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 have 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

To 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

POST
OFFICE
LONDON

Bank
of London
11 Gray's Inn

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F25/12/63

J. J. Kelly

James Selley,

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

G. F. W.

London 15 May 1718.

James Selley
a Captain on Board the
Bellerophon
Ships.

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* Shermes, 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 assured to receive 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

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

And Your Petitioner will ever Pray



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

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John Moore
Petitioner from

Whitehall
Dec. 28. 1793.

Gentlemen,

The Superintendent of Coinage, 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. Governors
Bank of England

H. Ho & Co

28th Decr. 1819.

Bank

for Mr Colhouse

F25|12|66a.

Extract of a Letter from the
Commander of the Retribution Ship
at Sheerness to Mr. Capper 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 Kutts, 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 Haustrough
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 Lic from
Superintendent of Customs
to Mr Capper

F25/12/667

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
~~Association~~ ^{Retribution} 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 obt. Servant.

A. B. B.

3rd Jan. 1820

H. Hobhouse Esq
Secy.

3 July 1821

Bank.

to H. Hobhouse Esq

625/12/67

31 Jan^y. 1820.

Bank
to Mr. Ellis
for Mr. Gapper.

Mr. Gapper 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 Shrewsbury.

Whitehall

31 January 1820

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Retribution Shewees 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 it true one out of sight out of mind. But I can only say as this if it had been your case as it has unfortunately been mine to fall in tow of such of this kind and me to be enjoying my Liberty as I hope you are I would of travelled Day and Night or I would of educated your Servant. I Capt every thing in Kidney for your coming Down and if there had been the least Danger I would of sacrificed 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 transported he has been in the Contractors employ of this Dockyard this 5 years and has a man I have put many a shilling 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 Stollen
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 Seals of them -- So my
Dear friend you had not be the Least
jealous of them Doing any thing that is
ungenerous it was here put the tow
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

heare so it goes from hand to hand there is
no County Bank heare nor in any other
town in the County as far as I can
heare - Dear friend I hope you will
be so kind as to have them all numbered
and signed and if the Bearer wants any
for them self you may let him have them
for there is no fee you may Paper & give
I give him - he has behaved to me like
brother since I came heare My Commence
I am forgiven and me in Roath
going to the Bay in the post ship
those seals from this so they will be
as good as the Best to me on the
Passage - So No more from

Yours sincere well wisher

Give my complements to
Mrs Ellis

John Luson

Mr John Ellis
Margaret Gordon
Leam London

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25 York St.
Bank of England
Mr Ellis

Copy

Sir,

We are favoured with your Letter of the 31st ult^o transmitting us a Letter of introduction from Suson 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 3^o 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 ~~is~~ would be discovered. - as the Letter from Suson is now formed, Wales cannot make use of it without risking such discovery, and as that would ~~be~~ ~~undoubtedly~~ put Ellis ~~under~~ 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.

N. B. B.
27 July 1820

John H. G. Capper Esq

2^d Feby. 1820

Bank of Eng.
to John Hopper Esq.

F25/12/70

Redoubt Wharfe 29 July 1820

Dear friend)

I have sent you three Letters
since I have fame heard are was always
in hope you would have complied with
my Request as I have kept at in Kiceps
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. To my
Dear friend I thought I never
could embrace a better opportunity
than this the Beaver John Whale has
served tow years and has now Received
his pardon from the Ship and is
illiberated. To my Dear friend him
Being a man I could depend my
Life or 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 more
out of this with him so my Dear friend after
you have thro' 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 it 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 way 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 Rearer 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 Experiences the Rearer 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

Bank
for account to Mr
a Branch of Messrs

Jan 4 1821

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Gen^l

We send you enclosed a Copy of
a Letter we have received from the
Governor 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^s
20 May 1810

Messrs Barron & Franklin
Lincoln Inn

20 May 1767

Bank

To Mr. Wm. Pitt

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20 May 1810. Copy sent by Treason & Bankers
to the Hon. Mr. J.

Bodmin 20 May 1810

Sir

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.

M^{rs} Owl, lives at the Narrow-ware Bristol, a son, or "description of" Fortune teller &c. a large dealer in Both Notes & Coin.

