

Should involve them in the Difficulties their Conduct had subjected them to. Shepherdson being now left at Liberty, judg'd it the most prudent Measure to repair to a Magistrate and surrender himself, which he did accordingly. A Jury of Inquest was summoh'd on Monday Afternoon, on the Body of the deceased, who brought in a Verdict, "That Benjamin Hyde, junr. was slain by Jonathan Shepherdson, junr. after a violent Manner." Shepherdson is committed to Taunton Goal. The deceased was about 36 Years of Age; had a Wife and several Children, and was esteem'd a Person of an irreproachable Life.

WILLIAMSBURG, November 2.

About 8 Days ago a Topfail Vessel was seen in the Bay, by some Gentlemen on the Eastern Shore, on Fire, the Wind blowing very hard at N. W. As no Person from on board the Vessel has been heard of, it is thought the Crew must have perished. A good many Hogheads of Tobacco, supposed to belong to this Vessel, have since drove ashore.

On Tuesday last the General Assembly of this Colony met at the Capitol in this City, when his Honour the Governor was pleased to open the Session with the following SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

YOU are now met in General Assembly, after a long Recess, to consider of and go through the Business of the Country, and such other Points as may be offered for your Deliberation. In the Course of this Session many Matters of Importance will come under your Consideration; and by the long previous Notice you have had of the Time of your assembling, I hope I now meet you prepared to undergo with Patience and Cheerfulness the Fatigue which a long Session unavoidably brings with it.

Besides the ordinary Business of the Session, I have it in Charge to lay before you, and earnestly recommend to your most serious Attention, a Proposition made by the Merchants of Great-Britain trading to this Colony to the Right Honourable the Board of Trade, relating to their having their Sterling Debts secured to them by a Payment in Sterling Money: This is reasonable on the Face of it; and the Lords of Trade have left it to you to provide for it yourselves, by any Means you shall think most expedient to effect that Purpose, before they referred the Complaints of the Merchants to the British Parliament. This Lenity of their Lordships demands a suitable Return from you; and that you may be the better enabled to answer their Expectations, I shall immediately lay before you a Minute of the Proceedings of that Right Honourable Board, and the Letter their Lordships have sent to me on that Head. By a new long Experience, I have always found you disposed to do Justice to all Men; and I hope this Disposition will induce you to give that Justice to the Merchants which shall be Satisfactory, not only to his Majesty and his Ministers, but to the Merchants themselves. This Letter I have long since received; but being unwilling to give you an additional Trouble, and create an unnecessary Expence to the Country, I did not immediately convene you, but postponed it to this Time, when it was thought proper you should meet, as I judged this would answer the Purpose intended: But then, Gentlemen, I undertook to answer for you that you should enter upon this Matter immediately on your Meeting, that I might be enabled to transmit to their Lordships your Acts, in Consequence of the Proposition offered you, Time enough for their Lordships to make that Use of them which they shall think proper. That I may perform this Engagement, which I have entered into on your Account, I make no doubt but that you will, without delay, proceed on this Business; and that the Result of your Deliberations will do Honour to yourselves, Justice to the Merchants, and give Satisfaction to the Ministry.

I shall also lay before you a Letter I have very lately received from the Earl of Halifax, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, relative to the Establishment of Ferries, and other Articles for the Convenience of the Post which is designed to be carried on with great Regularity through the vast Continent of North America; which, by our late glorious Successes, is now become Part of his Majesty's Dominions. The Usefulness of a regular Post to a Commercial People is so great, and so well known, that I flatter myself the bare mentioning it, and the laying the Letter before you, will be sufficient, without my saying more on the Subject, to induce you to enter heartily into that Measure.

I have received seven Acts of Parliament passed in the last Session, in which all his Majesty's Colonies are concerned; which I have deposited in the Council Office, as the most proper Place to be ready at Hand for your Inspection, at all Times when you shall have Occasion to look into them.

The Disturbances which the Incursions of the Indians have occasioned in our back Settlements, during the Course of the last Summer, have made it unsafe for me wholly to disband the Militia; but by the Consent, and Advice, of his Majesty's Council, I have repeatedly reduced them as low as the Security of the Inhabitants of the Frontiers would permit: But still I fear the Expences will be found great; though the Bounty of the British Parliament has enabled you to discharge a large Part of it, and thereby reduced the Levies to be laid on the People, to defray these unhappy, though necessary Expences. But,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

There will still remain a Part to be raised on the Inhabitants, which it is your Duty to provide for, in the doing which I have no Reason to Doubt of your Tenderness to the People; whose Duty it is, on their Part, to submit with Cheerfulness to Expences originally undertaken for their own Defence.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the House of Burgesses, My Regard for the Welfare of this Colony is, I hope, too well known at this Day to admit of a Doubt: All I ask in return is that you should all of you collectively, and every one particularly, engage earnestly in the Work before you; and with serious Attention, cool Deliberation, zealous Affection to his Majesty, and a salutary Unanimity, go through the important Points recommended to you, and all other Matters which shall occasionally offer themselves for your Determination.

