

like the tenderest and best of Mothers, she has long fostered and powerfully supported me. But it was the inordinate Love of Gold which led me astray, from Honour, Virtue, and Patriotism.

As I am now to suffer the Punishment so great an Offender deserves, I hope my Fate will instruct Tyranny and Avarice, that VIRGINIA is determined to be FREE.

Quid non Mortalia Peccata cogis? 434
Auri sacra Fames?

Love fix it certain, that whatever Day,
Makes Man a Slave, takes half his Worth away.

PHILADELPHIA, October 10.

ON Saturday the 5th inst. the Ship Royal Charlotte, Capt. Holland, came up to this City, attended by his Majesty's Ship Sardine, James Hawker, Esq; Commander. Capt. Holland having brought from London the Stamp'd Papers for Maryland, New-Jersey and this Province, remained some Time at New-Castle on Delaware, under Protection of the Man of War. On the first Appearance of those Ships round Gloucester Point, all the Vessels in the Harbour hoisted their Colours half Mast high, the Bells begun to Ring, being first Muffled, and continued so until the Evening, and every Countenance added to the Appearance of sincere Mourning for the approaching Loss of LIBERTY. At Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, several Thousand Citizens met at the State-House, to consider the proper Ways and Means for preventing that unconstitutional Act of Parliament (the STAMP-ACT) being carried into Execution; the first Measure was to send Seven of their Number to Mr. HUGHES, Stamp-Distributor for this Province, to request he would resign that Office. He assured them, no Act of his should tend to carry that Law into Execution here; until it was generally complied with in the other Colonies, but refused to sign any Resignation at that Time for various Reasons which he assigned: On the Gentlemen's Return to the State-House, and reporting this Answer, the Company were instantly transported with Resentment, and it is impossible to say what Lengths their Rage might have carried them, had not the Gentlemen who waited on Mr. HUGHES represented him in the Light he appeared to them; At the Point of Death! his Situation raised their Compassion, and they happily communicated their Feelings to all the People assembled, and instead of the Multitude repairing instantly to his House for a positive Answer, they agreed to make their Requisition in writing, and gave Mr. HUGHES until Monday Morning to make Reply; in Consequence of this Determination, a short Paper was instantly drawn up and sent him, and on Monday Morning the Deputies received from him a Writing which was brought to the Court-House, and there read aloud to a vast Concourse of People, as follows,

WHEREAS, about Six o'Clock on Saturday Evening last, a Paper was sent to me, expressing, that "a great Number of the Citizens of Philadelphia assembled at the State-House, do demand of Mr. JOHN HUGHES, Distributor of Stamps for Pennsylvania, that he will give them Assurance under his Hand, that he will not execute that Office, and expect that he will give them a fair, candid, and direct Answer by Monday next, Ten o'Clock, when he will be waited on for that Purpose."

Saturday, October 5, 1765.

I DO THEREFORE return for Answer to those Gentlemen, and all their Associates, that I have not hitherto taken any Step tending to put the late Act of Parliament into Execution in this Province, and that I will not either by Myself or my Deputies, do any Act or Thing, that shall have the least Tendency to put the said Act into Execution in this Province, until the said Act shall be put into Execution generally in the neighbouring Colonies, and this I am determined to abide by.

And whereas my Commission includes the Three Counties of New-Castle, Kent, and Sussex, upon Delaware, I do therefore hereby, voluntarily, inform the good People of those Counties, that no Act of Mine shall, either directly or indirectly, involve them into any Difficulties, with Respect to the said STAMP ACT, before the same shall take Place generally in the neighbouring Colonies.

