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We are, gentlemen, your friends and fellow countrymen.

By order of the committee,  
John Warren, chairman.

Upon which it was unanimously resolved, that the thanks of this committee be returned to those worthy mechanics (of this city) who have declined to aid or assist in the erection of fortifications on Boston neck, which when completed would probably be improved, to spill the blood of their fellow subjects in the Massachusetts bay cut off the communication with the country, whereby the soldiery may be enabled to inflict on that town all the distresses of famine and reduce those brave and royal people to terms degrading to human nature repugnant to christianity, and which, perhaps, might prove destructive of British and American liberty.

Resolved likewise, that the thanks of this committee be returned to those merchants of this place for their truly worthy and patriotic conduct, who have virtuously refused to let their vessels to transport the army, and the horrid engines of war for the detestable purpose of defying his Majesty's faithful subjects in the Massachusetts bay; who are a people well known to have been constant in supporting, and firm in defending the protestant succession, as settled in the illustrious house of Hannover.

Your excellency has been pleased to order the powder from the magazine in Hartford, to forbid the delivery of the powder in the magazine of Boston to the legal proprietors, to seize the cannon at Cambridge, and bring a formidable number fromATTLE-William, which are now placed at the entrance of the town of Boston. And have likewise, in addition to the troops now here, been pleased to send for reinforcements to Quebec and other parts of the continent. These things, sir, together with the disposition of the ships of war, we humbly think sufficiently justify the proceedings for which your excellency seems to be at a loss to account.

Your excellency has suggested that nature has made it easy to cut off the communication between town and country. Our only request is, that the entrance into the town may remain as nature has formed it.

If security to his Majesty's troops is the only design in the late manœuvre, we beg leave to assure your excellency, that the most certain, and by far the most honourable method of making them secure and safe, will be to give the people of the province the strongest proof that no design is forming against their liberties. And we again solicit your excellency with that earnestness which becomes us on this important occasion, to desist from every thing which has a tendency to alarm them, and particularly from fortifying the entrance into the town of Boston.

We rely on your excellency's wisdom and candour, that in your proposed representation to our common sovereign, you will endeavour to redeem us from the distresses which we apprehend were occasioned by the grossed misinformation, and that you will assure his Majesty that no wish of independency no adverse sentiments or designs towards his Majesty or his troops now here, actuate his good subjects in this colony; but that their sole intention is to preserve pure and inviolate those rights to which, as men, and English Americans, they are justly entitled, and which have been guaranteed to them by his Majesty's royal predecessors.

A copy of the foregoing was delivered to Mr. secretary, Flucker, by the chairman, with a desire that he would, as soon as was convenient, present it to the governor, and request his excellency to appoint a time for receiving it in form. The secretary informed the chairman the ensuing day, that he had seen the governor, and had given him the copy of the address, but that he declined receiving it in form. The chairman mentioned to him the importance of the business, declaring his belief that the troops were not in any danger, and that no person has, so far as he had been informed, taken any steps which indicated any hostile intention, until the seizing and carrying off the powder from the magazine in the county of Middlesex; and that if any ill consequences should arise, that should affect the interest of Great Britain, the most candid and judicious, both in Europe and America, would consider the author of the ferment now raised in the minds of the people as accountable for whatever consequences might follow from it. He therefore desired the secretary, once more to make application to his excellency, and to state the affair to him in that serious manner which the case seemed to require. The secretary accordingly made a second application to the governor; but received for answer, that he had given all the satisfaction in his power, and he could not see that any farther argumentation upon the subject would be to any purpose. Upon this the committee were again convened; and it was unanimously resolved, that they had executed the commission entrusted to them by the county, to the utmost of their ability. And after voting the reply to his Excellency's answer should be inserted in the public papers as soon as possible, they adjourned without day. It is observable, that every vote passed by the delegates of the county, and by the committee appointed to wait on the governor, was unanimous.

A great number of hands are now employed in erecting barracks on the common for the troops there encamped.

**NEW-YORK, September 24, 1774.**

At a meeting of the committee of mechanics of this city, at the house of Mr. David Phillips, a letter to them was received from the mechanics of the town of Boston, which being read, it was resolved unanimously, that the same be printed, and is as follows:

To the committee of mechanics of the city of New-York, Boston, 8th September, 1774.

