

the fleet that left Sandy-Hook on Wed. since been seen standing to the east.

letter from Fort Lee, October 25, 1776.

arters is now above 20 miles from this have but little news we can depend upon after the transaction. To-day indeed blowing, which may be worth communi- f the vessels up the North-river came be- erry with an intention to cut off the com- She lay there one day undisturbed; but no field pieces were sent down, and early began to play upon her. They hulled her of 15. She hoisted sail, but could make ant of wind, and was obliged to put out be towed off; all which time she was ex- fire. It is hoped this drubbing will pre- cures for the future, and oblige the p aloof. I am informed that several bri- army moved this day up to White Plains; all the army is now at that place. Little ppen submit every day; but they are e of that they seldom are mentioned as most considerable was that with Rogers' ch a number was killed and wounded, 35 ers, with 60 stand of arms. Two of the ve to be spies, and one a deserter from us. will be made examples of. Several has n taken since.

"P. S. Since I wrote the above, I learn my have got between Kingsbridge and . That ground was left vacant by the e brigades I have mentioned. A captain's as left over some provision till it could be is day about noon the captain discovered ight horse and as many infantry making wards him: he retreated to Fort Indepe- e enemy continued their rout. Whether a foraging party, or whether sent to take h he had left, I cannot tell; if the lat- it will not be disagreeable: it is probable we moved higher up on purpose to give an opportunity of getting in, when they will likely to get out undisturbed."

of a letter from Fort Lee, November 2.

leman who escaped from the fleet inform are now 70 sail of transports lying at Red- e in 3000 troops who are to go for Rhode.

tic intelligence, from on board the last fleet, d, we are assured, that of the six thousand s in that fleet, one fourth part at least was r greatly afflicted with the black scurry.

War-Office, November 14, 1776.

OCIATORS of PENNSYLVANIA

ESS have received intelligence that a fleet, consisting of several hundred sail, were covered near Sandy-Hook, steering to the It is highly probable that their destinations are the city of Philadelphia. It is observed that the utmost vigour and dispatch to counteract the designs of the enemy, in this city, the preservation of which is of importance to the general cause. Congress us to co-operate with the council of safety in concerting measures proper on the pre- ncy; and have invested us with their full rry such measures into execution. In dis- e trust committed to us, we think it cer- mend it to you, in the warmest and most er, immediately to put yourselves in array, by companies and parts of companies, a ready, with the utmost expedition to this sfty and the interest of the United States necessity of your strongest exertions. Washington, at the head of a considerable army, is advancing southward; but, not- all the dispatch he can possibly make, to arrive before him. If they shall be op- proper spirit and sufficient numbers, it approach, there is the greatest reason to ex- their views will finally be defeated; and they ce, to their cost and disgrace, that on a continent they can make an impression. been already obliged to abandon Crown- tire into Canada.

to hope for lenity from your inveterate tender mercies are cruelty. The property who have acted as their friends, is not later those whom they consider as their enemies of every kind marks their footsteps. will do every thing in their power to ou. Expresses for this purpose are already e neighbouring states.

ng dear to freemen is now at stake. The Pennsylvania will undoubtedly discover the eal, which their country expects and their tion demands.

BENJAMIN HARRISON,  
JAMES WILSON,  
EDWARD RUTLEDGE,  
FRANCIS LIGHTFOOT LEW,  
HARD PETERS, Secretary.

letter from North-Castle, November 7, 1776.

wrote you the other day an event has taken I think will finish this campaign; the en- suddenly and unexpectedly decamped. The sion is that they are going into winter quar- York, and indeed some of the deserters of old us this was what they intended, but I safon is not yet so far advanced as to render immediately necessary. It is probable that Fort Washington in their return, over the eople will abandon it, by which means they become masters of New-York island. They e possessed of more territory this campaign t, but they will derive very little if any use from it, than from their positions in an- on-of honour, they will hardly gain to much not deserve it. Let us review their mig- two hundred sail of British ships gained pos- tatea-Island, a sandy spot of very small ex- itated by Tories, who surrendered it to the ing a gun. At Long-Island they gained t, for by fighting they obtained a part of

