

ting to the Circumstances that attended the Passing of that Bill, were extremely erroneous. That there was no such Observation, during the Debate, made by any Member in the House, as, *that where the Colonies stand on such high Pretensions of Independency on the Supreme Legislative Authority of Great-Britain, there is no moderating any Thing.* That it was so far from being true, that at the Debate in the House, when the Resolves passed, not a Man spoke who did not declare his Opinion that America ought to be taxed, that the Speakers in favour of the Colonies were more numerous than their Opposers, much better Speakers, and incomparably superior in Point of Argument, tho' out number'd by the ministerial Party, and Dependents upon Court-Favour.

The Bill was introduced by Mr. Grenville, Chancellor of the Exchequer, with a long Speech, more specious than solid, [the Substance of which, and of all the Arguments of the other Speakers in favour of the Bill, we are informed are contain'd, in almost their very Words, in a Pamphlet published in London.] Several Members then spoke on each Side the Question, but the most remarkable in favour of the Colonies was Colonel BARRÉ, [a Gentleman of the Army, Member for the Borough of Chipping Wycomb, in the County of Bucks; he was a Major and an Adjutant General at the taking of Quebec, where he was wounded, and for his Services was rewarded with the Place of Governor of a Castle; but was dismissed from it on his voting against some ministerial Measures.] He made a most excellent Speech, wherein he asserted the Colonies Rights, urged their Services and Importance to Great-Britain, repented the Hardships and Indignities that had been put upon them, particularly, in cramping their Trade, in extending the Jurisdiction of the Court of Admiralty, (so that a Man might be called 1500 Miles, from Georgia, to answer an Information laid against him in Halifax) and in the Appointment of Persons to Places of high Trust and Importance without either Characters or Qualifications to fill them with Dignity, or discharge the necessary Duties.—He mentioned the Appointment of a Judge for one of the Colonies, who he said to his certain Knowledge had not long before been obliged to hold up his Hand at a Bar.—He observed that Great-Britain called herself the Mother Country, but cautioned her to beware that she did not give the Colonies just Reason to think her rather a cruel Step-Dame than a Mother; he said they had been planted with little or no Cost to Great-Britain, many of them without any, and had amply repaid her by their Trade, for all the Services she had ever done them? That the very Charges of the War for which the Tax was proposed to be raised, was for her own sake not theirs, who had likewise been at great Expences on their own Account in the same Cause; and that it was more unreasonable to impose a Tax on them for defending them, than it would have been to demand a Reimbursement of the Expences of defending Portugal and Germany. He said the Americans were a brave People, inflexibly loyal, and affectionately attached to his Majesty's Person and Family, and the British Constitution; and still retain'd that high Sense and Estimation of Freedom, and their native Rights, to preserve which they quitted their native Country, and fled to a Wilderness inhabited by barbarous Savages, whom they chose to encounter rather than bear Oppression; And that if they were permitted peaceably to enjoy their Rights, they would in a few Years be the strongest Bulwark to the British Monarchy. That in a late War they had defended themselves, without any Assistance from Great-Britain, and by taking Cape-Breton had given Peace to England: In short, it was observed of this Gentleman, that he said all that could be expected or desired from a warm Friend to the Colonies, heartily attach'd to, and acquainted with their Interests.—And for his disinterested Endeavours in Defence of constitutional Rights, and the injured Colonies, deserves to have Statues erected to his Honour.

We are further informed, that tho' every Art had been used to make the Stamp Duty a popular Measure, yet that in a full House, supposed to be about 400, there was but a Majority of about 40 Voices in favour of the Bill.—[other Accounts indeed mention that there was about 40 against the Bill on a Division, but both the Accounts may possibly be right, for when the Majority is certainly known, many that voted with the Minority do not divide with them.] Without Doors we hear, every Person who was at all qualified to form any Judgment of the Matter, seem'd unanimous in favour of the Colonies. And it was hoped they would assert their Rights, by Resolves enter'd

on the Journals of their several Houses of Assembly, and remonstrate by Petitions to his Majesty and the other Branches of the Legislature, and by every Means in their Power endeavour to frustrate the Designs form'd to deprive them of one of the most valuable Blessings that God has bestowed upon them, and reduce them to a Level with abject Slaves that groan under the Tyranny of the most arbitrary Monarchs in the Universe.

ANNAPOLIS, May 16.
Monday last arrived here in Eleven Weeks from Falmouth, Capt. Thomas Jarrold, who brings a melancholy Account of the Plague being broke out at Scilly. He saw a Letter from a Gentleman in Penzance, to the Collector at Falmouth, requesting him to send immediately to London, for Orders to stop the Communication; there being a Report that Half the Inhabitants, among whom were the Collector, Surveyor and Comptroller, were then carried off by it. They were taken with a violent Pain in the Back, Fever, and Dizziness, and rarely surviv'd Twenty-four Hours. A Vessel from the Levant, had been lost on the Rocks of Scilly, from which there had drove ashore some Cottons, and it was supposed they had thereby caught the Distemper. In 1665, there was a dreadful Plague in London, whereof Died about 100,000.