GENTLEMEN,

GENERAL Gage being determined to cut off the communication of this town with the country, by fortifying the sole pass between them, by land, has applied to several tradesmen in this town, and found none safe enough to engage in so villainous an enterprise; and, it is now said he intends to apply to New-York for workmen to complete his design; our tradesmen there-

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**PHILADELPHIA, September 21.**

The following toasts were drank by the honourable delegates at their entertainment at the city tavern on Friday the 16th. 1. The King. 2. The Queen. 3. The Duke of Gloucester. 4. The Prince of Wales and royal family. 5. Perpetual union to the colonies. 6. May the colonies faithfully execute what the congress shall wisely resolve. 7. The much injured town of Boston, and province of Massachusetts Bay. 8. May Great Britain be just, and America free. 9. no unconstitutional standing armies. 10. May the cloud which hangs over Great Britain and the colonies burst only on the heads of the present ministry. 11. May every American hand down to posterity, pure and untainted, the liberty he has derived from his ancestors. 12. May no man enjoy freedom who has not spirit to defend it. 13. May the perfecting genius of liberty find a lasting asylum in America. 14. May British swords never be drawn in defence of tyranny. 15. The arts and manufactures of America. 16. Confusion to the authors of the Canada bill. 17. The liberty of the press. 18. A happy reconciliation between Great Britain and her colonies, on a constitutional ground. 19. The virtuous few in both houses of parliament. 20. The city of London. 21. Lord Chatham. 22. Lord Camden. 23. Bishop of St. Asaph. 24. Duke of Richmond. 25. Marquis of Rockingham. 26. Sir George Saville. 27. Mr. Burke. 28. General Conway. 29. Mr. Dunning. 30. Mr. Sawbridge. 31. Dr. Franklin. 32. Mr. Hancock.

The acclamations with which several of them were received, not only testified the sense of the honour conferred by such worthy guests, but the fullest confidence in their wisdom and integrity, and a firm resolution to adopt and support such measures, as they shall direct for the public good at this alarming crisis.

**ANNAPOLIS, October 6.**

The general assembly of this province, which stood prorogued to Monday the 14th of this instant, was this day further prorogued to Thursday the 17th day of November next.

By a letter from a gentleman in Providence, we have an account of the death of Mr. JOHN WOOTTON, a native of this province. This gentleman left his friends here very young, and by a courteous and affable deportment, soon became respectably distinguished by all ranks of people, and died universally lamented. His remains were decently interred in Providence, in a vault erected for that purpose.

On the 26th of September last, departed this life, at her seat near Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, Mrs. MARY SWIFT, widow, aged about ninety years; she was much respected, and esteemed by all that had the pleasure of her acquaintance; hospitable and charitable to the very extent of her income, cheerful, agreeable, and humane in her disposition; and so upright and inoffensive in her behaviour, that though the continued in the same neighbourhood for such a length of time, no one, however prone to detraction, could find any thing to say to her prejudice. She enjoyed a remarkable good state of health, which she attributed, in a great measure, to the Peruvian bark, which she at first took by the advice of the late Dr. Gustavus Brown, and continued to take every morning a small dose for the last forty years.

**CUSTOM-HOUSE ENTERED.**

Schooner Friends Adventure, John Fulford, from Barbados.

Schooner Hawke, Nicholas Bartlett, from St. Eustatia.

Brig Prosperous, Clear Lallow, from Bristol.

Brig Conclusion, Joseph Newman, from Piscataqua.

Sloop Baltimore, John Outton, from New Providence.

Schooner Little Nelly, John Young, from ditto.

Snow Restoration, John Crawford, from Bristol.

**CLEAR-ED.**

Schooner Prosperity, Robert French, for London.

Sloop Polly John White, for Virginia.

Schooner Lively, Walter Gwyn, for Virginia.

**MUSICAL-GLAIS-SOCIETY.**

MR. L'ARCAU intends performing on that harmonic instrument every day, between the hours of 5 and 6 in the afternoon, next door to Mrs. Aikman's circulating library, half a dollar each.

L'ARCAU has opened his dancing and fencing schools, and hopes to merit the encouragement of the public.

**October 1, 1774.**

ALL persons indebted to the estate of the late Dr. John Shaw, are once more requested to make speedy payment to the subscriber, or William Nokes, who is fully empowered in this behalf. Those who neglect to comply with this request, may depend on being sued to next November court, without respect to persons.

RUTH SHAW, executrix.

**September 23, 1774.**

THE partnership of Mitchell and Gaither being dissolved this day by mutual consent, all persons indebted to them, are requested to pay their respective debts to David Mitchell; and those who have any demands against the said partnership, are requested to bring in their accounts, which will be settled by them.

DAVID MITCHELL, JOSEPH GAITHER.

**FOR LONDON.**

THE ship Fortune, commanded by the subscriber, and now lying at Oxford, will take in Tobacco on liberty, at seven pounds sterling per ton.

THOMAS MOORE.

**WANTED,** 15 or 20 very fine hams, for which a good price will be given, enquire at the printing office—a very good single chair, harness and horse to be sold, together, or separately.

