

Byron bridge, and our cavalry proceeded to Horse-  
back. Some time after they appeared on Whiffin's Hill,  
where, for particular reasons, I wish they had continu-  
ed a little longer.  
I thank lieutenant-colonel White a valuable officer,  
and take pleasure in again expressing how highly I ap-  
prove his conduct. The officers and men of the Cavalry  
behaved with a gallantry and spirit truly laudable.  
Captain Pope of the infantry, and the officers and men  
of his command, are mentioned by those of the Cavalry  
in a manner demonstrative of their merit, and expres-  
sive of the gratitude of the horse for the support they  
afforded them.

The enemy without doubt suffered a good deal.  
Lieutenant Gill counted 14 men lying on the field at  
one place of action—and more must have fallen at  
other places. The officers of the parties I sent out af-  
ter the enemy, when I found them retiring, learnt of  
the inhabitants that they acknowledged their loss (in  
proportion to the numbers engaged) considerable. Of  
the horse on our side 3 men only are wounded, and  
they so slightly that they are now on duty. Of the in-  
fantry I have as yet had no return, but understand  
from captain Pope that only are killed. We did not  
lose an horse, and had but 3 or 4 wounded—4 of the  
enemy's were taken in the action. Proper returns shall  
be transmitted your excellency, the moment I receive  
them.

Upon the whole, I think this a clever little affair;  
and flatter myself it will meet, Sir, with your approba-  
tion. I have the honour to be,  
With the greatest respect,  
Your excellency's most obedient servant,  
ROBERT HOWE.

P. S. I have ordered the things taken to be sold for  
the benefit of the captors. So sensible are the horse of  
the good behaviour of the infantry in this affair, that  
they have unanimously voted them half a share extraor-  
dinary, in reward of their merit.

S I R, West Point, August 10, 1779.  
YOUR very polite favour of the 17th ult. with the  
extract of an act of congress, I have just now received.  
The honourable manner in which that respectable body  
have been pleased to express their approbation of my  
conduct in the enterprise on Stony-Point, must be ve-  
ry flattering to a young soldier; but whilst I experience  
every sensation arising from a consciousness of having  
used my best endeavours to carry the orders of my ge-  
neral into execution, I feel much hurt that I did not in  
my letter to him of the 17th of July, mention (among  
other brave and worthy officers) the names of lieuten-  
ant-colonel Sherman, majors Hull, Murphy and Poley,  
whose good conduct and intrepidity justly entitled them  
to that attention.

Permit me, therefore, through your excellency, to  
do them that justice now which the fate of my wound  
diverted me from in the first instance: and whilst I pay  
this tribute to real merit, I must not omit major Noil-  
mont de Lanouvelle, a French gentleman, who (in the  
character of a volunteer) slept amongst the first for  
glory.

I will only beg leave to add, that every officer and  
soldier, belonging to the light corps, discovered a zeal  
and intrepidity that did and ever will secure success.

I am,  
With every sentiment of esteem,  
Your excellency's most obedient humble servant,  
ANTHONY WAYNE.  
His excellency JOHN JAY, Esq;  
president of congress.

Published by order of congress,  
CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

Extract of a letter from Paramus, August 22.  
Sundry late military occurrences, which you can-  
not be unacquainted with, gave the alarm to the enter-  
prising genius of major Lee, who being ordered into  
this country, took into contemplation an attempt on  
Powles-Point, a place naturally difficult of access, and  
highly improved by art. He busily employed himself  
in gaining a knowledge of the place, its situation,  
strength, &c. This done, he communicated the mat-  
ter to his excellency, who, surprised at the many ob-  
stacles, declined his assent to an affair so replete with  
danger. But on a fuller representation from the major,  
whose endeavours were unremitting until the necessary  
intelligence was collected—having devised the mode of  
attack, the method of retreat, and the number of troops  
adequate, transmitted them accurately to the general,  
who was pleased to approve of the disposition, and or-  
dered every thing requisite for a matter of so much dif-  
ficulty.

A description of the place will not be improper,  
as it will serve to give you an idea of the many obstruc-  
tions to be met with. The Hook is formed by a wind-  
ing curve of North-River, directly opposite New-York;  
a wide gulf intersects the tongue of land, and leaves the  
plate of fortification an entire island: the gulf in depth  
is so considerably encreased, as to render it impassible  
at a little more than half flood; interior to this runs a  
line of abbatis of great strength, which extends to the  
extreme verges of the island; still within these is a fort  
(except the gate way) impregnable, assisted by a chain  
of redoubts situate on its left, of superior strength; the  
whole surrounded by a marsh two miles in breadth,  
rendered almost impervious, by reason of a number of  
guts, which irregularly intersect it at various points.

