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communicated to a West-Country Convict Woman (Servant to Mr. Waters, and of the same Communion with the other two), and an Orphan Apprentice Girl, their Intention to murder their Master; to which the Women readily agreeing, they all swore on a Bible not to make any Discovery. Having been several Times disappointed in their Design to way-lay him on the Road, in order to perpetrate their Villainy, it happened that on Saturday the 5th Instant, Mr. Waters being at a Muster, and having drank too freely; he was conducted home by two of his Neighbours, who had him put to Bed, and left him about an Hour within Night: When the Woman, having put his two Children to Bed with him, persuaded the Orphan Girl to go over with her to a Neighbour's. In the mean time the two Men murder'd the poor Man, overcome with Liquor and Sleep, by giving him a desperate Blow on the Head with an Axe; after which they dragg'd him out of Bed upon the Floor, repeating their Blows, tho' any one of them would have proved mortal: The Children sleeping sound all the While, it is thought prevented their undergoing the same Fate; tho' the Highlander propos'd setting the House on fire, and burning the Children therein. The Girls returning, found the Fellows rejoicing in their Villainy, who then put the Deceased's Cloaths on him, and throwing his Body across a Horse carried it to a Branch about half a Mile from the House, and there buried it; They afterwards burnt the bloody Sheets, clean'd away the Blood, and the next Morning gave out, that their Master set out for Annapolis by Day-break. Nobody had any Suspicion of what had been transacted 'til about the Middle of the Week, when one of the Deceased's Shoes and Buckles were found; and their carousing, buying Rum, and idling about, and the Horse's being seen at home, gave the Neighbours reason to suspect the Matter; whereupon the Men were apprehended, and a bloody Shirt found, but no further Discovery made 'til Sunday; when the Orphan Girl, after she had at a solemn Examination denied she knew any thing of the Fact, privately confess'd that she had been sworn to Secrefy: On being told that her Oath, being extorted by the Fellows, could not be binding, she related all she knew of it. The same Evening, the Irishman, finding the Girl had made a Discovery, confess'd every Circumstance told; as also where the Body was buried, and where he had concealed his Master's Watch, Ring, Clasp, &c. which were all accordingly found. The two Men and the Woman, were brought in, by the Coroner's Inquest, guilty of Wilful Murder. The Highlander receiv'd the Sacrament at Mass, the Sunday before this tragic Scene was executed; and notwithstanding his most obstinate Denial of knowing any thing of the Fact, appears to have been the first Proposer, and principal Actor in this Tragedy.

On Thursday last died in Cecil County, after a short Illness, Mr. William Knight, Clerk and Deputy Commissary for that County; a Gentleman much esteemed by all that knew him. We have Accounts that the Captains Ellis, Binney, Mackenzie, Perchard, and several West-Countrymen, with Tobacco from this Province, were all taken in their Passage home. Capt. Ogilvie's Ship is lost, with the Cargo and all the Men, except himself and one more. Capt. Kemp, from Barbadoes for this Province, is taken and carried into Martinico.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS. Entered,

Shoop Harrah

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. James Johnson, late of Annapolis, Merchant, are desired to pay off their respective Balances to the Subscriber, or give Notes for the same: otherwise may expect immediate Trouble, without further Notice.

Also all Persons in this Province indebted to Neall Buthanan, Esq; late of London, Merchant, deceased, are desired to pay off their respective Balances: And any Person having made Remittances to his Executors, since the 10th of April, 1745, are desired to acquaint the Subscriber thereof, he having a Power of Attorney from them, with a Copy of each Man's Account duly proved; which will prevent further Trouble to them, and

ROBERT SWAN.

Hunting-Creek, Virginia.

THE Place where Mr. John Pagan formerly liv'd and kept his Store, is now to be Let to any Person in Trade, it being commodiously situated at the Head of the above said Creek; with all Houses necessary for a trading Person, good Pasturage, &c. Any Person inclining to take the said Place, by enquiring of the Subscriber, who lives near it, may be informed on what Terms.

JOHN WEST.

To be Sold by the Subscriber,

AT Mr. Ewert's, in Annapolis, choice old Barbadoes Rum, at 6s. 6d. by the single Gallon; middling brown Sugar, at 8d. per Pound; good Gammons of Bacon, at 8d. per Pound; a few Pieces of Seven Eighths Garlick very cheap.

JOHN HUTCHINSON.

N. B. The said Hutchinson expects, in a few Days, a choice Parcel of Shingles; which will be Sold very reasonable.

Strayed from Mr. Peel's at London-town, the 7th of October last, a small black Gelding, branded on the near Buttock thus **JH** not very plain to be discerned when the Hair is long; he has a hanging Mane, a switch Tail, paces tolerably well, and is tender footed. Whoever will bring him to Mr. Thomas Brake at Queen-Anne, or to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shilling Reward.

THOMAS SPARROW.

Baltimore County, Maryland, March 14, 1745-6.

THE Subscriber intending to depart this Province for London, this Summer, desires all Persons who have any Affairs to settle with him, either on his own Account, or on Account of Mr. Jonathan Forward, Merchant in London (for whom he is Agent), to come and finish the same by the 10th Day of May next, or else they may expect Trouble. He also advises those who have any Demands upon him, to send them in, and they shall be paid.

He has a Parcel of very sortable European Goods, to the Value of about 300 l. Sterling, which he will sell very cheap, either for Bills of Exchange, Paper Money, or Tobacco.

He is also empowered by the Executrix of Capt. David Bowly, late of Baltimore-Town, deceased, to demand and receive the Debts due to his Estate: Whoever is indebted thereto, is required forthwith to discharge the same.

DARBY LUT.

ALL Persons who have had any Dealings with the Subscriber, are desired to come forthwith and settle their Accounts, and pay the same, or give their Notes. As he designs for Great-Britain, in June next, he hopes all those concerned will take notice of this Advertisement, and thereby

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