JOHN HUGHES.
This Paper from Mr. HUGHES at First gained the Approbation of Three Huzzas, but we find many People much dissatisfied with it since, as they think he ought to have resigned his Office without Reservation; and from the Spirit which

discovers itself amongst all Ranks of People, we have Reason to think this Declaration would not have quieted the Inhabitants, had Mr. HUGHES been in better Health. Capt. Hawker having taken the Stamp'd Papers on board his Majesty's Ship, prevents them from being exposed to the Resentment of an injured and enraged People. Thus have we, in some Degree, followed the Example of our fellow Sufferers in the neighbouring Colonies, and the cool-thinking People amongst us congratulate themselves and their Country on finding Spirit enough exerted to put us on the same Footing with the rest of the Continent; and that this was done by Men, who had Moderation not to proceed to any unnecessary Acts of Violence. It may not be amiss to inform the Public, that Mr. HUGHES, did declare upon his Honour, that he would not receive or take any Charge of the Stamp'd Paper, and as we have no Reason to doubt his firm Adherence to any Resolution he makes, we think there is no Danger of their being distributed in this Province.

ANNAPOLIS, October 17.

Sunday Evening last, about IX o'Clock, a Man was knock'd down at the Head of the Dock in this City, by two Men, who Robb'd him of his Watch and some Money, and got off undisturbed; but one very noted Person for Roguery, who is suspected, is since gone off to the Northward, with a Woman whom he calls his Wife.

On Monday Evening last, about VIII or IX o'Clock, the Dwelling-House of Mr. Benjamin Wells, near the Head of South River, accidentally took Fire, when both himself and Wife were from Home, and burnt to the Ground, and likewise the Kitchen; by which he has suffer'd a Loss of 5 or 600-Pounds.

Several very considerable Traders [in the Way of Receiving Stolen Goods] have lately been found out in this Town, and remov'd from their Lodgings to the Prison. A Man and his Wife, of the Name of Burt, were discovered to have follow'd that Business for a good while, by a Convict Servant Woman, who lay at the Point of Death, but being very uneasy in her Mind, she sent for her Mistress, and confess'd, that she had often wrong'd her Master and her, by the Persuasion of those People, by Stealing of Pewter, Candlesticks, Pillows, Sheets, Pillow-Cases, &c. &c. and that they wanted her to Steal a Bed, but she told them she could not get it out of the Window: She soon after Died: Search was made accordingly, some of the Things found, and the Wretches were Yesterday committed to Jail.

We hear that a Petition will be prefer'd to the Assembly, next Session, Signed by all the Magistrates of Baltimore County, and a great many Others, Praying that they may have Leave to Erect a House for the Poor of that County. [See the Letter and Estimation from thence, on the first Page of this Sheet.]

The Author of the Piece signed LOYAL PATRIOT, is come to Hand; but is too long to be inserted,—And our Readers have had better Performances.

The sensible Letter from VIRGINIA, without a Name, complaining of the Want of a FREE PRESS, and Treating on the British-American Constitution and Privileges, should have been Publish'd, if we could; but it is doubted whether it can or not, as it is long and we have much to do, and but a short Time left: Two Weeks more will bring on the—FIRST OF NOVEMBER.

ALL Persons Indebted for the Maryland GAZETTE, &c. &c. are earnestly requested to be speedy in making Payment.

THE MEMBERS of the MISSISSIPPI COMPANY are desired to give their Attendance at Stafford Court-House, in Virginia, on Friday the 22d Day of November next, on special Business. By Order of the Committee,
W. A. Stewart. WILLIAM LEE, Secretary.

RAN away, from the Subscriber living in Annapolis, about six Days past, a young Country-born Negro Man, named Harry, he is of a yellowish Complexion, near 6 Feet high, brisk and active: Had on and took with him, a Wig, a new Felt Hat, a grey Pea Jacket, red Waistcoat and Breeches, and a Pair of dark colour'd Breeches, white Yarn Stockings, new Negro Shoes, two Os-nabrigs Shirts, and a light colour'd Coat.

Whoever takes up the said Negro, and delivers him to me, at Annapolis, shall have THREE POUNDS Reward, paid by
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NICHOLAS MACCUBBIN.