Last Saturday, at the Mouth of Hungre-River in Dorchester County, the Ship Sally, a fine new Vessel, lately Built here, chiefly of Cedar and Mahogany, completely Loaded and Fitted for Sea, took Fire, and was Burnt to the Water's Edge, nothing but one Sail, which happen'd to be unburnt, and one Cable and the Anchors, were saved. Only the Mate and Two Hands were on Board, the Master being then on the Western Shore, having, with the Owner, left her but Two Days, and the rest of the People being on Shore filling their Water Casks. This Disaster, it is said, was occasioned by the Fire from the Camboose, which was carelessly left, and fell out, and communicated itself to the Rigging, while the three People were Below, and had got to such a Head when discovered, that it was unquenchable.

We are informed from undoubted Authority, that a few Weeks ago, a Batteau, loaded with Iron, was navigated from the HAMPTON-FURNACE on Pipe-Creek, to the Mouth of Manockasy in Frederick County.

At a Special Court lately held at Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, Fleetwood Benson was convicted of Horse-stealing, and received Sentence of Death.

John Davis was set in the Pillory for a Riot in the County Jail.

Two Persons were convicted of keeping Disorderly Houses.

And John Farrin was Sentenced to One Year's Imprisonment, and then to find Security for his Good Behaviour, for Cutting off Both the Ears of his Wife, and One of her Toes.

WHEREAS John Smith Prather, late of Prince-George's County, deceased, did, on the 15th Day of April, Anno Domini 1763, give his Bond to the Subscriber, obliging himself, his Heirs, or Assigns, under a certain Penalty therein expressed, to convey to the Subscriber, by or before the 10th Day of December next ensuing the Date thereof, all that Tract or Parcel of Land, which was then in the Possession of Jeremiah Prather, junior, being Part of a Tract of Land called Sprigg's Request, lying and being in Prince-George's County aforesaid, containing One Hundred and Eleven Acres; and whereas the said John Smith Prather died before conveying the said Land to the Subscriber, and without making any Mention thereof in his Will; by which Means it is apprehended the said Prather's Heir at Law may claim a Right to the said Land when he comes of Age; and whereas the Subscriber has, since the Decease of the said John Smith Prather, paid to his Executrix, the Purchase Money for said Land, for which he has her Receipt, and also her Bond, obliging the Heir when of Age to convey to the Subscriber: He therefore takes this Method of acquainting the Public with the whole Transaction, in order to prevent any Purchase being made from the Heir at Law, as it may be a Means of throwing the Purchaser and the Subscriber into a contentious Law Suit. (3rd) RICHARD DUCKETT.

JOLLY CHESTER,
BELONGING to the Subscriber, and to Cover this Season at Two Guineas and a Half, and Five Shillings to the Groom; the Money to be paid at the Stable Door. He will be kept at Benjamin Calvert's, Esq; in Prince-George's County. (1st) WILLIAM YELDELL.

PREROGATIVE OFFICE.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned, That the Prerogative Court of this Province, which was to have met on this Day, is on Account of the Small-Pox being yet in Town, Adjourned to Wednesday the 19th Day of June next. (Signed per Order) ELIE VALLETTE, Reg. Cur. Pro.

BALTIMORE-TOWN, April 20, 1765.
BY Virtue of his Lordship's Writ of Vendition Exponas, to me directed, will be Exposed to Sale, by Public Vendue, on Monday the Twenty-seventh Day of May next, on the Premises, Twenty Acres of LAND; with a commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, Orchard, Kitchen, Store-House, Cooper's Shop, Stable, and other Out-Houses: Also, A Compleat MERCHANT MILL, on a good Stream of Water, on the Head of Swan-Creek, with Two Pair of Stones, in good Repair, fit for Merchant and Country Business, pleasantly situated, in a fine Grain Country, and a good Neighbourhood, and within a Mile of Susquehanna Lower Ferry, and Half a Mile of a good Landing on Swan-Creek; being late the Property of Samuel Hill, and taken in Execution by Nicholas Maccaubin of Annapolis, and Sold agreeable to Act of Assembly, by ROBERT ADAIR, Sheriff of Baltimore County.

BALTIMORE-TOWN, May 1, 1765.
THIS is to desire all Persons Indebted to me, either upon Mortgage, Bill of Sale, Bond, Protested Bill, Note, or open Accounts, to come immediately and pay the same, or settle to my Satisfaction. Attendance will be constantly given, at my Store in Baltimore-Town, by Mr. William Goodwin, who is authorized in the Time of my Absence from said Store, to adjust and settle all Accounts, &c. whose Receipt shall be good for all Payments made to him: And Notice is hereby given to all such Persons as neglect to comply with the above Request, that the proper Suits at Law will be immediately commenced against them, by (4th) J. RIDGELY.

