

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, December 9, 1756.

THERE is at the Plantation of John Hall, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, Grey Horse, about 12 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder GG, and on the near Thigh with TF (join'd in one). The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THE Subscriber has, at his Plantation on Patuxent River, opposite to the Baltimore Iron-Works, on Water navigable for Flats and Boats up to the Mill Tail, a compleat well-fitted MERCHANT MILL, with all proper Conveniences, where he will Grind, Bolt and Pack, at Five-pence Half-penny per Bushel. He has also a Cooper, with a Quantity of well-seasoned Staves, and will supply Customers with Barrels, at the common Rates. CHARLES CARROLL.

ALL Persons who have any Claims against the Estate of Dr. Alexander Hamilton, late of this City, deceased, are desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted: And, all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make Payment, without Loss of Time, to MARGARET HAMILTON, Executrix.

THE Subscriber having declined keeping Store at Elk-Ridge Landing, is now removed to Baltimore-Town, where he purposes carrying on Trade as usual. He will purchase Pork and such like Articles. He has also a choice Assortment of European and East-India GOODS suitable to the Season, to be disposed of, at reasonable Rates.

All Persons indebted to him for Goods sold at Elk-Ridge, are required to come and settle, to prevent being sued or warranted. Attendance will be constantly given, for that Purpose, at the Baltimore Store, facing the Bridge, by Their obliged and obedient Servants, D. CHAMBER.

WHEREAS many People in this Province are indebted unto the Subscriber, upon long standing open Accounts, he hereby requests them that they immediately pay off their Balances, or settle them. And as the Importation of Goods is considerably dearer now than formerly, he still continues to sell his Stays at the same Price as before, (which is much cheaper than importing and running the Chance of losing them), to all who pay the Ready Money, and is obliged to raise his Price with those who want Credit; and as he is now in great Want of Cash, to enable him to import Goods for the Carrying on his Business, begs that they would be expeditious in paying off their old Scores, which will much oblige, Their humble Servants, CHARLES WALLACE.

TO BE SOLD, For Bills of Exchange, Sterling Money, Gold, Silver, or Current Money,

TRACT of Land, adjoining to George-Town, in Frederick County, containing 230 Acres or thereabouts, convenient for Trade, with a good Dwelling-House, fifty Feet long and thirty Feet wide, four Rooms on a Floor, with a good Kitchen and Office, with Brick Chimneys. Also one Acre of Ground in George-Town, with two large Inspection-Houses; whither, in a good Crop-Year, come upwards of a Thousand Hogheads of Tobacco. A large Stone-House, adjoining the Inspection-Houses, with a Kitchen and Garden, convenient for a Public-House. Store-Houses, besides, and other improv'd Lots.

One Tract of Land, lying on Goose-Creek, in Prince-George's County, two Miles from George-Town, containing 286 Acres, 80 of which fit for Meadow-Ground; whereon there are two Apple-Orchards and other Improvements: This lies convenient too to the Eastern Branch of Potowmack.

Any Persons inclinable to buy either of the above Tracts of Land, Houses, or improv'd Lots, may apply to the Subscriber, living at the Wood-Yard, in Prince-George's County, Maryland: Where they may be supplied, likewise, with choice NEGROES of either Sex, and of any Age.

GEORGE GORDON. N. B. Any one that buys the Tract of Land and Dwelling-House adjoining to George-Town, shall have Time given him for Payment of Part.

at his Office in Charles-street; at 12 s. 6 d. per Year. ADVERTISEMENTS the first Week, and One Shilling

