

before they died, the great Wood not readily burning; and their Cry was Water, Water.

Annapolis, April 21. It being represented, that the Negroe belonging to John Aldridge, who murder'd his Mistress and 2 Children, was so ill in Prison, that 'twas thought he could not live 'till the Assizes, and consequently not receive lawful Punishment for his horrid Crimes; his Excellency was pleased to order a special Commission for trying him, which was accordingly done; he confess'd the murdering his Mistress and one Child; but said, the youngest was killed by the Fall of its Mother upon it; he receiv'd Sentence of Death, was executed at Marlborough last Friday, and on Saturday was hung in Chains in the old Fields near Capt. Murdock's. The Negroe who kill'd his Master, Mr. Aquilla Hall, is also to hang in Chains. Which Examples 'tis hoped will be a Means to terrify such wicked Wretches from the like male Practices for the future.

April 21, 1729.

To Mr. P. P.

S I R,

ALTHO' you have, in your Letter to the Printer, sufficiently exposed, as well the Weakness, as the Influence of the late Epistle General, that was addressed to the Gentlemen of *Maryland*; yet I cannot forbear adding to your judicious Observations, that Capt. *Hoxton*, in order to screen his Employer from Censure, would endeavour to persuade us that all the Merchants were KNAVES or FOOLS. For he attempts to make us believe that the great Importation, rendered the Execution of the AGREEMENT impracticable, and consequently that no Body was to blame for the BREACH of it. If that be so, then the Merchants amused us with a Pretence of doing something extraordinary for us, which (if they were so well acquainted with their Business as they ought to be) they knew would come to nothing. If they were ignorant of the Effect the great Importation would have on their Resolutions; then they wanted such a Share of Knowledge in their Business, as was necessary to enable them to discharge their Duty towards us. This is, I think, the Substance of the Captain's Apology, and these the plain and natural Inferences that are to be drawn from it: And if the Captain can conceal his Employer in the Crowd, and make the World believe Others are as bad as himself, no doubt he does him acceptable Service.

I am very glad to see Mr. *Ridgley's* Relation (tho' I assure you I did not question his Veracity) confirmed so many Ways; and I make no doubt but even Capt. *Hoxton* himself, is convinc'd that it deserves Credit.

THE Captain is not so happy in what he says concerning the Letter from his Employer: For, since he has sufficiently demonstrated his Zeal to support his Employer's Interest at any Rate, it is not doubted but that he would publish the Letter he has, if it was such as would bear an Examination;

But, since he does not do so, I conclude (with many Others) that the Contents of that Letter, are either false or frivolous.

WE shall hardly be told again, that Mr. *Hyde* has not had Time enough, since he has known that he is charged with Breaking the AGREEMENT, to vindicate himself, if he could, or thought it worth his While to do; Nor that his Silence does not proceed from a Consciousness of Guilt, or the greatest Contempt of the People of *Maryland*.

LET me tell you, Sir, that several People who highly commend your Undertaking, (as every Man must that has any Regard to the Welfare of this Province) tax you with Partiality, for not animadverting upon the Behaviour of some other Criminals, as well as Mr. *Hyde*; to which I have made this Apology, that as he is generally believed to be the capital Offender, he ought to be brought to Justice first, and then it will be an easy Task to manage his Followers and Underlings, whose Numbers and Influence are inconceivable.

I am, Sir,

Your Well-Wisher,

and Humble Servant,

O R O O N O K O.

Enter'd at the Port of Annapolis.

- April 17. Endeavour of London, William Reynolds, Master.
—21. Rebecca of London, John Magier, Master.
—21. Union of Topsam, Peter Duncomb, Master.
—21. Fancey of Virginia, Francis Gaines, Master.

Clear'd out.

- April 22. Fancey of Virginia, Francis Gaines, Master.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

Annapolis, April 7, 1729.

I the Subscriber, have several Tracts of Land lying in Prince George's, Baltimore, and Kent Counties; which I am desirous to Let for Years, or Lives, upon moderate Terms. Mr. *Gilbert Falconar* in Kent, and Mr. *John Bradford* in Prince George's, will shew the Lands in these Counties to, and agree upon the Terms, with any who desire to take Leases, if it be inconvenient for them to come to me; And whatever Terms they agree upon, I hereby promise to confirm, in Form. I intend (God willing) to be at Baltimore County, next June Court; where Any that want Land there, may apply to me. I will take the Rent in Tobacco, Corn, Wheat, or other the Produce of the Land, which the Tenants can best spare, at the Price current, and give a reasonable Time for making necessary Improvements.

Daniel Dulany.

Lately imported from New-York, a large Quantity of Ship Bread, Flour, Butter, Strong Beer, Lime-juice, Chocolate, Cod-Fish, Florence-Oyl, New Hops, Rugs, Blankets, Jamaica Rum, and Musquevadée Sugar. To be sold at Capt. *Gordon's* in Annapolis, at reasonable Rates, for ready Money.

April 3, 1729.

RUN away from the Subscriber, a Negroe Boy, called *Charles*, about Sixteen Years of Age, clothed with a Grey Coat; the Sleeves faced with Red Plush, and trimmed with Red Button-holes, and Brass Buttons, a Pair of Red Stockings, and Grey Breeches.

Whoever secures the said Negroe to the Subscriber, shall be recompensed over and above what the Taker up may be entitled to by the Act of Assembly.

Edmund Jennings.

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