THOMAS SMITH, from Philadelphia, and NATHANIEL BUNKER, from New-England, COOPERS,
HAVE just open'd their Cooper's-Shop, at the lower End of Prince-George's Street, on the Dock in ANNAPOLIS, where all Persons may be supplied with CASKS of any Sort or Size, and with any Quantity, done in the best Manner, and at the most reasonable Rates, by Their humble Servants, SMITH & BUNKER. (6th)

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER, COFFEE, CHOCOLATE, Leaf SUGAR, the Hundred or single Loaf, Lisbon LEMONS by the Chest or Dozen, Barrell'd PORK, FLOUR, Ship BREAD; likewise, Black and White OAKUM. (4th) SAMUEL MIDDLETON.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, by the Subscriber, on the 22d Day of August next, being the 3d Day of Court, at the House of Mr. Arthur Charlton, in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, for Sterling Money, or Bills of Exchange.

A VERY valuable Tract of LAND called Aix-la-Chapelle, containing 1792 Acres, being and lying in Frederick County, on the main Branch of Seneca, and near the Mouth of the said Branch; the Land is well wooded and watered. One Year's Credit will be given, for one Half of the purchase Money (if desired) upon giving good Security, and paying Interest. (1st) CHARLES CARROLL, junr.

STRAYED from the Subscriber's on Bush Creek, in Frederick County, last Month, a thin Mouse colour'd Horse, about 14 Hands high, paces naturally, his Brand, if any, forgot.

Also a well made Iron Grey Horse, about 13 Hands high, paces and trots, branded on the near Buttock T I.

Both of them were shod before, and are supposed to have made towards Calvert County.

Whoever will deliver them to Benjamin Jobbins, near Calvert County Court-House, Thomas Jobbins in Annapolis, or the Subscriber, shall be paid Thirty Shillings, or Fifteen Shillings for either; or if Information is given where they may be sent for, the Favour will be thankfully acknowledged, by (1st) M^r Tho: Jobbins, JAMES JOBBINS.

JUST IMPORTED DOCTOR JAMES'S POWDERS Sold at a cheaper Rate than the Powder commanded in Stores. Enquire at the Printing Office.

JUST IMPORTED, And to be Sold by the Subscriber at Upper-Lough and Queen-Anne, for Cash, Whiskey, Corn, &c.

GOOD old Barbados Spirit in Barrels, and Philadelphia Rum, Mazerade, Single Refin'd Ditto, Coffee, Candles, Soap, &c. and Fine Salt.

He will be obliged to his Customers at Anne for Dealings in his Store in June 1st come, settle, and pay off their Accounts, in Bills, Wheat, or Indian Corn. (3rd) WILLIAM PA...

THE Sloop Benjamin Young Comd will sail from Patuxent River Philadelphia by the first of Any Gentlemen wanting Goods from thence for Patuxent may have them shipped on reasonable Freight. (3rd) WILLIAM PA...

JUST IMPORTED from GLASGOW in the Snow Cathcart, WILLIAM GILBERT, Master.

FEW Lumping Parcels of GOODS well Assorted, which will be Sold readily, for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco. Any Person inclinable to purchase one or more Parcels, may see the Invoices, and know the Terms, by applying to Daniel Jenifer, Esq; Port-Tobacco, or the said Giltison on board the Snow at Nanjemo. N. B. The Snow is Loading for Glasgow and will take some Tobacco on Freight at Six Pence Sterling, with Liberty of Consignment. (2nd)

Patowmack River, George-Town, April 29,

ON the First Monday in June next, will be exposed to Public SALE, on the Patowmack River, One very valuable LOT in George-Town, 12 in Front, and 216 Feet in Depth, whereon is a new Dwelling-House, 28 by 18 Feet, with Brick Chimnies, and a good Cellar under Part of the House, a new House design'd for a Kitchen, and a very large new Bark House: There is also on the same Lot, a very commodious Tannery, having a constant Stream running through it. At the same Time will be SOLD, the Personal Estate of William Ducker, deceased, late of George-Town, Tanager, consisting of two young Negroes (one a Boy about 7 Years old, the other a Girl about 9 Years old,) Household Furniture, Hogs, a Quantity of Tann'd Leather, and a Cart well shod.

All Persons who have any legal Claim against the Estate of the said William Ducker, are desired to give them in to the Subscribers, that they may be adjusted and paid when Assets. And all Persons who are Indebted to the said Estate are desired to charge what they owe immediately, or such other Particulars will be taken, that may be equally disagreeable to them, as to (3rd) M^r J. P. ...

MARY DUCKER, Administratrix, JOSIAH BEALL, ROBERT PETER, Administrators.

RAN away on the 18th Day of April last, a Country-born Negro Man named Charles, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high, well made, a plausible sensible Fellow, very strong of Limb, and very talkative and fond of Strong Liquor, and plays very well on the Violin. Had on a dyed Cotton Coat and Breeches, a Jacket, good Shoes and Stockings, a Felt Hat, and several good Cloaths with him.

Whoever will deliver him to me, living at the lower Part of Frederick County, shall have Five Shillings Reward, paid by (1st) M^r J. P. ...

MIRIAM RICHARDSON

RAN away from the Subscriber, a Negro Man named Simon, a likely young Fellow, about 5 Feet 6 or 10 Inches high, well made. Had on a Sailor's Jacket, good Yarn Stockings and Shoes. Whoever secures the said Slave, so that he may be brought or conveyed to the Subscriber at Patuxent River, in Dorchester County, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by (1st) REGINALD GRANT.

Reginald Grant