but much the largest part remains in our possession yet. The city of New-York, and every other place the enemy became masters of, was evacuated by us, and not con- quered by them, except a small hill at White Plains, which they bought and paid a high price for (by their own accounts) in British blood—this very hill they have now given up to us, as they did Bunker's last campaign. In every battle and skirmish, except at Long-Island and the hill above mentioned, we have been victorious. Now what have they to boast of? Nothing but a little territory which we evacuated, and by evacuating it obtained important advantages. Will this repay the expences of the largest fleet and army Great-Britain ever sent to America? Have all the enemy's exertions effected the so much talked of junction with Burgoyne, which was to produce wonders? Have they subjugated the "rebellious Americans."—the grand design of their coming here? Nothing of all this, but to the eternal disgrace of lord and gen. Howe, impartial history will record that they crossed an ocean of 3000 miles, with a fleet of 3 or 400 sail, an army of near 30,000 men, and a very large train of artillery, to subdue men who had been declared in the British parliament to be "cowards," and after all marched but twelve miles from their ships, during the whole summer and part of the fall, and then went into winter quarters: How is the glory of Britain fallen, how have her arms been sullied! I think gen. Howe must feel very much ashamed of him- self. six failors and three soldiers (prisoners) are brought in this morning; the failors were sent on shore to get wood. I have been talking with the prisoners. The soldiers say the talk in their camp is that the enemy intend attacking Fort Washington, and then retiring into winter quarters at New-York. I must not omit telling you of a clever exploit of some Connecticut rangers under major Colburn. When the enemy at- tacked the lines at Haerlem, these rangers took a fore wheel and a hind wheel of a waggon, and fixed an axletree to them—upon the axletree they placed a keg which would contain about ten gallons, mounted like a mortar; in this they put a canteen with two car- tridges in it, and fixed a rope to each end of the axle- tree. Another person got a pitchfork, and wrapped some rags about it to make it look like a sponge. Thus equipped, about 40 of them marched off dragging their mortar with them: when they got within a proper distance of the enemy, they set fire to the cartridges in the canteen, and fired a volley of small arms. The enemy observing the keg, mistook it for a mortar, and ran away with great precipitation. I have this piece of intelligence from an officer who saw the whole trans- action, and from another who was told of it at Fort Washington. I think the epithet of cowards may be justly retorted; not from this instance only, but from others which might be mentioned. The light-horse are certainly a set of poltroons; I have already sent you several instances of their cowardice, such as their re- treating upon a single shot being fired at them at White Plains; suffering a few of our riflemen to take 30 sheep from them, &c. which you will easily recollect.

"Since writing the above two more prisoners have been taken—they are a serjeant and private of the grenadiers, and a drummer and sifer have deserted from the enemy. We are this minute informed, that 10 more prisoners have been taken by one of our scout- ing parties.

Nov. 8. "The enemy's left wing is at Dobbs's- ferry—their right about 3 miles nearer New-York. Extra news, I think the enemy must try to strike some important stroke which will make a noise, before they go into winter quarters. From their lying along the river, I suspect they intend either to enter New-Jersey, or make a push up the North river. In either case we are ready for them.

"I have heard nothing about the packet, except that some Women who live about two miles below the White-Plains, at whose house some British officers lodg- ed, heard one of the officers say to the other that a packet had arrived which had brought d---d bad news. The very next morning the army began to remove."

ANNAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 21.

Long-Branch, New-Jersey, Wednesday morning, 12 o'clock.

DEAR SIR,  
ABOUT ten o'clock this morning appeared round the point of Sandy-Hook a number of vessels outward bound. They are still coming out in great numbers: As I unfortunately have no glass, I cannot as yet dis- tinguish their motions. I shall detain the express how- ever, one hour longer, that I may endeavour to form some judgment of their numbers and course.

One o'clock. I do not think it prudent to detain the bearer any longer. The ships come out but slowly at present. About 100 sail appear round the Hook, and appear to be standing to the southward, wind at N. W. I observe one or two that appear to be very large. Do me the favour to send word to Mrs. Searle that I set out for Philadelphia this afternoon, and shall be there on Friday at noon.

