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Extract of a letter from Chester, dated September 12, 1777. 11 o'clock, a. m.

I have just time to drop you a few inaccurate particulars of the bloody transactions of yesterday. Our army was posted on the heights of Brandywine, about 12 miles above Wilmington, at and contiguous to Chad's Ford; the enemy lay nearly opposite to them, though at the distance of several miles on the other side of the creek. About sunrise a small body of the enemy appeared opposite Chad's-Ford, and began a heavy cannonade upon our lines, which was returned with equal vigour; they at the same time being posted upon the hills around made several efforts, as if to attack us with small arms. Gen. Maxwell's light troops fell in with them upon the meanders of the Brandywine, and a very hot firing ensued, and each party were alternately drove back. In this skirmish we lost but few men, and the enemy suffered very considerably, not less, I am assured, than 400, for our troops were advantageously posted and kept up a constant and well directed fire all out the whole day. Their efforts to force the pass at Chad's-Ford were evidently calculated only to amuse, for in the interim they had fled off up the creek in a large body, and crossed the fords of Brandywine, and marched very rapidly down upon our right, where general Sullivan's and Lord Stirling's divisions were posted. General Sullivan's division, being entitled to the right by seniority, fled off to their ground, but before they had time to form regularly the enemy approached upon them, and immediately a hot and incessant discharge of small arms began, which continued most obstinately for nearly one hour without cessation, when our troops gave way; however, reinforced about half past five o'clock the attack began again, and lasted nearly one hour longer, when orders were given to retreat, which was done. The enemy at the same time passed Chad's-Ford, where they suffered much. We have not left many.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, dated Sept. 13, 1777. 9 o'clock.

"No doubt, before this reaches you, you will hear various accounts of the late action, but you may depend the enemy paid dear for the ground they got. I saw general Maxwell at Chester; he informed me that he, with 300 men, crossed early in the morning over the Brandywine and laid in ambush for the enemy, in which he succeeded, and left 400 of them dead in the field, before he recrossed the Brandywine. The engagement began early in the morning, and continued till late in the evening; he says the enemy lost at least 2000 men: we have lost (killed, wounded and taken) not above five or six hundred. Gen. Cornwallis commanded the column which carried our lines; here our people made them fall like blackbirds; gen. Sullivan's division was fired on before they could form. The morning after the engagement many of our troops came up, and are now joining the army. Gen. Washington this morning left this place, and is gone to Germantown, where, and on the falls of the Schuylkill, all the army is to be encamped. Three thousand militia from the Jerseys, 1500 regulars with gen. Putnam, several of the Continental militia, and three classes of the militia from this city, are now on their march. Tomorrow, it is expected, will be the great day; how the event will be God only knows; however much blood will be shed before Howe gets this place, if ever. Howe was all day yesterday burying his dead, and taking care of his wounded. Our officers and men are in high spirits. Not one Mary and officer was killed; capt. Joseph Ford was wounded in the arm."

The following account is given by an intelligent skipper, who had been many months in the British fleet, and made his escape from it ten days since.—There are 8 or 10 privateers that came from New-York with lord Howe's fleet, carrying 8 and 10 guns. Not daring to act whilst with the English fleet, they purpose to lay behind the fleet when it goes down the bay, and then run along shore, and into the unguarded rivers, and plunder the inhabitants. Negroes are their chief object, whom they intend to sell in the West-Indies. Several of the enemy's ships of war, with their masts, &c. have passed by our harbour this morning, and it is supposed the rest of the fleet are on their way down.

Benedict, Charles county.

TO BE RUN for, on Thursday the 9th day of October, a purse of fifteen pounds, for any horse, mare, or gelding, carrying weight or size, one hundred and twenty-six the standard, and to rise and fall according to the rules of racing horses, &c. To be entered with Mr. John Moulton the day preceding the race.

On the day following will be run for a small purse, the sum not yet known, and on the above terms, the winning horse of the preceding day being excepted. 23

LOST, the 30th of last month, between Annapolis and the Governor's-Bridge, a gold-headed CANE, with the letter A engraved thereon. Whoever has found the same, and will bring it to Mr. OGLE, at Bellair, or the Printer hereof, shall receive four dollars reward. 3w

EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD.

Calvert county, June 18, 1777. RAN away, the first of last month, a negro man, named WILL, of a yellowish complexion, about 26 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high; Had on an old white country kersey wove waistcoat and breeches, and an offshart shirt. He was seen, about three weeks ago, in the neighbourhood of London-Town, and was then on his way to Baltimore.—Whoever takes up said negro, and secures him in any goal, so that he may be had again, may receive the above reward, including what the law allows, and reasonable charges, if brought home.

