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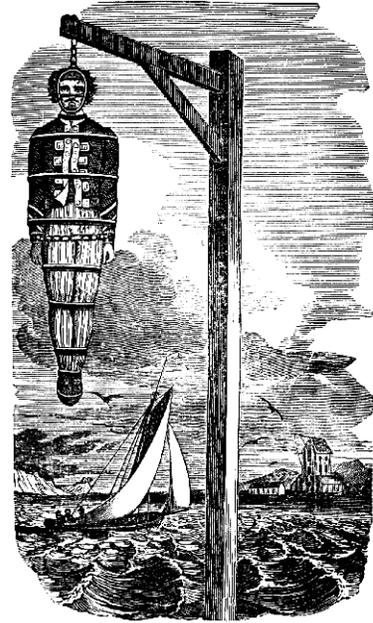
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## **Grand heist thwarted and offenders to be hung**

A consignment of monies due to be delivered to Exeter as payment for his Majesties armed forces was intercepted and stolen by rebels. Soldiers in the area are asking for the public to come forward with any information that they may have. A raid on the Mermaids Purse on Sunday resulted in only two arrests, the rest of the gang were believed to be heading towards Topsham. Public are advised not to approach anyone looking suspicious but to simply form a lynch mob and burn anyone funny looking, it's the only language these thugs understand, apart from perhaps French. A Band of Rebels has been captured just outside of Exmouth. They are said to be on their way to a ship in order to sail to London in order to assault the King himself. They were found with various incriminating pieces of evidence such as soldier's uniforms and large quantities of cash. One even had a signed confession that they had illegally forged to look like someone else's handwriting and wickedly signed it in a different name. The 'alleged' rebels are to be given fair trial and then hung drawn and quartered at Tyburn next month. Tickets for the execution are selling fast and we will be offering an exciting opportunity to win a pair in a breathtaking competition next week.



## **Red Face Cash really actually dead.**

Despite previous reports of this pirate's demise, it came to pass that the despicable rogue had left his sinking ship and sort refuge at the Mermaids Purse. Captain Dare of His Majesties light infantry tracked down the scoundrel and brought about his execution by way of firing squad. Cash still did not divulge the location of his treasure thought to be located in the area.

His head was removed from his body and placed upon a spike as a reminder of what happens to pirates and traitors. Rumours are emerging that Cash was cursed when he broke the law of the sea and that his drowned crew rose from the murky depths and came to reclaim him. This of course is ridiculous, superstitious nonsense. The head has now disappeared. Perhaps the treasure is still out there.

## **Insurance Scam and smugglers caught**

Lloyds of London are looking into a local insurance swindle over a tea ship. No record of the insured ship could be found at the registrar of ships and customs have found no trace of the tea shipment.

The ship is thought to have been the same one involved in the piratical incident a few weeks ago. It would appear that smugglers, nay dare we even say it, could be possible pirates.

They perpetrators have been captured. The traitors are to be given just trial and then hanged.

## **Black Jack Strikes again**

The notorious assaulter and felon has again left his calling card after a daring raid upon a wealthy gentlemen travelling in the Pinhoe area. Once again the bounty is being raised on this villain in the hope of drawing in a thief taker from perhaps as far a field as Bristol or Plymouth.

## **Looking for a new life?**

Have you considered the new world? A brave new start in uncharted territory with friendly natives.

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### **Priest abducted**

The Rt Rev Alabstair was abducted before he had the chance to give his sermon at the swindlers fair last Sunday. He believes it was the work of Spanish agents in league with English rebels. The foul collaborators were last seen making their way towards Exmouth. This is the second year in a row the reverend has been involved in an altercation and is said to be travelling to the new world for a chance of some peace and quiet. He takes with him our blessings and a large bequest to set up a mission to bring the good name of the lord to the savages.



### **Tivvy Boys take a pasting**

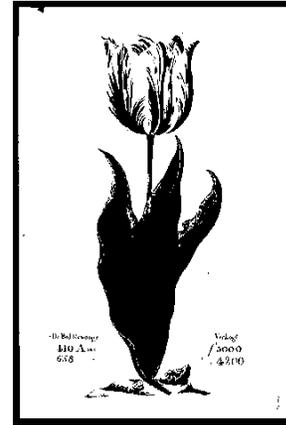
Reports are coming in of our local boys taking a trouncing from 'foreign types' at the recent Swindlers Fair. They are said to be licking their wounds and out for blood and revenge. Good folk are to avoid the usual gin dens and known haunts of this brutal and unruly gang.

### **Poetry Competition**

The winner was announced as Topsy Annie and a mute who failed to give his name performed admirably. However it was Topsy Ann's puppies that really won the show. A disappointing show overall, the favourite Obidah gave a pitiful performance of 'Hey Nonny Non'. He lacked grace, elegance and style. Despite having grown in height during his tour of the Americas, he showed no signs of finesse and gave a repugnant recital that may have served him well with the uncouth colonists, but left this reviewer and various audience members cold and a longing for cheese (to be put into their ears). A notable mention must be made of the last minute entrant, some itinerant Irishman whose name escapes me but gave a worthy performance that got an honourable second place. In spite of all the frivolity the prize was unable to be awarded as all the performers are suspected to be rebels and under investigation. The 5 guinea prize has been donated to the Nautical Salvagers Benevolent Fund.

### **Tulips Explosion**

Honiton international Flower Company are reporting record profits as tulips have become the latest fad to hit polite society. Share prices have increased ten fold over the last few days and are expected to rise further as demand is out stripping supply. A few lucky shareholders have made a fortune. The advice is to buy buy buy!



### **Coffee review**

An alfresco café with an excellent vista and comfortable bench was situated at the Swindlers Fair. The service was friendly and polite but exceptionally slow. A fire had to be made in order to boil the pot which meant a wait of almost half an hour before the beverages were finally served. However the coffee, when it finally came, was fresh and very flavoursome.

A three star result that could be improved upon with a faster service and perhaps some kind of entertainment during the waiting period.

### **Hero of the week**

A game hunter of dubious origins but with the voice of an Angel. He is a magnificent man with a spirit that charms you to the soul. Pure charisma exudes from each orifice and captivates one with enthrallment. An impressive individual that once the smell of eels is accepted by the nostrils will enchant and entertain

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**Man wanted** to work in gunpowder factory. Must be willing to travel. Box 5

### **Messages**

**Rudy** Stop your messing around, time to straighten right out better think of you future

**Bill** sorry to hear of your loss, still have papers in safekeeping will be in touch to arrange pickup. The usual place and I have an idea about the time - PS