Three hundred Virginians, under the command of  
major Clark, two companies of Maryland, and  
McCann's dismounted dragoons, composed the assailants.  
The whole, directed by major Lee, took their route  
from the New-Bridge on Hackinack, attended by a  
number of waggons to convey the provision of a foraging  
party. The timid apprehensions of a principal guide,  
on our nearer approach to the enemy, proved the source  
of numberless mistakes, which retarded the execution  
of the design three hours, and occasioned an alteration  
in the primary disposition, instead of attacking in three  
different places as at first intended—The body was  
formed into two columns, and after forcing the abbat-

is, a separation took place by major Clark's inclining  
to the right, the other column to the left; the former  
preceded at some distance; instantly seized the grand  
fort, and re-echoed the watch-word; in less than ten  
minutes a complete possession of the works was effected,  
with little or no loss.

The necessity of a retreat every moment became  
evident; day-light approached apace, and obliged us  
to retire precipitately, though without confusion. Re-  
lying on the boats which were to transport us over the  
Hackinack, 3 miles distant from the scene of action,  
and which constituted our safety—we moved on with  
the prisoners—but our arrival soon convinced us of a  
disappointment. The dangers of the situation were  
manifest: the North-River on the right was at many  
places not more than two miles distant from the party  
with the major part of the British army: strewn along  
the opposite shore, obliged the exertion of every device  
and stratagem to obviate their intercepting a retreat of  
eighteen miles, which was judiciously effected, notwith-  
standing all their efforts to the contrary.

Sept. 7. Monday arrived here the sloop Terrible, with  
118 puncheons of rum, from Jamaica. She was lately  
commanded by captain Ervin, and bound to New-  
York; but last Saturday night, being about four or five  
leagues from our coasts, four of the sailors seized the  
captain and mate, took possession of the vessel, and  
brought her safe in. She left Jamaica the first of Au-  
gust, in company with about 160 tall of vessels, but se-  
parated from them in the Gulf of Florida.

We learn that a large ship, one of the above fleet,  
ran ashore in the Gulf, and was entirely lost.

By the Jamaica Mercury of the 24th of July we learn,  
that the Lion man of war, of 64 guns (one of admiral  
Byron's fleet) arrived there in a shattered condition,  
having received very material damage in her masts,  
yards, and rigging; that the carnage on board her was  
very considerable; that the accidental explosion of a  
quantity of cartridges on the lower deck, proved the  
destruction of a great many men, that 50 had been al-  
ready buried, and many still remained badly hurt.

Extract of a letter from Bilbao, dated July 6, 1779.  
The Breck, Cadiz, and Ferrol fleets are all at sea  
to the number of 70 ships of the line; besides frigates,  
bombs, &c. so that a little time will discover their desti-  
nation—All English effects have been prohibited with  
the utmost severity.

ANNAPOLIS, September 10.  
A LIST of CONTINENTAL AGENTS licensed by  
the governor and council, in this state for the  
army, according to the act of assembly for the more  
effectual preventing of embezzling and engrossing, and for  
other purposes therein mentioned.

Patrick Ewing, Cecil county, assistant commissary of  
purchases; licensed the 26th of August 1779.

Henry Hollingsworth, Cecil deputy quarter-master-  
general for the eastern shore; the 3d of September 1779.

James Calloun, Baltimore, deputy quarter-master-  
general for the western shore; the 7th of September  
1779.

ANNAPOLIS RACES.  
TO be run for, on the 27th of October next, over  
the course near this city, the four mile heat,

A PURSE of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS,  
free for any horse, mare or gelding; aged to  
carry 133 pounds, six years old to carry 126, five  
years old to carry 119, and four years old 112.

On the day following will be run for, over the same  
course, the three mile heat,

A PURSE of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS,  
free for any horse, mare or gelding, under six years  
old; five years old to carry 119 pounds; four years old  
112, and three years old 100 pounds.

On the third day will be run for,  
A PURSE of THREE HUNDRED and SE-  
VENTY-FIVE POUNDS, free for any horse,  
mare or gelding, under five years old; four years old  
to carry 115, three years old to carry 100.

Any horse winning two clear heats either day to be  
entitled to the purse; the winning horse each preceding  
day to be excepted. Any horse running for either  
purse to be entered with Mr. George Mann, two days  
before the day of running, otherwise to pay double  
entrance at the post; non-subscribers to pay 60 dollars  
the first day; second day 30 dollars; third day 20 dol-  
lars. Subscribers to pay half entrance each day. Pro-  
per judges will be appointed to determine all matters of  
dispute, agreeable to the rules of racing.  
The horses to start each day at 11 o'clock precisely.

