

At a court of common council for the city of Williamsburg, held the 8th day of May, 1775

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this hall, that on the 4th inst. in the night time, some person or persons unknown had broke into the public magazine, and taken from thence sundry fire arms belonging to his majesty:

We, the Mayor, aldermen, and common council of the said city, being desirous to maintain peace, order, and good government, do hereby declare our abhorrence of such unlawful proceeding, and do hereby require the inhabitants to use their utmost endeavours to prevent the like outrage in future, and exhort all persons who may be in possession of any of the said arms to return the same immediately, to be replaced in the magazine.

And it having been recommended to this meeting by the governor and council, to appoint a guard to protect the said magazine, they are of opinion that they have no authority to lay any tax for that purpose, but that if some trusty person should be appointed by his Excellency the Governor to be keeper thereof, and care taken to strengthen it with proper bars, there probably would be a stop put to violences of that nature; and they do humbly recommend to his excellency, Mr. Gabriel Maupin, who lives near the magazine, as a person worthy of that trust.

(A copy)

MAT. DAVENPORT, town clerk.

Fredericksburg, Committee chamber, Saturday the 29th of April 1755.

AT a council of 102 members, delegates of the provincial convention, officers and special deputies of 14 companies of light horse, consisting of upwards of 600 well armed and disciplined men, friends of constitutional liberty and America, now rendezvoused here in consequence of an alarm occasioned by the powder being removed from the country magazine in the city of Williamsburg, in the night of Thursday the 21st inst. and deposited on board an armed schooner by order of his Excellency the governor.

The council having before them the several matters of intelligence respecting this transaction, and particularly a letter from the Hon. Peyton Randolph, Esq; speaker of the late house of burgesses of Virginia, received here last night by an express dispatched to Williamsburg for the purpose of gaining intelligence, informing that the gentlemen of the city of Williamsburg and neighbourhood have had full assurances from his excellency that this affair shall be accommodated, and advising that the gentlemen assembled here should proceed no further at this time, this council came to the following determination; and offer the same as their advice to those public spirited gentlemen, friends to British liberty and America, who have honoured them by this appointment. Highly condemning the conduct of the governor on this occasion, as impolitic, and justly alarming to the good people of this colony, tending to destroy all confidence in government, and to widen the unhappy breach between Great Britain and her colonies. Ill-timed, and totally unnecessary consider this instance as a full proof that no opinion which may be formed of the good intentions of a governor in private life can afford security to our injured and oppressed country, but that obedience to arbitrary, ministerial mandate, and the most oppressive and tyrannical system of government, must be the fatal line of conduct to all his Majesty's present servants in America; at the same time justly dreading the horrors of a civil war, influenced by motives of the strongest affection to our fellow subjects of Great-Britain, most ardently wishing to heal our mutual wounds, and therefore preferring peaceable measures whilst the least hope of reconciliation remains, do advise that the several companies now rendezvoused here do return to their respective homes. But considering the just rights, and liberty of America to be greatly endangered by the violent and hostile proceedings of an arbitrary ministry, and being firmly resolved to resist such attempts at the utmost hazard of our lives and fortunes, do now pledge ourselves to each other to be in readiness, at a moment's warning, to re-assemble, and by force of arms to defend the laws, the liberty and rights of this, or any sister colony, from unjust and wicked invasion. Ordered that expresses be dispatched to the troops assembled at the Bowling-Green, and also to the companies from Frederick, Berkely, Dunmore, and such other counties as are now on their march, to return them thanks for their cheerful offers of service, and to acquaint them with the determination now taken.

GOD SAVE THE LIBERTIES OF AMERICA.

The foregoing determination of council having been read at the head of each company, was cordially and unanimously approved.

At a committee appointed and held for Hanover county, at the court-house, on Tuesday the 9th of May, 1775.

P R E S E N T,

John Syme, Samuel Overton, William Crashead, Meriweather Skelton, Richard Morris, Benjamin Anderson, John Pendleton, John Robinson, Nelson Berkely, and George Dabney, jun.

AGREEABLE to a resolution of the committee held at Newcastle the 2d inst. setting forth, that they being fully informed of the violent hostilities committed by the king's troops in America, and of the danger arising to the colony by the loss of the public powder, and of the conduct of the governor, which threatens altogether calamities of the greatest magnitude, and most fatal consequences to this colony, and therefore recommending reprisals to be made upon the king's property sufficient to replace the gun-powder taken out of the magazine, it appears to this committee, that the volunteers who marched from Newcastle, to obtain satisfaction for the public powder by reprisal, or otherwise, proceeded on that business, as follows, to wit: "That an officer with 16 men was detached to seize the king's receiver general, with orders to detain him; and this it was supposed, might be done without impeding the progress of the main body. The said receiver general not being apprehended, owing to his absence from home, the said detachment, according to orders, proceeded to join the main body on its march to Williamsburg, and the junction happened the 3d instant at Doncastle's ordinary about sunset. A little after sunrise next morning, the commanding officer be-

stantly made, the volunteers halted, and the proposal being considered by them, was judged satisfactory as to that point; and the following receipt was given, viz. "Doncastle's Ordinary, New Kent, May 4, 1775; Received from the Hon. Richard Corbin, Esq; his Majesty's receiver-general, £. 330 as a compensation for the gunpowder lately taken out of the public magazine by the governor's order; which money I promise to convey to the Virginia delegates at the general congress, to be under their direction laid out in gunpowder for the colony's use, and to be stored as they shall direct, until the next colony convention or general assembly, unless it shall be necessary, in the mean-time, to use the same in defence of this colony. It is agreed that in case the next convention shall determine that any part of the said money ought to be returned to his Majesty's said receiver general, that the same shall be done accordingly.