N. B. He was seen at Mr. Samuel Maynell's, near Frederick-Town, on his Way up the Country.

WHEREAS a malicious, false, and scandalous Report hath been raised and propagated by several Persons unknown, tending to injure and depreciate the Character of Mr. Richard Sappington, of Anne-Arundel County, of and concerning a Deed of Gift, made by his late Father John Sappington, deceased, to his said Son Richard Sappington, and his Grand Children, &c. &c. That the said John Sappington should, in his Lifetime, declare, That he had never executed any such Deed of Gift, and if he did That, he knew not what was in it.

The following Deposition hath been taken, by which it plainly appears, that the said Report is false and villainous.—The Deposition of Thomas Fowler of Anne-Arundel County, Planter, aged 65 Years, or thereabouts, being first sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty GOD, deposeth, and saith, "That he was personally acquainted with John Sappington, deceased, the Father of Richard Sappington, and attended him in his last Illness." This Deponent further saith, that in Conversation with the said John Sappington, about a Deed of Gift, formerly made by him to his Grand Children, and his Son Richard Sappington; the said John Sappington, told this Deponent, at several different Times before his Death, and at the Time of his last Illness, "That he (the said John Sappington) had said more about the Deed of Gift to his Son, and Grand Children, than he ought to have said, but he hoped GOD would forgive him for it, and that what he had said about the Deed, was for Peace Sake in his Family, and among his Friends." This Deponent further saith, that the said John Sappington, further told this Deponent, "That he, the said John Sappington, very well remembered what he did, and that it was to content his Mind, and that he had, by that Deed of Gift, given Forty Pounds to the Children of his Son John, and Twenty-five Pounds to his Grandson John Sappington, as also a Feather Bed and Furniture, and a Negro Girl called Moll, and that the Money was to be paid by his Son Richard; and that he had, by the said Deed, given the Remainder of all he had to his Son Richard, which he hoped would make him amends for all his Trouble." And further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn before
ROBERT COUDEN. | his
October 12, 1765. | THOMAS FOWLER
Mark.

NATHANIEL TWEEDY, DRUGGIST.
At the Golden Eagle, in Market-Street, near the Court-House, PHILADELPHIA; has just imported from LONDON, &c.

EVERY large and universal Assortment of DRUGS and MEDICINES of every Kind now in Use; together with Shop Furniture, Apothecaries Apparatus, Surgeons Instruments of all Kinds; a general Assortment of Patent or Family Medicines, Medicine Chests for Families of all Prices, with proper Directions, Perfumery, &c. &c. As the said TWEEDY imports many of his Drugs immediately from the Place of their Growth, and prepares most of his Chymical and Galenical Medicines himself, it enables him to sell on the lowest Terms; and as Cash is scarce, and likely to be more so, he will take for Pay any Country Produce; such as Wheat, Oats, Corn, &c. &c. delivered in PHILADELPHIA, at the Market Prices: Any Command he is favoured with shall be faithfully executed, with every Thing genuine, and forwarded by the first Opportunity.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near the Mouth of Monocacy, in Frederick County, some Time about the latter End of May, or the beginning of June last, a black Mare, she is Three Years old last Grass, paces naturally, about 12 and a Half or 13 Hands high, has a very small Star on her Forehead, dock'd and branded on the near Buttock I C but not plain, has very small Leggs, and round Hoofs. Whoever will return her to the Subscriber on Monocacy aforesaid, or give Information, so that he may get her again, shall receive Ten Shillings Reward, paid by me
JOHN CHISHOLM.

Talbot County, Sept. 30, 1765.
COMMITTED to the Sheriff, Two Negro Men and a Negro Woman; they seem to be lately imported, as they cannot speak English; they were taken up in a Canoe near the Mouth of Choptank River, Whoever owns the said Negroes, are desired to take them away, otherwise they will be sold for their imprisonment Fees.
JOHN BOZMAN, Sheriff.

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