ANNAPOLIS, September 9, 1779.  
TO BE SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE  
On Thursday the 23d inst. at the house lately occupied  
by Thomas Jennings, Esq; nearly opposite the prison,  
A QUANTITY of HOUSEHOLD FUR-  
NITURE, consisting of tables, chairs, drawers,  
looking-glasses, pewter, a mahogany bedstead, bed and  
curtains; a guitar, German flute, a chest of carpenters  
tools, some wearing apparel, a very neat new glass for  
laying on a counter, and a variety of other articles.

JOHN S HAW  
N. B. Household furniture retained by the subscriber  
on commission, to be sold by public or private sale.

ANNAPOLIS, September 9, 1779.  
THE subscriber wants a number of COARSE  
SHOES made, for which good wages will be  
given; shoemakers may take them out in quantities.  
A CURRIER will meet with encouragement by  
applying to

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH,  
OF whom a good price may be had for coarse shoe  
thread.

NOTICE is hereby given to the freemen of Anne-  
Arundel county, that an election will be held at  
the city of Annapolis, agreeable to the form of govern-  
ment, on the first Monday in October next, being the  
fourth day of the said month, in order to choose four  
delegates to serve in the next general assembly.  
JOHN BURGESS, sheriff.

W A N T E D  
EITHER a single man or one with a small family,  
who can be well recommended for his sobriety  
and industry, and also for his knowledge in the business  
of a plantation, to overlook a farm near the city of  
Annapolis, whereon there are fourteen or fifteen good  
working hands. For further particulars enquire of the  
proprietor at the Old Printing Office.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the corporation  
of the city of Annapolis intends to petition the  
next General Assembly for a law to pass enabling them  
to lay a further assessment on all property, and to  
regulate ordinaries, within the said city, and to dis-  
pose of TRIMPLE and DEAN streets, now stopped  
up and useless to the inhabitants. S 8w

To be SOLD at the PRINTING OFFICE,  
L A W S  
Passed last SESSION of  
ASSEMBLY. LX

FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.  
August 25, 1779.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in St. Mary's  
county, within six miles of Leonard Town, on  
the 14th instant, a likely NEGRO WOMAN,  
named MONICA, about 40 years of age, and five  
feet three or four inches high, was born in the country,  
and talks plain. She carried with her sundry kinds of  
cloaths; those she will probably wear in common are,  
a jacket and petticoat made of striped country cloth  
of cotton and wool, the stripes of yellow, blue, and  
black, and crossways the cloth; took with her also a wo-  
man's black turred hat and a silk bonnet; she has a large  
wen on her forehead, but often wears something tied  
over it; she will probably endeavour to pass for a free  
woman, and may endeavour to procure a forged pass,  
and go off by water. Any person who will take up the  
said negro woman and bring her home, shall receive  
twenty dollars reward if taken within ten miles of  
home, or the above reward if taken out of the county,  
and secured so that the subscriber can get her.  
ABRAHAM CLARKE.

LOWER MARLBOROUGH RACES.  
ON Tuesday, the 28th of September, will be run  
for, over the course at Lower Marlborough, a  
purse of THREE HUNDRED POUNDS, free  
for any horse, mare, or gelding, the three mile heats;  
aged horses to carry nine stone, and to fall agreeable  
to the rules of racing.

And, on Wednesday, the 29th, will be run for, over  
the same ground, a purse of TWO HUNDRED  
POUNDS; two mile heats; horses carrying as above.

Horses to be entered with Mr. JOHN SPICKMALL  
the day preceding the race, when proper certificate  
must be shown. Subscribers to pay thirty dollars en-  
trance the first day, and twenty dollars the second, non-  
subscribers to pay double each day.

THERE are at the plantation of Patrick McGill  
on Elk-Ridge, in Anne-Arundel county, taken  
up as strays, two red HEIFERS, one marked with  
a crop in the right ear, and an upper slip in the left  
the other neither brand nor ear mark; they appear to  
be about two years old.  
The owners are desired to take them away and pay  
charges. S X W 3

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acts of assembly; a table shewing the value of any num-  
ber of dollars; tables of interest in pounds and dollars,  
&c. &c. together with several instructive and entertain-  
ing pieces in prose and verse.

August 1, 1779.  
NOTICE is hereby given, that part of the inha-  
bitants of Cecil county intend to petition to the  
general assembly, at their next session, to pass an act  
for the laying out a straight road from the bridge at the  
Head of Elk, unto the end of the straight road, laid out  
some years since by the commissioners of Newcastle  
county at the boundary line, of which all persons con-  
cerned are desired to take notice. S 8w

LOST by the subscriber  
THE Proceedings of the ancient TUESDAY  
CLUB, bound in parchment; several of the  
leaves are loose. Whoever will deliver them to him,  
his office, shall receive forty dollars for their trouble.  
FREDERICK GREEN.