I am, dear Sir,  
Your affectionate and obliged friend and servant,  
JAMES SEARLE.

Philadelphia, Nov. 14, 1776.

GENTLEMEN,  
THE inclosed letter from Mr. Searle, a gentleman of honour, and a friend to the cause of America, contain- ing the most important intelligence, I am commanded by congress to forward to you with the utmost expedi- tion. The uncertain destination of the fleet, therein mentioned makes it absolutely necessary that you should be informed of their sailing, that you may make every preparation in your power to defend yourselves in case of an attack. I most ardently entreat your attention and exertion on the present occasion, and have the honour to be,

Your most obedient and very humble servant,  
JOHN HANCOCK, President.

By an express just received, gen. Carleton, with all his forces, has retreated to Quebec.

N. B. The above letters are printed by order of the council of safety, that all military and militia officers may have due notice, and have their companies, guns, and other accoutrements, in good order, in case this state should be invaded.

Annapolis,  
Nov. 13, 1776.  
By order, R. RIDGELY, clk.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY

October 11, 1776.

WANTED, 5000 pair of SHOES. Those who are desirous of contracting for the same, or any part of them, are requested to apply to the Council of Safety of this state. 6 X

October 23, 1776.

A QUANTITY of strong coarse STOCKINGS wanted for the use of this State. The Council will con- tract with any person therefor..

5 (4) By order,  
R. RIDGELY, clk.

In CONVENTION. November 4, 1776.

RESOLVED, That all civil officers now in commis- sion for this State under the old government, shall con- tinue to act in their respective departments, until others shall be appointed and commissioned in their stead, by the legislature or executive power of the state, and qual- ified to act, and that the county courts affect the county charges as usual.

3 X Extract from the minutes,  
G. DUVALL, clk.

In CONVENTION, May 22, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a public salt-work be erected on or near the Bay, near the mouth of Patowmack, and another on the sea-board of this province; and that the said works be carried on on the public account, under the management and direction of such persons as shall be appointed by the Council of Safety for the time be- ing; and that any sum of public money, not exceeding the sum of five hundred pounds, may, by order of the said Council of Safety, be expended in erecting and carrying on each of the said works.

Extract from the minutes,  
G. DUVALL, clk.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY, June 10, 1776.

ALL persons who are willing to undertake the erect- ing and carrying on salt-works, agreeable to the above resolve of the late Convention, are requested to attend the Council, and give in their proposals, which will be duly attended to.

By order,  
21 X G. DUVALL, clk.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-office,  
THE  
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS,  
AND THE  
CONSTITUTION  
AND  
FORM OF GOVERNMENT,  
ESTABLISHED BY THE  
CONVENTION OF MARYLAND,

Held at the city of ANNAPOLIS, on Wednesday the 14th of August, anno domini, 1776.

Gentlemen Freeholders and Free Voters of Anne- Arundel county,

THE 18th day of December next being the time appointed for the choice of a sheriff for this county, occasions this address to you.---I have, gentle- men, been appointed to that office some small time, during which, I trust I have executed my duty with honesty and fidelity: This emboldens me to solicit your suffrages at the day of election.

I am the public's true and faithful servant,  
THOMAS DEALE.

St. Mary's county, November 11, 1776.

THIS is to inform the public that John Kelly hath a bond in his hands which appears to be for sixty pounds of common money, which he has offered to sell: I have paid forty pounds of the above bond, which he has given no credit for; the balance is not due till next February. The bond was given for 43 acres of land; which he has given a general warrantee for. It appears I shall lose part of the land; I there- fore forewarn all persons from purchasing the above bond.

