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BY  
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SCHOOLMASTER at ANNAPOLIS.

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Annapolis, 23 Feb. 1775.  
To Mr. Thomas Ball,

SIR,  
WE have perused the manuscript copies of your book, called the Pocket Assistant; and think it work of public utility. From the testimony of the gentleman who examined the copies, we are induced to believe it accurately calculated; we, therefore, with success in the publication of it, and are

Your very humble servants,  
THO. BROOKE HODGKIN, WILLIAM ROOKE,  
JOHN DAVIDSON, JOHN H. MACCUBBIN,  
THO. HYDE, THO. GASSAWAY, JUN  
JAMES WILLIAMS, WILLIAM WILKINS,  
JOSEPH WILLIAMS,

Annapolis, March 1, 1775.  
WHEREAS Mary Craggs, the wife of the subscriber, has eloped from my bed and board without any cause, this is therefore to forewarn all persons from trusting the said Mary Craggs on any account, as I will not pay any debts of her contracting from the date hereof, as witness my hand.

1 X P 57. ANTHONY CRAGGS.

Annapolis, 23 Feb. 1775.  
THE subscriber takes this opportunity to inform the public, that the joint dealings between Mr. Robert Armstrong and him, in the trade of chandlers and soap-boilers, were by mutual consent, before proper witnesses (prior to Mr. Armstrong's leaving his city) dissolved; therefore all persons who have demands, are hereby desired to bring in their accounts, in order that they may be adjusted; and it is hoped that such persons who are indebted, on account of the said joint dealings, will, without further notice, discharge the same.

DO hereby forewarn all persons from dragging of seals or nets in the Otter pond, of the Seven Islands.

February 21, 1775.  
THE creditors of the Rev. John Macpherson, are desired to meet at Port-Tobacco on the 17th day of March next, to receive their dividend of what money (belonging to said Macpherson) may then be in the hands of

1 P 37. GEORGE DENT, JOSTAS HAWKINS, } Trustees.  
SAMUEL LOVE,

Annapolis, February 24, 1775.  
TO be sold, a likely young country-born negro wench, about 15 years of age. For terms apply to

WILLIAM NOKE.

Annapolis, February 28, 1775.  
TO be sold by the subscriber, a gentler and agreeable ton'd spinner, if

RICHARD TROTTELL.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.  
STOLEN out of the stable of the subscriber, in New-garden Township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of this instant, a dark brown or black mare; with a small star in her forehead, distribe'd, 14 hands 1 or 2 inches high, low carriage, thin port mare, both hind feet white, branded C D on her near buttock, paces a travel, and trots smart, has indigals on the near fore foot at the palter joint, and all round, 5 or 6 years old: Also was taken at the same time a new big marked Henry Dixon's, in full, 7, with vermilion. Any person or persons securing the mare only, or as the owner may have her again, shall receive forty shillings reward, and all reasonable charges, and if the thief is brought to justice, the above reward paid by me.

HENRY DIXON.

1 X P 57.

STERLING,  
THE property of Henry Dorsey Gough, stands at Perry Hall, Baltimore county, where he will cover at two shillings the season, he is only to go to thirty mares; therefore those that send will stand a better chance of a colt than in the common way; this horse never was backed, and it is intended never shall, but kept on, for covering, he is five years old this Spring, handsome, and upwards of fifteen hands high, and well made in proportion: was got by Col. Sharp's noted Obby, and out of a remarkable fine English grey mare, therefore he is what they call in England the black horse; from this strain out of light mares, they breed those noble horses called hunters, which is preferred to any in Great Britain, for either strength, carriage, or saddle.

To be sold by way of public vendue, on Saturday the 25th of March next, at the house of Richard Pearce, in Kent county.

EIGHT hundred acres of exceeding good land, lying on the north side of Chester river, in Kent county; the soil is remarkably good for wheat, corn, or tobacco on said premises are two tenements and two good apple orchards, and about fifteen acres of exceeding good meadow ground, fit to be put into grass in the spring, and 50 acres more may be easily made as good as any in the county; an extraordinary shade-fishery may be easily cleared, where plenty of fish may be caught every spring. The whole of the place is so well watered, that in every field of 50 acres, good water may be had. Any person or persons that may incline to purchase said lands, may be viewed the premises by the subscribers any day before the sale. The sale to begin at twelve o'clock, on said day, and the terms made known. A good title will be made for the same.