Test, PAT. HENRY, jun. (A true copy) SAM. MEREDITH, PARKE GOODALE.

It was then considered that as a general congress would meet in a few days, and probably a colony convention would shortly assemble, and that the reprisal now made would amply replace the powder, with the charges of transportation, the commanding officer wrote the following letter, and sent it by express.

S I R,

"The affair of the powder is now settled, so as to produce satisfaction to me, and I earnestly wish to the colony in general. The people here have it in charge from Hanover committee to tender their service to you, as a public officer, for the purpose of escorting the public treasury to any place in this colony, where the money may be judged more safe than in the city of Williamsburg. The reprisal now made by the Hanover volunteers, though accomplished in a manner least liable to the imputation of violent extremity, may possibly be the cause of future injury to the treasury. If therefore you apprehend the least danger, a sufficient guard is at your service. I beg the return of the bearer may be instant, because the men wish to know their destination. With great regard, I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant, PAT. HENRY, jun. To Robert Carter Nicholas, Esq; treasurer, Test, Samuel Meredith, Garland Anderson. (A true copy)

To which an answer was received from the said Mr. Nicholas, importing, that he had no apprehensions of the necessity or propriety of the proffered service. For which reasons, and understanding, moreover, from others, that the private citizens of Williamsburg were in a great measure quieted from their late apprehension for their persons and property, the volunteers judged it best to return home, and did so accordingly, in order to wait the further directions of the general congress, or colony convention. It appears also to this committee, that before, and on the march, strict orders were repeatedly given to the volunteers to avoid all violence, injury, and insult, towards the persons and property of every private individual; and that in executing the plan of reprisal on the persons of the king's servants and his property, bloodshed should be avoided, if possible; and that there is the strongest reason to believe that the foregoing orders respecting private persons, and property were strictly observed.

Resolved, That this committee do approve of the proceedings of the officers and soldiers of the volunteer company, and do return them their most sincere thanks for their services on the late expedition; and also that the thanks of this committee be given to the many volunteers of the different counties who joined, and were marching and ready to co-operate with the volunteer company of this county.

Ordered, that the clerk do transmit a copy of those proceedings to the printers, and desire that they will be pleased to publish the same in the gazettes, as soon as possible.

(A copy) By order of the committee, BART. ANDERSON, CLK.

A N N A P O L I S May 18.

AT a meeting of the committee of Ann-Arundel county, at Pigg-point, on Saturday the 20th of May, at the request of Mr. David Weems, jun. Joseph Galloway, Esq; in the chair. Present, Mr. Thomas Tillard, Thomas Deale, Marmaduke Wyvil, Thomas Tongue, Robert Brown, William Tillard, Edward Tillard, Samuel Harrison, and John Steward.

Mr. Weems desired to know if he might procure some articles that he had occasion for, of any of the masters of ships, particularly an anchor and cable of Capt. David Carcaud, of the ship Industry.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that Mr. Weems, nor no other person, can, consistent with the letter and spirit of the association of the continental congress, purchase or receive the same.

Resolved, that Capt. Carcaud cannot sell, or in any manner dispose of or land the aforesaid anchor and cable, or any rigging, sails, or other goods he may have on board his ship, to any person within the province of Maryland, or any part of America.

Ordered, that this be printed in the Maryland Gazette. (Signed, per order) J. STUART, CLK.

C U S T O M - H O U S E. E N T E R E D.

Brig Suckey, Sam. Clark, Poole.

C L E A R E D.

Brig Maryland Planter, Thomas Nicholson, London. Brig Union, David Ros, Bristol. Snow Jenny, William M'Reilly, Cork. Schooner Resolution, Ben. Jones, Grenada.

ANY person inclinable to gather a quantity of the S'naga, or Rattle Snake root, from 100 lb. to 200 lb. Likewise Callamas root this summer, may have it disposed of by applying to John Robinson, at his excellency's governor Edens.

N. B. Otters, Wild Cats, Minks, or other shipable furs, if taken in season, may be disposed of at the same place.

THE subscriber intends for London in two months from this date. May 25, 1775.