Mr. GREEN,

WHO would have thought, that the innocent, the falsely-accused Mr. G. J. of Alexandria, would have remained so long silent under the Imputation of a vile and unprovoked Slander upon the whole Irish Nation in general, and upon a very worthy Clergyman of the Church of England in particular, when he had all along the Means of his Justification in his own Hands? Yet so it is; and he hath indeed afforded a very uncommon Instance of his Forbearance and Patience under Injury and Calumny. For after all, Mr. Green, [Mr. G. J. is not the Author of that Letter in your Gazette of February 26th 1756,] there imputed to him. And indeed how can any reasonable Man believe that if he had been guilty of what he is charged with, that he would have uttered himself in, as he doth, betwixt two formidable Quotations from Tully, one in his Front and the other in his Rear, and that he would have been so injudicious in the Choice of his Latin, that the Word Justice, and above all Modesty, should have had a Place in it? In which Situation, tho' his Enemies may think that he figureth like unto those Grub-Worms and other vile Insects that are said sometimes to be found in Amber, to the no small Surprize of the curious Beholder how they should come there, yet I do contend that it is no bad Argument in his Favour that he is for once found in such good Company, tho' it must be confessed that he doth not seem perfectly to agree with them. But moreover you have his own Word for it that he was not the Author, when he was asked by the Gentleman of much Good-Nature (whom some may perhaps maliciously think a Gentleman of as much Credulity as Good Nature if he believed the Answer he received to his Question) and that repeated again in Print, which is no small Confirmation of it, and above all his OATH in open Court, which surely will not be questioned. Yet notwithstanding all this unexceptionable Evidence, I find, for I have been very solicitous for his Character upon this Occasion, that Mr. J's. Enemies entertain unreasonable Suspicions that there is some Subterfuge, some Prevarication, some Equivocation, or mental Reservation at the Bottom; and the rather from the Company which he hath of late been observed much to affect, and the Neighbourhood of a certain College to that Theatre where he so illustriously displays his Talents to the no small Benefit of himself. But there appears to be much of Malice and Calumny in all this; and indeed the Case speaks itself: For how is it possible that Mr. J. could be the Author of that Letter in your Gazette? The Paper upon which that Gazette was Printed; and the Ink which Stained that Paper, could not be that very Ink and Paper which he employed in Writing that polite Letter which is there attributed to him. And tho' it should be further objected, and even proved, that Mr. G. J. had indeed wrote a Letter EXTREMELY TO THE SAME PURPOSE with that in Question, yet I cannot by any Means allow, that the ingenious Author is accountable either for the Blunders of his Editor or Printer: And that there are many gross Hallucinations and Errata in the Annapolis Edition, may appear from comparing it with the Original MS. carefully preserved in Archbishop Col. Portobaccensis Sec. Jesu; from whence I have lately been favoured with an authentic Copy, together with other Papers relating to that furious Persecution which hath been long brewing and gathering in this Province like a Tempest, and which hath at length broke out in the Years 1755 and 6, with the utmost Rage, having a Design to Publish an Historical Narrative of it, and which I take this Occasion to acquaint the Public they may expect as soon as it can be done with Safety: In which will be shown—How that the Rivers Po-

tomack and Patuxent in the Months of March and April 1755 and 6, were stain'd from Shore to Shore,

And ran purple to the Main With the Blood of Heretics slain.

How that a Priest of the Church of Rome could not ride along the Public Road but the Heretics would strait Dog him, and either ride over him or drive him down Precipices of an Hundred Fathoms deep; neither will it be forgotten with what Address and Alacrity the Reverend Father C\*\*\*\*\* made his Retreat and Hair-breadth 'scape as it were from a G\*\*\*\*\*s, higher than that of Haman, which was to have been erected for him at Alexandria, at the Head of the Regiments; with other curious Incidents too numerous to be here particularized. But to return to our present Subject; thus stands the Letter in the Annapolis Edition:

"To Mr. H---y R---r, at Nstley-Hall.

"S I R,

"I HEARD of Brogden's Complaint against you, with very much Concern, because I thought the Church was in Danger; but I read the Depositions of the two Gentlemen that were present, with a Mixture of Pity and Indignation. For let me tell you that I am highly satisfied with your Conduct, and pleased that there is no Foundation for the Complaint: But at the same Time I am concern'd, that so much Rancour, Ill-Nature, Pride, Impudence, Ignorance, and Villainy, should center in the Breast of a Clergyman: And nothing can alleviate the Sorrows I feel upon this Occasion, but the Reflections of his being a Native of Ireland; for sure I am, that no Clergyman, or reasonable Man, of any other Nation, under Heaven, could form a Complaint without the least imaginable Foundation; prefer it to a Court of Justice with the same Degree of Modesty, and swear to it without Resistancy, as it is said he did. For God's sake procure me a Copy of his Complaint, that I may do him Justice amongst my Acquaintance, whenever, for want of better Matter, we descend to such dirty Subjects. I am, Yours, G. J.

"Alexandria, Dec. 20, 1755."

VARIOUS READINGS.

