

SALISBURY,
JOSES keeping School
 at the House where Mr. Sparrow
 Church, to Teach young LADIES
 all Sorts of fine NEEDLE WORK,
 MAKING with Gold and Silver,
 CURIOUS WORK, which can be
 a Needle, and all Education fit for
 except Dancing.
 will take in young LADIES to
 propose to open School the 25th of
 young LADIES who intend to be
 are desired to leave their Names in
 OFFICE.

ld, for ready Money, or
 short Credit.
RE Lots of Ground, ly-
 nnapolis, and at present in the Pos-
 Richard Burdus, with the Dwelling
 Houses, and all the other Improve-
 ments, Paving, Fencing, &c. which at
 good Repair.
 Price apply to
Robert Swan,
 Houses and Lots being formerly
 twenty five Pounds per Annum, there
 of which yet to come.

E is hereby given, That
 scriber will give constant Attendance
 in Annapolis, on every Wednesday
 before the Tenth of April next, to
 Money from the Inhabitants of the
 due from them for Public Levies, or
 Account, to
 Their humble Servant,
Mathan Hammond, Sheriff
 of Anne Arundel County.

ECTORS, who are not
 d with Books and No es for the pre-
 ay be supplied with any Quantities of

Fonas Green.

ME of a small LOTTERY;
 the Sum of 490 Pieces of Eight, for
 public Wharf at Baltimore Town.

Pieces of Eight.	Total.
of 100 are	200
of 50 are	150
of 30 are	90
of 20 are	120
of 15 are	150
of 10 are	200
of 5 are	250
of 3 are	165
drawn	7
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kets at 2 Pieces of Eight, are 3500

For the public Wharf 490
 there is not one Blank and 1

nothing more, wanting than a public
 Town, where the Trade is gradually
 in a few Years, it is not to be doub-
 will readily Adventure in this Lot-
 Well-wishers to the Prosperity of the
 Province.
 the Tickets being already engaged, the
 Lottery will be full in a very short
 which public Notice will be given, and
 of Drawing.

the Prizes will be published in the
 Gazette, as soon as the Drawing is
 made.

Persons are appointed Managers,
 be under Oath, for the true Perfec-
 tion of this Lottery, viz. **John Sturges,**
John Mould, **Charles Coxall,** **Wm.**
Nicholas Rogers, **John Ridgely,**
William Law, and **Brian Philips,** who
 had of any of the Managers, and
 OFFICE in Annapolis.

Charles Charles
 per Week after for Con-

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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, March 28, 1754.

The Conclusion of Major WASHINGTON's Journal,
begun in our last.

Wednesday, December 12th, 1753.

I PREPAR'D early to wait upon the
 Commander, and was received and conducted
 to him by the second Officer in Command;
 I acquainted him with my Business, and
 offer'd my Commission and Letter, both
 of which he desired me to keep 'til the Arrival of
 Monsieur Riparti, Captain at the next Fort, who
 was sent for and expected every Hour.

This Commander is a Knight of the military
 Order of St. Lewis, and named *Legardeur de St.*
Pierre. He is an elderly Gentleman, and has
 much the Air of a Soldier; he was sent over to
 take the Command, immediately upon the Death of
 the late General, and arrived here about seven
 Days before me.

At 2 o'Clock the Gentleman that was sent for
 arrived, when I offer'd the Letter, &c. again;
 which they receiv'd, and adjourn'd into a private
 Apartment for the Captain to translate, who under-
 stood a little English; after he had done it, the
 Commander desired I would walk in, and bring
 my Interpreter to peruse and correct it, which I
 did.

13th, The chief Officers retired, to hold a
 Council of War, which gave me an Opportunity
 of taking the Dimensions of the Fort, and making
 what Observations I could.

It is situated on the South, or West Fork of
French Creek, near the Water, and is almost sur-
 rounded by the Creek, and a small Branch of it
 which forms a Kind of an Island; four Houses
 compose the Sides; the Bastions are made of Piles
 driven into the Ground, and about 12 Feet above,
 and sharp at Top, with Port Holes cut for Cannon
 and Loop Holes for the small Arms to fire through;
 there are eight 6 lb. Pieces mounted, two in each
 Bastion, and one Piece of four Pound before the
 Gate; in the Bastions are a Guard House, Chapel,
 Doctor's Lodging, and the Commander's private
 Store, round which are laid Plat-Forms for the
 Cannon and Men to stand on: There are several
 Barracks without the Fort, for the Soldiers Dwel-
 ling, covered, some with Bark, and some with
 Boards, and made chiefly of Logs: There are
 also several other Houses, such as Stables, Smith's
 Shop, &c.

I could get no certain Account of the Number
 of Men here; but according to the best Judgment
 I could form, there are an Hundred exclusive of
 Officers, of which there are many. I also gave Orders
 to the People that were with me, to take an exact
 Account of the Canoes that were haul'd up to con-
 vey their Forces down in the Spring, which they
 did, and told 50 of Birch Bark, and 170 of Pine,
 besides many others that were block'd out, in
 Readiness to make.

14th, As the Snow increased very fast, and our
 Horses daily became weaker, I sent them off un-
 loaded, under the Care of *Barnaby Currin* and two
 others, to make all convenient Dispatch to *Venango*,
 and there wait our Arrival if there was a Prospect
 of the Rivers freezing, if not, then to continue
 down to *Sbannapin's Town*, at the Forks of *Obis*,
 and these to wait 'til we came to *crisis Allegany*,
 intending myself to go down by Water, as I had
 the Offer of a Canoe or Two.