M^{rs} Hipsley; lives at Gloucester (with another Man her Husband being in New-gate, Bristol, confined about Two Years since, for uttering 3-base Tokens, by Trade a Tinker, deals in both, Notes & Coin.

Captⁿ Thornley, lives at Exeter, goes by a 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 recollect'd, he could and
would detect if permitted so to do, with sufficient
assistance, to be protected, as he is determin'd never
to follow this nefarious practice any more, being now
convinced, of the evil tendency of it. —

The mark of
William Hodge

In the presence of
Petnam's

There is a peculiar mode
of delivering these Notes
which W^m Hodge can more
particularly describe —

Gentlemen. New Prison at Bading 21 May
1714

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

At the last Assizes he was convicted as a counterfeit
utterer 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
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.

Soliers to the Mint
and Bank of England.



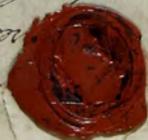
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To The Solicitors of the Mint
and
Bank of England
London

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20 - May 1733
Confession
of
M^r - Mortgage
The Healer in face
of



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Chelmsford Jan^{ry} 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 please i will turn overers of the Bank of Forged Knives
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 Conward in them for I my self can rather see nor wright so i hope you will come to me your self for I dont like to trust to mouch to other people 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 now so no more at present from your Humble
Servant Thomas Coal

Directions
Thomas Coal Prisoner
Chelmsford Goal
E Essex

For the Clerk of
the Bank of England
London

Mr. Archer,
St. Martin's Lane,
Westminster

For the Clerk of

the Bank of England

John
1874

F25/12/74

London 20th Jan^y 1820

Sir,

We have reciev'd the Letter of Tho^s 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} of Directors of the Bank.

We are &c.

H. J. G. H.

M^r. Archer,
Clerk to the Magistrates
Chelmsford

20 June 1820

Bank

to Mr Archer

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Honored 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. Honored
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 De la zouch and the same I have kept
in my possession here since Dorchester to show to
people that deal in the same not thinking that
this would happen to me I purchas'd of Mrs
Horton twice before once she sd what taken
in to yesterday for selling to me but I inform'd
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 -
When 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 Gentlemen of the Mint As -
I May Be Liberated from this Confinement for
I am as innocent as My God in Heaven for any
Dealings whatsoever. There is a Man the name
of William Sharmun 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

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May 1870
Bank of
England

London 7 May 1880.

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. Pembidge, to ascertain how far her statement and the one reported 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. N.

John Yates
Gaul Coventry

May 11/77

Bank

to John Gales

625/12/77

and sweet of them

Honored Sir

Inform you Mr Burchidge

As paid to me twenty pounds by your order
 for my services at Leicesters last Assizes you
 will please to consider that I was a free man
 when I was engaged by Mr Burchidge and I
 have been employed since May 1814 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 committed I 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 Burchidge I hope you will this consider
 and please to send me what you think My services
 deserve I desire no more please to direct
 your John Gates Coventry goal

May 20th 1818

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M^r Kaye
Bank Solicitor
London

Wm. Kaye Esq.

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John Yates

20 King Street
Bank
for Mr. Kaye

London 22^d May 1810

John Yates

I have rec^d your Lec of the 20th
inst & submitted it to the Gov.^{rs} & Directors of the Bank -
you must recollect that you rec^d sev^l Sums of Money
fr^m 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 Conson of it until after your trial for your present
offence 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 favourable
Conson to your appl.ⁿ

I am yr^{ts} &c
JH

John Yates a Pris^r in the Gaol
Coventry

22 May 1860

Bank

To Sir John Lubbock

12/12/79

Special original in King's Bench and
Common Pleas
Down
to wit
Trinity Hall Hayes 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
Ye William Harvey William Furneasse
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
Samuel Johns late of Plymouth Dock in my
Southampton County yeoman if he shall be found in my
handwreck 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 fullen days
of sainte Hilary wheresoever His Majesty
shall then be in England to answer
Bartholomew Boyle Thomas John Ellis
and Joseph Cowlic 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 sixth year of the
reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by

Baileff B. 9-4
John Ellis
Southampton
Prisoners
19th January
1820

Down
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 but in my hands this 19th day of February 1820

under Sheriff
C. R. B. Boucher

Richard Boucher

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

Warrants for an
arrest on a capias
quo omnes

Sworn
to me

Frederick Helle 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
Edwin and Smallbridge Treacher (Dually John Geo
William Hanney 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 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

Rose
25th October 1819
Burt vs
Black Richards
and Meccalf
agents
Richards Bank
in Court
P. Rose

Prise for thirty
four pounds
and upwards
by affidavit
filed -

Given under the seal of my office this
twenty seventh day of October in the
sixteenth 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

Dr. 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. M. Boucher

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

Feb. 1820.