To the Hon. FRANCIS FAYQUIER, Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA!

The Humble ADDRESS of the COUNCIL.

WE his Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Council of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to return your Honour our sincere Thanks for your very kind Speech at the Opening of this Session.

Highly sensible of the Importance of the Business recommended to our Consideration, we shall most cheerfully concur in such Measures as we shall judge conducive to maintain the Honour of the Crown, and promote the Prosperity of this Country.

Your Regard for the Welfare of the Colony is too well known to admit of a Doubt: Therefore permit us, Sir, to express our grateful Sense of your just Administration, and to assure your Honour of our Readiness to render it easy and agreeable.

To which his HONOUR was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Council,

I RETURN you Thanks for your very affectionate Address. You may rely on my Endeavours to render my Administration just and equitable; and nothing can more effectually contribute to make it easy to me than your hearty Concurrence in Measures calculated to promote the Honour of the Crown, and the Prosperity of the Colony; both of which I have much at Heart.

NEW-YORK, November 1.

We hear from New-Jersey, that on Wednesday, the 24th ultimo, a Boy, about 12 Years of Age, Son of Mr. Samuel Marsh of Woodbridge, being on the fore Horse of a Team with a loaded Waggon, descending a Hill, the Horse fell, and threw him, and before he could recover himself the Waggon went over his Breast, and crush'd him to Death instantly. The same Afternoon three other Boys nearly of the same Age, each with a Team, hearing of the Accident, call'd in at Mr. Marsh's House to look at the Deceased as he lay dead in the Houfe. After they went away, one of the Boys said to the other, that the Deceased must have been foolish, else that after the Horse fell he might have got out of the Way of the Waggon. Some time after on the Road, the Boy who had made this Observation, fell from his Cart, the Wheel of which went over him, he got up and run a little Way, and then fell and immediately expired.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8.

Yesterday BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; appointed an Agent for this Province at the Court of Great Britain, set out for Chester, in order to embark on board the King of Prussia, Capt. Robinson, for London; when he was accompanied by a great Number of the reputable Inhabitants, from both City and County.

Saturday the 27th of last Month, about Noon, a Fire broke out in the Court-House in Perth-Amboy, which entirely consumed all the Wooden Work of it. The Fire first began in the Cupola, to which it was supposed to have been carried by the high Wind from a Spark out of one of the Chimnies; and tho' it was discovered before it got to any Height, yet so: Want of an Engine, and by the Steepness of the Roof, all Endeavours to extinguish it were ineffectual.

The same Night departed this Life, at Perth-Amboy, after a lingering Illness, the Honourable SAMUEL NEVILL, Esq; Second Judge of the Supreme Court of the Province of New-Jersey: He was turn'd of 66 Years of Age, and had long sustained the Office of a Judge with unblemish'd Integrity and Honour: He was also a Proprietor of the Eastern Division; and was many Years one of the Representatives in Assembly, in which Station he often fill'd the Speaker's Chair with Dignity and Applause: And the City of Perth-Amboy lose in him their Mayor. In all his Offices he was a faithful Friend and Servant to the Publick, and his Death in that Province is universally regretted.

Tuesday Morning last a melancholy Sight was discovered in the House of one William Peterkop, a Skinner, in Wood-street, in the Northern Liberties of this City, himself and two Children lying dead on the Bed, and his Wife in a speechless Condition. The Coroner's Inquest found the Cause of their Death to be Suffocation by a Pot of Charcoal in the Room, which was close. They all appear'd to have been vomiting, or striving to vomit; the Woman is since dead.

ANNAPOLIS, November 15.

On Monday last his Excellency our Governor was pleased to issue his Proclamation for Dissolving the General Assembly of this Province.

And Writs are Issued for a General Election, Returnable the 24th Day of December.

Monday the 26th of this Instant is fix'd for the City Election:

And Monday the 3d of December is appointed for the Election of Members for this County.

On Tuesday Evening last Week, a horrid Murder was committed in Prince-George's County, by

a young Negro Fellow of Mr. Gantt's, on Mr. Thomas Soper, an Overseer of Mr. Cooke's, a Man of a good Character, Sober, Honest and Industrious, and who had a Wife and two or three Children. We cannot learn that there had been any Provocation, and Mr. Soper was never able to speak after he was stabb'd. The Negro is in Jail, and has confessed the Fact.

Last Week, Mr. DARBY LUX, of Barbadoes, Merchant, was Married, in Baltimore County to Miss RACHEL RIDGELY, a very amiable young Lady, with a Fortune of £. 2000 Sterling.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to his Excellency the Governor, by ROBERT HERON, Esq; Collector of Potomack, That on or about the 8th Day of October past, there was Stolen out of, and taken away from the Inspection House at Vienna on Nanticoke River, Nine Hogheads and One Barrel of Molasses, which had by him been seiz'd for the King's Use, for want of legal Entry: His Excellency therefore, in order that the said Villainy may be Detected, and any of the Authors thereof duly Punished, doth hereby Promise his Lordship's Pardon, to any one of the Parties concerned therein, who shall Discover his or their Accomplice or Accomplices in the said Theft, so that he or they may be convicted thereof.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Con.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

As a further Encouragement, I hereby Promise the above Reward of Fifty Dollars, to any Person who shall make a Discovery of the above Villainy, so that any of the Parties concerned be brought to condign Punishment. ROBERT HERON.