N. B. The above lands may be divided into two or three parcels, by

JAMES PEARCE,  
GILBERT FALCONER,  
TH. BROWNING

Annapolis, March 1, 1775.  
To be sold at public vendue, for ready money, at the subscriber's house, on Wednesday the 15th instant,

SOME healthy servant, by trade tailors, and for 4, 5, and 6 years; Likewise sundry kinds of household furniture.

N. B. The house to be let. For particulars apply to the subscriber.

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Prince George's county, February 21, 1775.  
COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, negro Dick, who says he belongs to Mrs. Elizabeth Askew, near Bryan town. His mistress is desired to pay charges, and take him from

FRANK LEEKE, Sheriff.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in St. Mary's county, Maryland, on the 1st day of January last, a negro man slave named Joss, he sometimes calls himself Joss Collins, 23 years of age, about six feet high, by trade a house-carpenter and joiner; I have reason to believe that he is gone up to Culpepper county, in Virginia, in company with a mulatto man, named Tom, belonging to Mr. James Jordan; he had on, and took with him a cotton jacket and breeches, of snabrig shirt, felt hat, white stockings, and a pair of country shoes. Whoever secures the said negro so that I may get him again, shall receive eight dollars reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges paid, by

3 W CLEMENT GARDINER.

February 14, 1775.  
RAN away from the subscriber, the first instant, a black horse, about fourteen hands high; branded on the shoulder and buttock with the letter W, he has some white spots on his back, occasioned by the saddle, trots, and gallops hard. Whoever will bring this said horse to the subscriber, living near Benedict town, on Patuxent river, shall receive a reward of six dollars.

4 W HENRY TUBMAN.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD  
STOLEN from the subscriber, living on the head of South river, near Annapolis, a black horse, about 14 hands and 1 inch high, with a blaze face, one hind foot white, with a very thick neck, high crest, paces slow and very easy, he is branded with a woman's stirrup, there is some grey hairs under his belly near his sheath, and some saddle spots; he is supposed to be carried into Charles or St. Mary's county, he was stolen the 13th instant. Whoever delivers the said horse to the subscriber, shall have twenty shillings reward if ten miles from home, if a greater distance, three pounds, and forty shillings for apprehending the thief if convicted.

WILLIAM ST. LAWRENCE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the adjourned provincial court will sit on the second Tuesday in March next, at which time all jurors, witnesses, and other officers, are ordered to attend.

2 X EVERDY GHISELIN, clerk.

Patuxent Iron-Works, February 16, 1775.  
A SCHOOLMASTER that can come well recommended, will meet with encouragement, on application to

2 X SAM. SNOWDEN.

February 15, 1775.  
ALL persons indebted to the estate of John Waters, of Prince George's county, lately deceased, are desired to come and pay off their respective accounts; and those who have just claims against the said estate, are desired to bring in their accounts legally proved, as they may be adjusted, by

2 X ARNOLD WATERS, executor.

Patowmack, February 10, 1775.  
THE noted horse Regulus, formerly the property of Mr. William Beanes—stands this season at my plantation near Piscataway, at thirty shillings a mare the season, or fifteen shillings a leap.—Those gentlemen that choose to send their mares, may depend on their being well taken care of, as I have exceeding good pasturage for them. The money will be expected when the mares are taken away.

WILLIAM LYLES, jun.

THERE is at the plantation of Henry Gales, living near Herring creek meeting, taken up as a stray, a black mare, about 12 hands high, has no perceivable mark about her, and trots. The owner may have her again, on proving his property, and paying charges,

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WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

A MAN who has been used to driving a waggon and taking care of horses, such a one who can come well recommended for his honesty, sobriety and industry, will meet with good wages by the month or year, by applying to the subscriber, living about four miles from Simpson's tavern, in the Upper part of Anne-Arundel county, Maryland.

2 X REUBEN MERWEATHER.

WILL cover mares this season, at Mr. Anthony Stewart's plantation, at the Kops-walk, near Annapolis, at five pound currency each mare, and a dollar to the groom. Badger is a fine dapple gray, 5 hands one inch high, very boney and handsome, imported in 1773; bred by Mr. Wildman, and got by Lord Chitworth's Bosphorus, who won seven king's plates; his dam by Othello, commonly called Black and Bill Black, which beat Lord march's Bajazet over Kildare courts in Ireland, his grand dam by the Duke of Devonshire's Flying Childers.