BENJ. MACKALL 4th.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Washington county, Chew's-Farm, Sept. 1, 1777. RAN away from the subscriber, on Chew's-Farm, a NEGRO fellow named Sampson, about six feet high, between forty and fifty years of age; Had on and took with him, when he went away, an old full lined jacket, a pair of blue breeches, a tow shirt and trousers, but may have other cloaths: He is remarkable by having a blemish in one of his eyes, is a designing, cunning rogue, though would often appear silly, or a fool, by which means he disguises himself. Having been raised on the eastern shore, I have reason to think he has gone that way, having frequently expressed a desire to be there.—Whoever takes up said negro, and returns him to the subscriber, if within thirty miles, shall receive eight dollars, and if farther, the above reward, paid by me.

SIMON DOYLE.

Upper-Marlborough, August 1, 1777.

Agreeable to the will of John Hephburn, Esq; deceased, will be SOLD, by public vendue, at Mrs. Gibbons's, in Upper-Marlborough, on Saturday the 27th of September, for ready money,

THREE and a half LOTS of ground adjoining each other in the said town, on one of which stands a very good two story brick house, three rooms below, and four above, a cellar under one half of the house, a brick kitchen, two rooms below and two above, a negro quarter, milk-house, store-house, stable and chaise-house.

At the same time will be sold, two other houses in Upper-Marlborough, one where William Urquhart kept tavern, under lease for twenty-one years, nine of which are expired; the other one is now made use of as an office for the records removed from Annapolis, rents for 200.

SAM. CHEW HEPBURN, executor.

May 6, 1777.

PATAPSCO SLITTING-MILL.

THIS is to inform the public, that the subscriber's MILL is completely finished, and now at work, where he sells NAIL RODS of all sorts, SHEET IRON, thick and thin, and HOOPING of any breadth or thickness, upon as good terms as they can be practised in any of the United States.

WILLIAM WHETCROFT.

N. B. A number of SAILORS are wanted, to whom great encouragement will be given, by

W. W.

ANY person or persons, who will undertake the SPOCKINS of MUSKETS for this STATE, may have any number, and all the materials found, by applying to

JOHN SHAW, Annapolis.

Wanted, a quantity of OLD BRASS, for which a good price will be given.

Calvert county.

RAN away from the subscriber, the 27th day of July last, a tuffy NEGRO man, named Tom, about twenty-five years of age, of a yellowish complexion, and has a down look, his wool is combed up before, and his crown is oftentimes shaved, he is a tolerable good shoemaker, and understands the water, as he has been used to go in the boat with me: Had on, when he went away, a gray leamought coat, one dusil ditto country cloth breeches, striped and bound before with blue, one pair of blue cloth ditto, one country line shirt, and one white ditto, one pair of white yan stockings, one pair of shoes with brass buckles, as a straw hat bound with black; he speaks short in uttering any word. Whoever takes up the said negro, and secures him so that the owner may get him again, shall receive ten dollars reward, paid by me.

HILARY WILSON.

TO THE PUBLIC.

HIS excellency the governor, having authorized and empowered the subscriber to finish his business in the several courts, all persons are desired to take notice of the same. Letters directed to the subscriber in Annapolis will be duly attended to.

BENJAMIN GALLOWAY.

Annapolis, July 16, 1777.

THE subscriber takes this method to inform all persons indebted to THOMAS HARWOOD and JOHN BRICE, or to himself, that constant attendance will be given in the LOAN OFFICE at Annapolis, for the purpose of receiving payment or satisfactory settlements, for all monies due them; and, as long indulgences have been given them, hopes regard will be paid to this notice, as it may prevent a great deal of trouble, and will very much oblige their

Humble servant,

THO. HARWOOD, jun.

TO BE SOLD.

THAT large three story BRICK HOUSE, in Chester-Town, late the property of Dr. William Murray. It is situated in the most public and pleasant part of the town; has large commodious buildings adjoining, well adapted for any kind of public business.—For terms apply to Mr. John Galloway, in Chester-Town, or to

JAMES MURRAY, in Annapolis.

June 25, 1777.

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living at Patapsco Slitting-mill, a convict servant man, named SAMUEL WRIGHT, by trade a millwright, but can turn his hands to almost any sort of business, thirty-eight years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, very swarthy complexion, black curling hair, much given to liquor: Had on a frize waistcoat without sleeves, leather breeches, half worn shoes, country linen shirt, and an old hat. Whoever takes up and secures the said servant, so that his master may get him again, shall have, if taken ten miles from home, three pounds; if twenty miles, five pounds, if forty miles, seven pounds, and, if out of the province, the above reward.

