

deavours in raising Men and providing Military Stores, in order to repel all Attempts of foreign Powers, and to make Settlements on the Borders of the Province of Virginia.

Some particular Advices from Paris intimate, that the Right Honourable the Earle of Albemarle, our Ambassador at the Court of France, had nearly accommodated the Differences between the two Courts, about settling the Limits of their respective Possessions in America.

Advices from Paris tell us, that many of the Gentlemen of the Law have quitted their Profession for Want of Business, and obtained Places in the Customs and Excise.

We learn from Bath, that on Monday Morning last, a little grey Horse, between 11 and 12 Hands high, belonging to one Collins, a Butcher of that City, ran to Bristol, and from thence back again, for a Wager of sixteen Guineas. He was allowed 85 Minutes, but performed it in 79 and an Half; and as the Distance from Bristol to Bath is 13 Post Miles, it was considered as a very extraordinary Attempt, on the Success of which many considerable Wagers were laid.

Yesterday Morning about 9 o'Clock, Mr. Thomas Smallwood coming to London on Horseback, from his House, the Horse and Groom on Putney Heath, was attacked within half a Mile of his House by a single Highwayman, who presented a Pistol to him and demanded his Money. Mr. Smallwood told him he certainly joked. The Fellow replied, Oh, Mr. Smallwood, is it you? and rode on towards Kingston. A few Minutes after two Persons met Mr. Smallwood, and asked him if he had seen a Highwayman; he said he had met a foolish Fellow who had behaved a little like one, but that he was gone forward. They told him he had just robbed a Gentleman near the Bowling-Green House. Mr. Smallwood turning his Horse about, saw him a Quarter of a Mile beyond his own House, robbing a Gentleman and his Servant; upon which he set Spurs to his Horse and came up with him on this Side of the Bridge, the Fellow bid him keep at a Distance, or he would blow his Brains out; Mr. Smallwood nevertheless collared him, and dragging him off his Horse, disarmed him, and brought him well guarded to Mr. Justice Fielding's, who committed him to Newgate, for robbing one Thomas Bennet, near the Halfway House, between London and Kingston, of Money and other Things. His Name is Richard Gilbert, 20 Years of Age, and says he is an Apprentice to a Tradesman at Richmond. Two Watches and three Guineas were found upon him.

It must always be remembered to the Honour of Mr. Fielding, that while he is sinking under a complicated Load of dangerous Disorders, and is so near the Verge of Eternity, that at Night there is but little Probability of his surviving to the next Day; he devotes the whole Strength of his Faculties to the Honour of God, and the Virtue and Happiness of the human Soul, in detecting the pernicious Errors of the late Lord Bolingbroke; who, as long as his Memory shall be transmitted to Posterity, must be considered as the Disgrace of his Country, and the Enemy of Mankind. That Mr. Fielding's Efforts, if the Exertion of them is permitted to continue, will be attended with general Success, there is great Reason to expect; but the Manner in which Lord Bolingbroke is said to have quitted Life, will always be a more efficacious Confutation of his Principles, than can be produced by the confederated Strength of human Intellects.

While Mr. Pope was passing the Moments of Expiration, and a Priest was performing the last solemn Rites prescribed by the Church of Rome, this heroic Lord uttered the most bitter Exclamations against the Weakness of his Friend, whose boasted Philosophy could not afford him a better Support against the cowardly Fears of Death. Yet he himself, upon the Approach of the same awful Period, if any Credit may be given to the Persons whom he chose to have near him, notwithstanding his obstinate Denial of the moral Government of the World, and the Ridicule with which he had treated the Revelation of a future State of Rewards and Punishments, in the Distress and Terror of his Mind, requested God to impart to him the Knowledge of his Fate; and ardently prayed that the Punishment of those Vices might be averted, of the Guilt which he not only rendered himself, but by his Writings, had laboured to destroy the Sensibility of others; and that Mercy might be granted to that Soul, the Existence of which he had all his Lifetime denied.

Then it was (says the Author of an Address to a public Writer) That he experienced that all his Wisdom was Vanity, and all his Reason Blindness; that he wished for Faith to guide him thro' the dark Paths he was to tread; but he had long driven the cheering Guide far from him. At that Moment,

when the Pangs of Death had laid hold upon him, and the Horrors of Despair, like the Pains of Hell, encompassed him about, he furnished a more edifying Lesson to Mankind, than all the Wit and Eloquence of all his Life could ever furnish; for had he employed his Reason, to confirm the Truths of Religion, with Half that Zeal which he exerted to subvert them, their Great Author would not have abandoned him at that Hour of Trial. May the Remembrance of his Death remain, when these Writings shall be lost in Oblivion.

W I L L I A M S B U R G.