1 X 007 LEONARD WATKIN.

THERE is at the plantation of Abraham Wood- ward, jun. living in Anne-Arundel county, near the head of Severn, two stray cows, about seven years old: The one a red cow, marked with a crop in each ear; the other a black one, with a crop in the right ear. The owner, or owners, may have them again, on proving property and paying charges. w3

THE partnership of SHAW and CHISHOLM, cabinet-makers in Annapolis, being dissolved, those persons who are indebted to them in company are requested to settle the same, as soon as possible, with JOHN SHAW, at the house lately occu- pied by the company, or with ARCHIBALD CHIS- HOLM, at the house lately possessed by Mr. Charles Peale, in Church-street, where each party intends carry- ing on their business of cabinet and chair making as formerly. 2 (4)

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen, from the plantation of Mr. William Wilkinson, in Prince George's county, some time in October last, two dark bay geldings: The one about 14 hands high, a natural pacer, brand- ed on the near buttock thus, I D, and has the marks of old age; the other about 12 or 13 hands high, branded as above, paces slow, trots and canters, and hath a star, or a few white hairs, in his forehead. Whoever takes up and secures the said horses, or ei- ther of them, so that the owner may get them again, shall receive the above reward, or a proportion there- of, as the case may be, paid by the subscriber, living in Charles county, near Pomonkey.

w3 JOHN DENT.

Williamsburg, Nov. 1, 1776.

By virtue of a decree of the hon. court of admiralty of this state, will be sold at public vendue, for ready money, on Monday the 25th instant, at James-Town on James river, about seven miles from the city of Williamsburg,

THE brigantine SARAH, of Great-Britain, lately made a prize of by the Montgomery privateer, capt. Polk, of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, with her sails, rigging, and materials, being about 170 tons burthen, British built. An inventory of her sails, rigging, and materials, may be seen on board the said ship.—At same time and place will be sold her cargo, consisting of a large quantity of exceeding good Jamaica rum, muscova- do sugars, coffee, ginger, cotton, and sundry other articles, shipped on board the said ship from Jamai- ca for the London market.

3 X BENJAMIN POWEL, marshal.

THREE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco, on Tuesday the 24th of September last, two negro fellows, one named RALPH, a short well set fellow, about thirty years of age, has a scar above his right eye in the form of a cross: had on when he went away, a pair of of- nabrig trousers, ditto shirt, and felt hat. The o- ther named HARRY, middle sized, has a deep scar on one cheek: had on when he went away, an of- nabrig shirt, a pair of old cloth breeches and felt hat, and carried with him a caddoc. Any person bringing them to the subscriber shall have the above reward, or thirty shillings for either.

w3 GERARD BOARMAN.

THOMAS HARWOOD, jun. treasurer of the Western-shore, will give constant attendance at his office in West-street, Annapolis, to give in exchange bills of credit emitted by the Provincial Convention of Maryland the seventh day of De- cember, 1775, for those emitted by the Convention the twenty-sixth day of July, 1775. 24

Annapolis, Aug. 14, 1776.

LOST, on Monday the 5th inst. a small flat double cased watch, winds up in the back, and has a small screw in one part of the dial-plate; maker's name John Deards, London, No. 1641. Whoever will bring the said watch to me shall re- ceive three pounds reward, and if offered for sale please to stop it.

JAMES MAWE.

ANNAPOLIS HEAD QUARTERS,

31 July, 1776.

THE benevolent people of this city, and coun- ty, are earnestly requested to send all the old sheets, and other old-linen, they can conveniently spare, to Dr. Richard Tootell. Their donations will be received (with thanks) either at the doctor's own house or at the military hospital shop, on the State-house hill, where the free-school was formerly kept. Bees and myrtle wax, sassafras, seneca and black snake-roots, tormentil and calamus, are pur- chased. Likewise country sarsaparilla, if clean, split and well cured. Dog-wood berries, which must be gathered ripe and cured in the shade; when dried, if found they will appear of a dark red; if black they are faulty and will not answer the purpose.

17 R. TOOTELL, S. M.

Annapolis, June 19, 1776.

WANTED TO HIRE IMMEDIATELY, A SINGLE MAN, who understands waiting at a table, and can write a good hand. Such a person, of good character, may hear of a place where good encouragement will be given, by ap- plying to the printer hereof. 22

THREE PENCE per pound is given for fine white LINEN RAGS, and one penny per pound for coarse, by the Printer hereof. 24