

SMUGGLER'S NOTICE - 1830

CUSTOM HOUSE, LONDON

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Whereas it has been represented to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs that on Friday the 21st day of this instant July, several smugglers, amongst whom was one of the name of THOMAS BISHOP, were about to be committed to Dover Gaol for having been condemned in the act of smuggling, and that on alighting at the door of the said Gaol, on the evening of that day, the said THOMAS BISHOP made his escape and is now at large.

The said Commissioners, being desirous of bringing the said THOMAS BISHOP to justice are hereby pleased to offer a reward of

FIFTY POUNDS

to any person or persons who shall discover or cause to be discovered the said THOMAS BISHOP, so that he may be retaken and securely lodged in the said Gaol of Dover, or some other of his Majesty's Gaols in Great Britain, to be paid by the Collector of his Majesty's Customs at the Port of Dover.

By order of the Commissioners

D. CURLING

In the Secretary's absence.

N.B. The said THOMAS BISHOP is about five feet four inches high, has blue eyes, florid complexion, light hair, is stout made, and 24 years of age, and very active, and is a native of Birchington, in the Isle of Thanet.

No record of his ever being found and brought to justice has yet been traced!