J. HACKMAN.

To be sold at public vendue, pursuant to the last will and testament of Mr. Zachariah Scott, late of Prince George's county, deceased,

A VALUABLE tract of land, lying on a branch, Burbridge, containing two hundred and eight acres; it lies within three or four miles of the wood-yard in Prince George's county, whereon is a dwelling-house and tobacco-house, and a large apple orchard of excellent fruit. The land is well wooded and watered, and well adapted for a planter or farmer. The sale will be on the premises the 30th day of June next, if fair, if not, the next fair day. The land is free from incumbrance, and will be sold for ready common current money of Maryland, and a good title made to the land immediately, by

ROGER BROOKE BEALL, executor.

To be sold at public vendue, at London-town, South-river, on Friday the 26th of this instant,

TWO valuable lots of land, formerly the property of Edward Amies, for ready cash only, the sale to begin at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Likewise on Saturday the 27th of this instant at 10 o'clock, A. M. will be sold at public sale, at the house of Mr. Buckland formerly lived in, an exceeding good flat, now laying at Mr. Robert's landing, sails, cable, and anchor almost new. Likewise a parcel of good household furniture too tedious to mention. Any person inclinable to purchase before the 27th of this instant, by private sale, are desired to apply to the subscriber.

WILLIAM NIVEN,

To be sold to the highest bidder, on Thursday the 22d of June next if fair, if not, the next fair day to the premises,

A VALUABLE tract of land, containing 246 acres; on said land, there is a good dwelling house, three rooms below and 3 above, a brick chimney, a good kitchen with a brick ditto, a negro quarters, corn-house, smoke-house, milk-house, spring-house, and stable; a tobacco-house 40 by 22 feet, framed and shingled, a barn 40 by 24 feet, framed and shingled in the best manner double ground-tiered with a good thrashing floor; by the said barn there is a valuable piece of tobacco ground containing 60 thousand hills, also a valuable apple and peach orchard; the apple orchard has frequently produced 4 thousand gallons of cyder of a season; a valuable meadow well ditched and fenced, containing about 6 acres, and as much more may be added to it equally as good. The above lands abounding with plenty of wood and excellent timber, about half a mile from a good merchant mill, one and a half from Patuxent river, where there is a remarkable landing for catching fish, 3 miles from Lower-Marlborough, 4 from hunting-town, and 5 from All Saints church. Also three hundred and seventy-three acres of valuable land, abounding with plenty of wood and excellent timber, lying near Lower-Marlborough, in Calvert county, about two miles from Patuxent river, where there is an extraordinary landing for catching fish; about 1 1/2 miles from a good merchant mill, and also within 3 miles of Thomas John Claggett's church, and 4 miles from Hunting-town. On the said land there is three different settlements; on one of them there is a good dwelling-house, kitchen, quarter, corn-house, stable, and a new barn 40 by 24 feet, double ground-tiered, framed and shingled in the best manner, a good paved garden, and a good apple-orchard of excellent fruit all in good repair. On another settlement, there is a good dwelling-house, and tobacco-house, and a fine young orchard of exceeding good fruit; there is also about 5 acres of meadow land under a good ditch and fence, and 20 acres more may be added to it, equally as good. And on the other settlement, there is a dwelling-house and corn-house, with about four acres of meadow land cleared, to which may be added about 6 acres more. The above land and improvements will be sold, either altogether or in lots, as may best suit the purchaser. The land will be shown, the terms made known to those who incline to purchase privately, and an undoubted title to the said land and premises, made by the subscriber. Those who are inclinable to purchase privately, are desired to apply soon, as there has been several offers made already. Liberty will be given to the purchaser to sow small grain this fall, and possession given the 15th day of December next.

WILLIAM HICKMAN,

SIX DOLLARS REWARD. RAN away from the subscriber, living in Prince George's county, near Upper-Marlborough, on Sunday the 26th of March, a negro man, named Sam, but generally called and known by the name of Sam Locker; he is a thin clean made fellow, between thirty and forty years of age, has rather long hair, being of the East-India breed; he formerly belonged to Mr. Isaac Simmons near Pigg-point, in Anne-Arundel county, the said Simmons now lives near Calvert county court-house, and I suppose the fellow may endeavour to get down to his old master's; as he took with him sundry cloaths, it is impossible to describe his dress with certainty; he had on when he went away, a new sear-nought coat, lightish colour, blue cloth breeches, of snabrig shirt, felt hat almost new, white yarn stockings, and good shoes, (the soles nailed) has a wife at Mr. Walter Bowie's, near the Forest chapel, is a talkative artful fellow, and will endeavour to impose himself as a free man. Whoever takes him and secures said runaway, so as his master gets him again, shall receive the above reward; from

BENJAMIN BROOKES.

COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, a mulatto man, named Gundy, who says he belongs to the widow Arrs, in North Hampton, Virginia; he is about 25-years of age; he had on an snabrig shirt and trouters, and old shoes, he says his overseer's name is Borden. His master, or mistress, is desired to take him away, and pay charges to

WIL. NOKE, Sheriff Anne-Arundel county.

Table with 2 columns: Dollars, and a list of numbers from 13 to 52.

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