

Mudford Smugglers' Run Audio Trail Transcript

9. RETURN TO MUDEFORD AND A RENEWED AMBITION

[Sound of sea gulls. Gentle lapping of sea on the shore.]

JOHN Greetings, William Parrott!

WILLIAM PARROT Greetings, John Streeter: the man who employs half the hamlet, it seems!

JOHN Business seems to grow and grow! 'Tis a pleasing position to be in!

Though my wife Rose might disagree. The fine clothes, four horses, our children are in school. The house is a library with all the books we have now! Still she complains.

WILLIAM PARROT What is the cause of her complaints?

JOHN Business is too busy! And I am too absent. So, you see, I need a man to run my boat, the Phoenix. Thomas Warren said you're keen to be employed?

WILLIAM PARROT That I am, John. For the right price.

JOHN You have a smuggler's spirit. Thomas assures me you are a man of passion and ability. Have you the experience to command a large boat?

WILLIAM PARROT That I do, John.

JOHN Do you have some way to prove this?

WILLIAM PARROT Only my word.

JOHN Hm...is that so...

WILLIAM PARROT If my word is not good enough, I will gladly seek employment elsewhere.

JOHN Let us not be hasty/

WILLIAM PARROT /Perhaps you should speak with your wife on this decision –

JOHN No. I will tell my wife I have employed a man to operate the Phoenix.

WILLIAM PARROT I could be that man/

JOHN /Good!

WILLIAM PARROT For a hearty fee...

JOHN William. I need you to take the job and start tomorrow. You say yes and we'll find a price you like.

WILLIAM PARROT Yes. A pleasure doing business with you, John. You won't regret this.

JOHN Hm. Good. Meet me at the Haven Inn this evening to discuss the sum. We'll talk of the first run to France.