May 31. Last Friday, Christopher Bellis, alias Bellis, for Horse Stealing, and Randall Gibson, for Felony, were executed at the Gallows near this City. They both behaved seemingly penitent.

June 6. Last Week Capt. Whitwell, in his Majesty's Ship Triton, being on a Cruise off the Capes, met with a Vessel belonging to Rhode Island, called the Willing Maid, and another belonging to Bermuda, called the Success, on Board of both which finding a large Quantity of Tobacco, he took them and brought them into Hampton, they were immediately secured, the People and Sails brought on Shore, and two Waiters put on Board each of them; but on Wednesday Se'night, at Night, the two Mates, with three of the People belonging to the Success, armed themselves, broke open the Store House where the Sails were lodged, and carried them on Board, where they tied the Waiters Hand and Foot, and carried the Vessel clear off, putting the Officers ashore at the Fort.

June 13. Arrived in Hampton Road, from South-Carolina, the Baltimore Sloop of War, Capt. Suckling Commander; and the Centaur, Capt. Dudley Diggs, from New York, having on Board two Companies of Soldiers to reinforce the Troops upon the Ohio.

June 20. The two independent Companies from New York, for Ohio, embarked Yesterday on Board his Majesty's Ship Triton, who is to carry them up Potowmack.

Last Night were brought to the Public Goal in this City, the three Men that murdered Capt. Curtis, in the Bay, and ran away with a Vessel belonging to Mr. Patrick Creagh, of Maryland; and, we hear, they are to be tried for Piracy.

ANNAPOLIS.
We are told, That the Nine Deserters from the French Forces at the Westward, who voluntarily submitted themselves to Col. Washington, give an Account that the French are in great Want of Provisions, and the Soldiers, in general, very much dissatisfied.

By a Letter from a Gentleman in Fredericksburg, to his Friend in this Town, we are informed, that Col. Innis, a Gentleman from North Carolina, well experienced in Military Affairs, is appointed to the Command of all the Forces at the Ohio, and last Friday he passed through that Town, on his Way thither.

Yesterday the Two Negro Men, who were condemned at our last County Court, were executed at the Gallows near the City Gate.

Yesterday Capt. Hall arrived off South River, in Eight Weeks, from London: And we hear Capt. Chew is arrived in Patuxent.

We are assured, that the General Assembly of this Province, will meet here, on the 16th Instant, the Time to which they were prorogued by his Excellency in his Speech at the Close of the last Session.

Baltimore County, June 17, 1754.

THIS is to give Notice, That as little or no Regard has been observed in the Payment of the Money due (on the Western Shore) to BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; in Philadelphia, That unless those indebted pay by August Court, I shall be obliged to put their respective Dues in some Attorney's Hands for the Recovery of the same. *William Young.*

A YOUNG MAN, of an unblemish'd Character, who is capable either of managing a Store, or to write in an Office, wants Employ. Enquire at Mr. Jacques's Store. To be disposed of, a Servant Man's Time, who is a good Stone-Mason; also another, who is a good Baker. Enquire as above.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Subscriber, in Annapolis, on the 3d of this Instant July, a large Black Horse, branded on the near Buttock R, his near hind Foot white, paces well, and was lately roweled in the Navel. Whoever takes up the said Horse, and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have a PISTOLE Reward. *Francis Key.*

By Order of the Governor and Council of Virginia.

THE Method of taking up Lands in this Colony, and the easy Terms on which they are held of the King, not being well known to the Inhabitants of the Northern Provinces, may be the Reason that so few of those People, tho' much straitened for good Lands, travel hither, in Search of a fine Soil, and a greater Extent of Country; and therefore the publishing the Method and Terms, on which they are granted here, may be of Use, to promote the Settlement and Cultivation of the finest Lands (perhaps in the World) that lie to the Westward of Allegany Mountains, along the several Branches of the Mississippi. With that View this authentic State of the Rules in taking up, and patenting Lands in this Government are offer'd to the Public.

The Expences on a large Tract of Land being less in Proportion than on a smaller, the Calculation is here made on a Tract of 1000 Acres; which may be looked upon as a moderate Quantity.

Whoever inclines to take up any Quantity of Land not exceeding 400 Acres, may enter for the same with the Surveyor of the County, in which the Land lies, who can furnish Rights for the same: But if a larger Quantity is wanted, he must Petition the Governor and Council, for which Petition and Order of Council, that Clerk of the Board has

Current Money.

a Fee of	00	10	9
For entering the Order of Council in the Auditor's Office and a Certificate thereof	00	05	9
For 20 Rights, at 5s. Sterling each, or 6s 3d. Currency	06	05	0

Each Right entitles the Bearer to 50 Acres of his Majesty's Land, as the Consideration for which it is granted, being Certificates of so much paid in for that End.