Baltimore Town, 26th September, 1774.

**FOR SALE.**

A TRACT of land, containing 657 1/2 acres lying in the barrens of this county, about 18 miles from this place, and near to Hardigan's tavern; the soil is very proper for the culture of bright tobacco and farming. It will be sold cheap, and two or three years credit allowed. Apply to Mr. Ebenezer Mackie in this town.

September 28, 1774.

**COMMITTED** to my custody as a runaway, a white servant man, who says he belongs to Edward Garrett, of Frederick county, he is a thin spare man, has on an old osnabrig shirt and an old jacket and breeches, has a pair of stockings on without feet, no shoes. Likewise a small negro man who appears to be old, has on a fearought jacket, old crocus shirt and trousers, he says he belongs to Francis Friend of Prince George's county. Their masters are desired to take them away, and pay charges to

WILLIAM NOKE, Sheriff.

**TAKEN** up the 6th day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, a middling sized battoo, seventeen feet four inches keel, about a foot 4 inches wide, gets with four oars, pine wood on the sides and oak at bottom, its lined at the sides with ribband—the sculling place has a hole in it; in the stern had two green pales in her, but no oars. Whoever owns said battoo, is desired to take her away, and pay charges to John Williams, at Mr. Heffius's plantation near White-hall.

September 27, 1774.

**TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.**

**BROKE** out of Queen-Anne's county jail, on the 26th inst. a black, September, two negro men, viz. Isaac Dobson, under sentence of death for house breaking, a little on the yellowish colour; had on an osnabrig shirt and trousers about half worn. William Bradley, very black, committed as a runaway; the property of Thomas Russell, in Charles town, Cecil county; had on osnabrig shirt and trousers, spotted flannel jacket, and old shoes; each about five feet eight inches high. Whoever will deliver the said negroes to James Butler in Queen's-town, in the county aforesaid, or secure them in any jail, so that they may be had again, shall have for Dobson twenty dollars reward, and for Bradley four dollars reward, including what the law allows.

JAMES BUTLER, jun. jailer.

**THREE POUNDS REWARD.**

**RAN** away from the subscriber, near Snowdens iron works, in Anne-Arundel county, a Welsh servant man, named William Griffith; but is very likely he may change his name; he is about twenty years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high; he has dark brown hair which is short and trait, black eyes and swarthy complexion; had on when he went away, a blue flag jacket; white suttain breeches; thread stockings, two pair of shoes, and two pair of yellow buckles; a collar hat about half worn, a striped Holland shirt and a mixt coloured coat half worn; he is little inclined to be busson. Whoever takes up said servant, and secures him in any jail, so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward, paid by

JAMES ELDER.

**October 3, 1774.**

**RAN** away the 29th of September last, from the subscriber, living near the Garrison church, Baltimore county, an Irish convict servant woman, named Nell Fitzgerald; but may change her name to Mary Collins; she is about 30 years old; had on when she went away, an old check bonnet, white bed-gown, black quilted petticoat, a pair of old black cloth shoes; she has black hair, is marked with the small-pox; and is far gone with child. Said woman has a pass from Abel Brown. Whoever takes her up; if 30 miles or shillings, and if out of the province, 2 pounds, paid by

THOMAS LANE.

**NEWINGTON ROPE-WALK, October 3, 1774.**

**CAME** to the pasture of this place about eight days ago, a red cow; with a white face. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take her away.

ROBERT CALDCLEUGH.

**THERE** is at the plantation of Joseph Burton, living on Bennet's creek, near Frederick town, taken up as a stray, a roan horse, thirteen hands and a half high, fourteen or fifteen years old, branded on the near buttock and shoulder, not plain, supposed to be thus B.D. has two white spots on his withers, supposed to have been raised by the collar. Whoever owns the said horse, may have him again, on proving property, and paying charges.

**ANNAPOLIS, September 15, 1774.**

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CHARLES TEALE.

**TEN POUNDS REWARD.**

**RAN** away last night, from the subscriber, living near Elkridge, Maryland, a young man, named Thomas Boucher, who is about 20 years of age, had on a cotton shirt, a pair of blue breeches, and a pair of shoes. Whoever takes up said man, and secures him in any jail, so that he may be had again, shall have the above reward, including what the law allows.

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**TO** be sold by public auction, on Wednesday the 10th inst. at the house of the subscriber, a parcel of land, containing about 100 acres, lying in the county of Prince George's, and near to the plantation of the subscriber. The land is well improved, and is very fertile. It will be sold cheap, and two or three years credit allowed. Apply to Mr. Ebenezer Mackie in this town.

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