WHEREAS a Letter has been lately wrote to Mr. William Woodward, senior, of ANNAPOLIS, with my Name subscribed to it, injurious to him, and very prejudicial to my Character.

Any Person who can give such Information of the Author, to the Subscriber, as will enable him to bring him to Justice, and convict him of the Forgery, shall receive TEN PISTOLES Reward. FREDERICK VICTOR.

ANNAPOLIS, November 12, 1764.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER, for Ready Cash,

FIFTY-ONE Hogheads or Tierces of good Molasses at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling per Gallon, and will take in Pay, Pistoles at 16 $\frac{1}{6}$, and Dollars at 4 $\frac{1}{6}$ Sterling. Also good Rum at 2 $\frac{1}{9}$ Currency per Gallon.

(3rd)

RICHARD MACRUBIN.

Baltimore County, November 11, 1764.

RAN away last Night from Northampton Iron-Works, an Irish Convict Servant Man, named Cornelius Trimble, a Coach Harness-maker by Trade, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a sandy Complexion: Had on & with him, a light colour'd close-bodied Coat, red Jacket and Breeches, new white Kersey Breeches, old grey Worsted Stockings, new Negro Shoes, with Straps lately sew'd to them, Osnabrigs Shirt, half worn Castor Hat, and brown Cat Wig. He has a large Scar over his Forehead, occasioned by his Skull being fractured, which is therefore very soft. It is supposed he has a forged Pass.

Whoever secures the said Servant, so at his Masters get him again, shall have, if taken Ten Miles from home, 30 Shillings; if out of the County, 3 Pounds; if out of the Province Four Pounds; and reasonable Charges if brought home; paid by the Owner. CHARLES RIDGELY, & Co.

(1st)

THERE is at the Plantation of Mrs. Mary Carter, on the Fork of the Cool Spring Road, in Charles County, a dark Bay Horse about 13 Hands high, with a Bob Tail, but no Brand.

Likewise, at the same Plantation, taken up by George Moore, a Bay Horse about 12 Hands high; branded thus \odot on the near Shoulder, has a Star in his Forehead, a Snip on his Nose, and one Glass Eye.

The Owner or Owners may have them again, on proving Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of Robert Saxatris, at Bennet's Creek, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a Dark colour'd Mare, about 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hands high, a Star in her Forehead, one Eye branded on the off Buttock S, about 3 Year old, and had a good Bell on.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

RAN away from the Snowden's Iron-Works, on the 10th Day of October last, a Cow named Mary Brady, about 6 Years of Age, Face, fresh Colour, broad Nose, a remarkable thick set: Had on when she was taken up, a Cotton Gown, full of blamity Ditto, a black Quilted Country Cloth Ditto, a Shift, English Shoes, and dry other Things.

Whoever takes up and serves her, shall receive Forty Shillings, and find what the Law allows. (W²)

THERE is at the Plantation of the Head of Arundel County, Two Stray Cows with both Ears cut off the under Side of the Mouth.

The other a Heifer, with one left Ear, and a Piece stop'd off the right Ear.

The Owner or Owners on proving Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation near Bigg Hunting Creek, from Frederick-town, taken up, a Mare, branded on the off Ear, and joined in one, about 13 Years old, and has a Star in her forehead.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation near Dorsey, on Elk-Ridge, a Bay Mare about 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hands high, with a Star in her forehead, dock'd nor branded.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, ANNAPOLIS.

WINDOW GLASS, Candy, Indigo Blue, Cap Wire, Writing Paper, extraordinary Red Port Wine. (1st)

CASH for BILLS of Exchange, Enquire at the PRINTER.

To be CHARTERED.

A Sloop of 60 Tons, just arrived, deemed to be the best for Trade. For Terms apply to HAMMOND, at Severn.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, VENDOR, at the Head of the Orrick, in Baltimore-Town, on the 1st day in December next, a Parcel of 12000 Sterling Cash.

FIVE Hundred Acres of Land, of the Tract which I call THE LAND OF PROMISE: To be sold at any Time, by applying to the Subscriber. (4th) NICHOLSON.

RAN away from the Subj. on the 10th Day of October last, a Convict named Margaret Cane, a tall brown Hair, dark Complexion, the Small-Pox, her little Fingers in the Palm of her Left Hand, branded by a Burn when a Child she went away, was a blue Linen ditto, a stamp Cotton Jacket, a Check Apron, a Womans old Shift.

Whoever secures the said Convict, shall have SIX DOLLARS Reward, brought to the Subscriber, in Charles County, the above Reward, paid by the Subscriber. N. B. She is fond of Drunken Company much, and all Matters forewarned carrying her off at her own Peril.