Upon producing the Order of Council, and these Rights, to the Surveyor of the County in which the Land lies, he is obliged to survey (as soon as prior Entries or Orders will permit) for which his Fee is 500 lbs. of Tobacco, payable beyond the Mountains at 3 Farthings per Pound,

After the Survey is finished, the Party is to return the Plot of the Land with the Rights, to the Secretary's Office, in the General Court next following, and pay the Fee to the Secretary for making out the Patent on Parchment, and recording it in his Office	00	10	6
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And also to the Governor for the Seal, and his signing it	01	01	6
So the whole Charge of 1000 Acres is about 8l. 4s. Sterl. or in Virginia Currency, being 5l. per Oz. Gold, and 6s. 8d. per Oz. Silver	10	04	9

If the Survey is above 1000 Acres, the Surveyor's Fee is 30 lbs. of Tobacco for every 100 Acres more; and, excepting this and the Right Money, the Charge is the same on every Patent above 400 Acres; but that Quantity or under, may be had without the Fee to the Auditor, and that to the Clerk of the Council. The Patentee holds his Land in Fee Simple, to him and his Heirs for ever, from the Date of his Patent upon paying yearly the easy Quit Rent to His Majesty, of One Shilling Sterling for every 50 Acres; and making in 3 Years Time an easy Cultivation on the Land.

And for a further Encouragement to settle on the Waters of Mississippi, the General Assembly have (last November) enacted, "That whereas a considerable Number of Persons, as well his Majesty's natural born Subjects, as foreign Protestants, are willing to come into this Colony, with their Families and Effects, and settle on the Lands near the said Waters, if properly encouraged: It is therefore enacted, That all Persons, being Protestants, who shall settle and reside on any Lands situate to the Westward of the Allegany Ridge, shall be exempted from the Payment of all Public, County, and Parish Levies, for the Term of Fifteen Years next ensuing."

And for a further Encouragement to foreign Protestants, Naturalization is made very easy and cheap to them, and they are allowed all the Indulgences of the Act of Toleration here.

TO BE SOLD, very cheap, A COPPER STILL, that will hold Thirty Gallons. Enquire of Charles Davis, near the Western Branch in Prince George's County.

RAN away from the at Mr. Samuel Galloway's River, in Anne Arundel County, June last, a Servant Man, named about 26 Years of Age, about high, of a swarthy Complexion and wears his own Hair, which had on a grey Fearinging Jacket, a Pair of striped Ticker Trowsers, a Felt Hat, and Negro Shirt, which he took from the Ship, and has gone down the River, and is supposed to have been seen at the Mouth of the River, which he took from the Ship, apprehends the said Servant, and that his Master may have him. Two Pistoles Reward, besides what he may find. *Benja*

STRAYED away from the Subscriber, living in Fredericksburg, about the 18th of May last, a young Mare, about 13 Hands and 1/2 Years old, was trimm'd behind before she went away, was shod before and has a small Switch Tail; but nor Ear-mark'd. And, a Black Star in his Forehead, Part of white, and his near hind Foot Foot Lock Joint, has some white Tail, and paces slow. Whoever Mare and Horse, so as the Owner again, shall have Thirty Shilling Reward. *Arthur*

Conformable to **NOTICE** is hereby given, that there is at the Plantation of the senior, at Queen Anne, in Prince George's County, a small Sorrel Mare and Horse, so as the Owner again, shall have Thirty Shilling Reward. *Arthur*

Conformable to **NOTICE** is hereby given, that there is at the Plantation of the senior, near West River, a small Bay Horse, branded on the near Buttock R H, has his hind Feet are white. The Owner may have him and paying Charge. *Arthur*

THOMAS V. PERUKE-MAKER, formerly Living in BALTIMORE, **HAVING** lately a large Quantity of choice of all Sorts, can now supply his Gentlemen, with all or any so cheap and reasonable as can be had only. *By their humble*

JUST IMPROVED in the Ship TASKER, Capt. from LONDON, and to be scriber, by Wholesale or Retail, change, Gold, Silver, or Paper. **A LARGE** Assortment of European and East-India Goods. *Lancaster*

THERE is now Goal in Alexandria in Virginia, a Servant Man, named who says he belongs to Thomas in Baltimore County, and that the Snow Russell, Captain Brocks River. His Master may pay what the Law allows, this Advertisement, by applying to the Sheriff. *Dan*

Conformable to **NOTICE** is hereby given, that there is in the Possession of the living near Kittuckton Mount, taken up as a Stray, a small Sorrel Mare and Horse, so as the Owner again, shall have Thirty Shilling Reward. *Arthur*