Badger won fifty pounds at Gilford; and got lam'd at Epfom; all the times he has started. The money for each mare to be paid at the time of covering.

JOHN CRAGGS.

N. B. Good grafts for mares at two shillings and sixpence per week. No mares left out of the pasture will be accounted for.

Annapolis, January 23, 1774.  
To be sold by the subscriber, on very reasonable terms, all the medicines and shop furniture, belonging to the estate of the late Dr. Shaw; twelve months, or two years credit will be given to the purchaser, on giving bond, with security, if required, by

RUTH SHAW.

N. B. To be sold, or hired, a likely young negro woman.

January 25, 1775.  
By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed, will be sold to the highest bidder, on Wednesday the 24th day of March next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

A LOT of land lying in the city of Annapolis, distinguished by the number 71, on which are a good brick house and other valuable improvements, now in the occupation of Mr. John Ball, innholder. This lot is subject to an incumbrance in the loan-office of £ 225 sterling. The sale to be on the premises.

6 W WILLIAM NOKE, Sheriff.

February 7, 1775.  
To be sold, on Monday the 6th of March next, at Mr. Andrew's, in Toppi, in Harford county,

TWO story brick-house in said town, in a water lot, (late the property of John Hammond Dorsey, deceased,) has four rooms on a floor, and a fire place in each room, by

4 X HAMMOND JOHN CROMWELL, and RICHARD LANE.

Caroline county, January 14, 1775.  
THE commissioners appointed for building a court house and jail in the above county, intend to meet at Melville's warehouse, on the first day of March next, to agree with any person or persons, that will undertake to erect the said buildings.

6 W RICHARD MASON.

Annapolis, February 1, 1775.  
WANTED by the commissioners or trustees, for the poor of Anne-Arundel county, 450 poles of cedar or locust to square seven inches, and 9 1/2 long; 2000 rails of white oak or yellow poplar, 3 by 4 inches, and to be 10 feet long. Whoever will supply the above articles, are desired to apply to Mr. Nathan Hammond, one of the trustees.

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Monday the third day of April next,  
SEVERAL negro men, women and child, also horses, cows, sheep and other stock; a variety of household furniture, and plantation utensils, being part of the estate which belonged to Col. Tasker. Credit will be given to the purchasers of more than the value of twenty pounds sterling, on their giving bond with security, if required.

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Frederick's county, February 7, 1775.  
On Thursday the 9th day of March next, if fair, if not on the next fair day, will be exposed to the highest bidder, at the plantation where the subscriber now lives, for cash, bills, tobacco, or wheat,

TEN valuable horses, several fine breeding mares, some cattle and hogs, a quantity of Indian corn, two waggons and yoker, one cart, two Dutch fans, a Dutch stove, and a quantity of barrel pork. Likewise will be exposed to sale at the same time, a considerable quantity of household furniture, such as featherbeds, chairs, tables, desks, chest of drawers, and book cases, intirely new, &c. The same day may be rented for two years, the plantation where the subscriber now lives. Credit will be given until the 20th day of August next, on bond, with security.

2 X JAMES PERRY.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.  
RAN away from the subscriber, living in C. Har-town, Kent county, in the province of Maryland, on the 27th day of January last, an indentured servant man, named John Daine, by trade a sawyer and rough carpenter; he is about 5 feet 8 inches high, and wears short light hair, is of a fair complexion, round shouldered, and stoops when he walks, he speaks something in the west of England dialect. He had on, and took with him, an old claret coloured furout coat, a home-spun close-bedded light brown ditto, which is much too large for him, a short flannel quilted waistcoat, two snabrig shirts, a pair of good buckskin breeches, with a pair of plain yellow knee buckles, two pair of yare stockings, the one pair white; the other brown, and pretty good shoes and shoe buckles; he can write a pretty good hand, and it is probable he will forge a discharge from Capt. Samuel Nicholson, (to whom he indentured himself) upon the counter-part of his indentures. Whoever secures him in any jail so that he may be had, shall receive the above reward, and if brought home, reasonable charges will be paid, by

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