EDIT. ANNAP. "To Mr. H---y R---r, at Nstley-Hall." [MS. PORTOBAC. To H---R---, Esq; at Nstley-Hall.] A gross Error in primo limine enough to damn the Credit of the Annapolitan Edition for ever. EDIT. ANNAP. Line the 6th, "satisfied." [MS. PORTOBAC. satisfied.] EDIT. ANNAP. "and" [MS. PORTOBAC. &.] EDIT. ANNAP. Line 9th, "Villainy." [MS. PORTOBAC. Villainy, &c.] EDIT. ANNAP. "For sure I am, that no Clergyman, or reasonable Man, of any other Nation, under Heaven," &c. In this Passage, which in the Edition of your Press is indeed some-what confus'd, and which the Anonymous Commentator, with some shew of Reason, charges with being upon the confines of Nonsense, and which I expected the MS. PORTOBAC. would certainly have cleared up, I must however do you the Justice to acknowledge, that they agree literatim. In the last Line save one the Annapolis Edition has a gross Blunder in the Punctuation, a Comma inverted. In the Conclusion the EDIT. ANNAP. has it, "I am, Yours, G. J." [MS. PORTOBAC. I am, Sir, your devoted Hble. Servt. Geo. Johnston.]

Thus these several Readings in which your Edition appears to have blunder'd so grossly, and to have departed from the original MS. in Points so essential, will, I suppose, be deemed by every candid Reader, Reason sufficient to justify the learned and polite Author, in disowning the Letter thus mangled, as he doth both in Print and upon Oath, and especially if he hath had the Sanction of the learned Casuists of that Society with whom his MS. is lodged, as would seem to have been the Case. But so far am I from considering Mr. G. J. as the Author of the Letter in your Gazette, that I cannot in Justice but attribute it either to Yourself, or the Anonymous Editor,

if there be any Truth in the Observation of the Epigrammatist Martial;

Quem recitas meus est—Libellus, &c.

you know the rest, and I have of late got a Surfeit of Latin; but I will give you a Translation of it: The Libel, to confess the Truth, was mine, But thy most vile Edition makes it thine.

So that one or the other of you have the best Right to this graceless Brat, which Nobody seems willing to own; which Point you will adjust between you at your Leisure, whilst I proceed to observe further in Favour of Mr. J. that neither is the Identity of the suppos'd Author of the Letter, or the Place from whence it was wrote, so fully ascertain'd, as to exclude all Doubt about them; but indeed far otherwise. For with Respect to the Place, it is well known to those versed in Geography, that there is a City in Egypt of the Name of Alexandria, from whence it is not impossible that this obnoxious Letter may have been wrote. But not to insist farther upon this, let it for once, and for the Sake of Argument, be suppos'd, that the Letter was wrote at Alexandria, in the Colony of Virginia, and not in Egypt; but let it be suppos'd at the same Time, which is no unreasonable Supposition, that the Author might have Occasion to resort, for Instance, to Charles County in Maryland for the Exercise of his Profession of the Law, or to the Frontiers in Frederick County in Virginia for his other of the Sword; during this his Absence and Warfare either of the Tongue or Sword, he could surely with no Propriety be called Mr. J. of Alexandria; as upon a like Occasion when vice versa he left Frederick County, and came to Alexandria, he with great Justice alledged that he was not Mr. J. of Frederick County.

Upon the whole, I think I may fairly conclude, that as the Paper and the Ink which were used in Printing your Gazette of the 26th of February, were not the same Ink and Paper that were employed in Writing the polite Letter in Question; and that as it moreover appears, that many gross Blunders are committed in the Edition of Annapolis, that especially in the Address of the Letter, "To Mr." instead of [H. R. Esq;] and that as Mr. J. appears to have proceeded with the utmost Caution and Regard to Conscience throughout this whole Affair; I say, that upon the whole, I may pretend fairly to have demonstrated, that he is in every Sense and Light fully justifiable in Declaring in Print, and Swearing in open Court, THAT HE WAS NOT THE AUTHOR OF THAT LETTER IN YOUR GAZETTE.

I have other curious Anecdotes and Observations relating to this Subject, with which I may possibly hereafter entertain the Public; if upon this Occasion I receive that proper Tribute of Thanks and Compliments from the Learned World, which I flatter myself it will think me justly entitled to, in having thus cleared up and developed a very intricate and embarrass'd Point of Criticism and polite Literature.

Notwithstanding any seeming Asperity of Expression which may have escaped me in the Course of this Disquisition, with Respect to yourself, good Mr. Green, or the Annapolis Edition, you who know my Infirmity, and that my Zeal for Learning and the Honour of the Press is apt to get the Superiority over my Discretion, will easily Pardon it, when you shall discover that the Author is no other than,

Your affectionate Servant, and Brother, Ex Officiâ nostrâ Ipsi Kal. Dec. WYNKYN DE WORDE.



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