WILLIAM WHETCROFT.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERVED from my company, in col. John Gunby's regiment of the Maryland forces, a certain JOHN TRIM, who sometimes passes for John Hardier and last week enlisted with capt. Reynolds, by the name of John Burrel. He is a native of Ireland, about forty years of age, near six feet high, swarthy complexion, short black hair, a bold look, one of his hands fore, or lately healed; his cloaths unknown, as he several times has changed them; he is very talkative when in liquor, especially about his exploits at sea, and what a valiant sailor he was in his younger years. Whoever secures said deserter in Frederick-Town gaol, shall receive the above reward, besides the charges allowed by the honourable congress.

BENJ SPYKER, Capt. N. B. It is supposed he is now near Sharpsburg, or Shenparts-Town, in Virginia.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Elk-Ridge, Anne-Arundel county, near Green's mill, Patuxent river, July 7, 1777.

RAN away from the subscriber, a convict servant man, named GEORGE HOLT, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, about 23 or 24 years of age, light sandy hair toiled back, has a weakness in one of his thumbs: Had on a country hat half worn, and a coarse country shirt almost new, one linsley jacket with a yellow cotton cape and one striped ditto with yellow metal buttons, coarse striped country trousers, old shoes newly soled, old stockings black and blue, an old razor, and an old day-book with his name in many places in it. It is imagined he has forged a pass and will endeavour to get on board some vessel. Whoever secures the said servant, so that his master may get him again, shall have ten dollars reward, and, if brought home, all reasonable charges paid, by me.

WILLIAM RAY, jun.

Annapolis, July 29, 1777.

ALL persons indebted to the late Dr. JOHN SHAW, on bond, note, or open account, are desired to make immediate payment, as this is the last time of asking, and may depend that suits will be brought against them without further notice.

ISAAC HARRIS, RUTH HARRIS, Executors.

Annapolis, May 12, 1777.

NECESSITY COMPELS THE MEASURE.

THE term of the COPARTNERSHIP between WALLACE, DAVIDSON, AND JOHNSON, having expired on the first day of January last, and the present cruel and unjust way prosecuting by Great-Britain against the freedom of America, rendering it impracticable to renew the same; notice is hereby given, that by mutual consent the said PARTNERSHIP was dissolved on that day accordingly: It is necessary, therefore, our affairs be settled; wherefore we earnestly request all persons indebted to the concern in any manner, to make full and immediate payment, which has been too long neglected by many, who, taking advantage of the times,

from such conduct lenity ought not to be expected, yet such as have it not in their power immediately to settle their open accounts by payment, are, for the last time, desired to settle the same by bonds.

That branch of the business in the management of our Mr. JOHNSON, in London, will with fidelity be carefully attended to, until the completion thereof; and our friends experience of his past conduct will, we hope, sufficiently recommend him to their future favours, wherever his judgment, for mutual benefits, may direct him to settle.

WALLACE, DAVIDSON, AND JOHNSON.

Annapolis, June 18, 1777.

STRAYED from the plantation of Richard Burlingame, on the north side of Severn river, about five or six weeks ago, a large valuable red COW, with remarkable large horns, which grow almost upright; she gave milk when she went away, and may be known in the neighbourhood by her having a very short tail. Any person who will deliver her at the plantation from whence she strayed, shall receive 20s. reward.

TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Baltimore county, about 10 miles from Baltimore-Town, some time in March last, a NEGRO man, named JACK, commonly called Jack Gutrick, formerly belonged to col. Hooe, of Charles county, and sold by him to Dr. Walter Jenifer, of said county; he is a short, well set fellow, remarkable thick lips. Whoever takes up and secures said negro, so as his master may get him again, shall have ten pounds; if delivered at Northampton Furnace, about 10 miles from Baltimore-Town, shall have the above reward, paid by

Captain CHARLES RIDGELY.

N. B. Whoever may happen to take said negro and desired to confine him well in irons.

Prince-George's county, July 23, 1777.

WILLIAM WATERS takes this method to desire all those whose accounts have been standing with him unsettled twelve months, to make immediate payment, which will prevent trouble and expence to them as well as to himself.

Piscataway, July 1, 1777.

FOR SALE.

MY lot in Piscataway: The improvements thereon are, a dwelling-house two stories high, thirty by eighteen, two rooms below, and two above, a large cellar the dimensions of the house, a stable thirty by fourteen, a story and a half high, and an old house, new covered about three years ago, and with a small expence may be made either a convenient store-house or kitchen; the lot is inclosed with locust posts and oak paling, and contains near an acre. Part of the price may be made easy to the purchaser, on giving proper security, with interest.

ALEX. HAMILTON.