Bank
R_x = John Bennet
Copy warrants
for Mr. C. Bennet

R25/12/80

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

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

F25/12/81

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Mr. Whiteford Esq.
at Messrs Sandys Norton Coarke & Sandys's
Solicitors
Crane Court
Fleet Street
London



Received
of the sum of £100
from Mr. Whiteford Esq.

Per
[Signature]

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Thomas Dudley }
now a Prisoner in the }
Goal of Horsham }
a Locksmith by trade }
& did live in Lambeth. }
Hamsworth near Birmingham

States that Benjⁿ Patrick
a Die Sinker & Engraver who
lives in a house of his own
near Baldons Factory at
-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
dont 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 Paddis
Sister
J. Glover
1 Oct 1819

17th Dec 1844
Information of
Thomas Sudley
a Prisoner in
Horsham Goal.

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London
Mar. 8th 1820

J. Han. 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
inside the jail, doubtless by the
deluded Victim - "Pray let my
"dear Wife have the Money she
"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. W. Wetton,
High Comptroler,
Bray.

P.S. Two other men were of this Gang -
one has been since heard of at Washburn Green (Wimbleton)
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.



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Wm. Rose Esq
Bank of England,
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F25/12/83

The above named -

Staidenhead 9th March 1870

Sir,

I had a five Pound note presented to me this morning, which I thought was forged, on enquiring 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 Jail.

He had written with Chalk on the Iron Bars of the Window - "Let my dear wife Mary Baxter, 24 Poplarstone 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 Bygonston St. should be in some
-dictety 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 five one
pound notes 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
Iron would have escaped.

I beg to remain Sir,

your obedient humble servant

Stephen Westbrooke.

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

F25/12/84

Bank of England
for the Governour

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 pockets, & 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 to me, 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 - & death destroyed himself in a fit of despair, or a paroxysm of desperation I can't be certain what. 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 Westbrock unites with me in best respects.

I beg to remain dear for

your obliged servant

S. Westbrock

Mr Manning
St. James Street
St. Luke's

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To Mr. Stephen Westbrooke
Maidenhead
Berks.

London 10 March 1820

Sir,

We have submitted your Recommendation of
the Services of Mr. Fielder respecting the ~~unfortunate~~
~~late~~ apprehension of the Offender who afterwards
committed Suicide to the Gov^r & Directors of the
Bank who have authorized us to pay him the
Sum of 5 Guineas, & we ~~will~~ ~~at the same time~~ ^{we} directed
to ~~pay~~ ^{reimburse} you any Expenses you ~~may~~ ^{may} have incurred -
You will please to inform Mr. Fielder of this
Communication, & we will pay the above Sum to him
on to his Receipt. - We have ascert^d that the
Pris. (Henry Paxton) was formerly a Gentleman, Serv^t,
that he was convicted of robbing his Master, & sentenced to
7 Yrs Transportation; but that after being informed either
in Newgate or in the Hulks for 4 or 5 Yrs he got
a scrip of his Sentence - His wife who is far
advanced in pregnancy lodges at the address you communicated
to us. ~~that~~ ^{It is our own opinion that}
K. G. & K.

18 March 1886

Bank

to Mr. Supt. Westcombe

F25/12/86

Yours truly

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Lancaster Castle 23 Feb: 1819

We the undersigned, do most Humbly
Sollicit You, to let us have some Money that was taken
from us on the 15th day of September last, we was app-
reheuded for paying 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 Barrett 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 Certainty Oblige

Sir

your Obedient

Humble Servants
Jas. Grimethy Elder
Jas. Grimethy younger
Solomon Mathew

As to the Money
they took from us is this
Old Grimethy £12 0 0
Young Grimethy 1 13 0
Solomon Mathew 2 4 0

