

KINGSTON, (ST. VINCENT'S,) *January 26.*

Tuesday evening his Majesty's ship Providence, Captain Bligh, with the Assistance brig, Licut. Portlock, arrived here from Otaheite, with the Bread-fruit plants. These vessels sailed from England the 2d of August, 1791, arrived at Otaheite the 10th of April following, where they remained till the 19th of July, and having effected the object of their voyage, left that Island in perfect health, and arrived at St. Helena the 17th of December, from whence they had only a passage of 27 days here. This voyage has been so far completed in the short space of 18 months; and it must afford no small pleasure and satisfaction to the inhabitants of this part of the world, to learn that no less than 300 Bread-fruit plants have been landed here, in excellent order, for the purpose of being distributed among the different Islands:

The remainder of the plants, amounting to an equal number, are intended for the Island of Jamaica, whither Capt. Bligh will proceed in a day or two, and from thence return to England. Independent of the Bread-fruit, a number of other valuable plants are brought by Capt. Bligh, some of the most delicious fruits.

Capt. Bligh has on board two men, natives of Otaheite, going to England with him.

PHILADELPHIA, *May 17.* A circumstance, hitherto unparalleled in this country, has for some days past kept the public mind in a state of unusual ferment. Incendiary letters, demanding sums of money, accompanied with threats, in case of non-compliance, had been sent to several gentlemen, in the city through the medium of the Post-Office, signed with fictitious names, and directing the money to be enclosed to their address, by the same channel. The gentlemen of whom this extraordinary demand was made, very prudently mentioned the circumstances to those only who had the means of detection—in consequence of which, measures were immediately taken by the Post Master of this city and the Assistant Post Master-General, for apprehending any one on whom suspicions might appear to fall.

On the afternoon of Tuesday last, one Guillieux, a hair dresser, brought to the Post-Office a paper with the fictitious names alluded to, upon which he was secured and carried before Alderman Baker. On his first examination, he denied having any knowledge of the person who had given them to him, insisting that it was a man whom he had just shaved, but had never before seen—and that the man had requested him to enquire for letters to such address. This account being however unsatisfactory, his wife and step-daughter were sent for, but their evidence not corresponding with his, and his wife denying in the most positive manner, many of his assertions, at the same time exhorting him to speak the truth, rather than bring destruction on himself and family, he, alarmed at the serious appearance of affairs, at length acknowledged that he had been employed by Mr. Ravara, who had threatened him, in case of discovery, that an accomplice would infallibly assassinate him—and that the fear of his life, he said, had made him endeavour to conceal the name of his employer.

Warrants were then granted for apprehending Mr. Ravara, and he was yesterday taken, and brought before the same Alderman. The story that he told was familiar to that of the Barber; adding that a man whom he did not know, who said he came from Spanish America, had requested him to apply