As I found many Plots concerted to retard the
Indians Business, and prevent their returning with
 me; I endeavour'd all that lay in my Power to
 frustrate their schemes, and hurry them on to ex-
 ecute their intended Design; they accordingly
 press'd for Admittance this Evening, which at
 Length was granted them, privately, with the
 Commander and one or two other Officers: The
 Half-King told me, that he offer'd the Wampum
 to the Commander, who evaded taking it, and
 made many fair Promises of Love and Friendship;
 but he wanted to live in Peace, and trade amicably

with them, as a Proof of which he would send
 some Goods immediately down to the *Leggs Town*
 for them; but I rather think the Design of that is,
 to bring away all our straggling Traders they meet
 with, as I privately understood they intended to
 carry an Officer, &c. with them; and what rather
 confirms this Opinion, I was enquiring of the
 Commander, by what Authority he had made
 Prisoners of several of our English Subjects; he
 told me that the Country belong'd to them, that
 no Englishman had a Right to trade upon those
 Waters; and that he had Orders to make every
 Person Prisoner that attempted it: on the *Ohio*, or
 the Waters of it.

I enquir'd of Capt. *Riparti* about the Boy that
 was carried by, as it was done while the Command
 devolved on him, between the Death of the late
 General, and the Arrival of the present; he
 acknowledged, that a Boy had been carried pass,
 and that the *Indians* had two or three white Mens
 Scalps, (I was told by some of the *Indians* at
Venango Eight) but pretended to have forgot the
 Name of the Place that the Boy came from, and
 all the Particulars, though he question'd him for
 some Hours, as they were carrying him pass: I
 likewise enquired what they had done with *John*
Trotter and *James MacClocklan*, two *Pennsylvania*
 Traders, whom they had taken, with all their
 Goods: They told me, that they had been sent to
Canada, but were now returned Home.

This Evening I received an Answer to his Ho-
 nour the Governor's Letter from the Commandant.

15th, The Commandant ordered a plentiful
 Store of Liquor, Provision, &c. to be put on board
 our Canoe, and appeared to be extremely complai-
 sant, though he was exerting every Artifice that he
 could invent to set our own *Indians* at Variance
 with us, to prevent their going 'til after our De-
 parture: Presents, Rewards, and every Thing
 that could be suggested by him or his Officers —
 I can't say that ever in my Life I suffer'd so much
 Anxiety as I did in this Affair; I saw that every
 Stratagem that the most fruitful Brain could invent,
 was practis'd, to win the Half King to their In-
 terest, and that leaving Him here was giving them
 the Opportunity they aimed at. — I went to the
 Half-King, and press'd him in the strongest Terms
 to go: He told me the Commandant would not
 discharge him 'til the Morning. I then went to
 the Commandant, and desired him to do their
 Business, and complain'd of ill Treatment; for
 keeping them, as they were Part of my Company,
 was detaining me; which he promised not to do,
 but to forward my Journey as much as he could;
 He protested he did not keep them, but was igno-
 rant of the Cause of their Stay; though I soon
 found it out: — He had promised them a Present
 of Guns, &c. if they would wait 'til the Morning.

As I was very much press'd, by the *Indians*, to
 wait this Day for them, I consented, on a Pro-
 mise, That nothing should hinder them in the
 Morning.

16th, The *French* were not slack in their Inven-
 tions to keep the *Indians* this Day also; but as they
 were oblig'd, according to Promise, to give the
 Present, they then endeavour'd to try the Power
 of Liquor, which I doubt not would have prevail'd
 at any other Time than this, but I urg'd and in-
 sisted with the King so closely upon his Word,
 that he refrained, and set off with us as he had
 engag'd.

We had a tedious and very fatiguing Passage
 down the Creek, several Times we had like to
 have been staved against Rocks, and many Times
 were oblig'd all Hands to get out and remain in
 the Water Half an Hour or more, getting over the
 Shoals; at one Place the Ice had lodged and made
 it impassable by Water; therefore we were oblig'd
 to carry our Canoes across a Neck of Land, a
 Quarter of a Mile over. We did not reach
Venango, till the 22d, where we met with our
 Horses.

This Creek is extremely crooked, I dare say

the Distance between the Fort and *Venango* can't
 be less than 130 Miles, to follow the Meanders.

23d, When I got Things ready to set off, I sent
 for the Half King, to know whether he intended
 to go with us, or by Water, he told me that
White-Thunder had hurt himself much, and was
 sick and unable to walk, therefore he was oblig'd
 to carry him down in a Canoe: As I found he
 intended to stay here a Day or two, and knew
 that Monsieur *Joucaire* would employ every
 Scheme to set him against the English as he had
 before done; I told him I hoped he would guard
 against his Flattery, and let no fine Speeches in-
 fluence him in their Favour: He desired I might
 not be concerned, for he knew the *French* too well,
 for any Thing to engage him in their Behalf; and
 though he could not go down with us, he would
 endeavour to meet at the Forks with *Joseph Camp-
 bell*, to deliver a Speech for me to carry to his
 Honour the Governor. He told me he would
 order the young Hunter to attend us, and get
 Provision, &c. if wanted.

Our Horses were now so weak and feeble, and
 the Baggage heavy, as we were oblig'd to provide
 all the Necessaries that the Journey would require;
 that we doubted much their performing it; there-
 fore myself and others (except the Drivers which
 were oblig'd to ride) gave up our Horses for
 Packs, to assist along with the Baggage; I put
 myself in an *Indian* Dress, and continued with
 them three Days, till I found there was no Pro-
 bability of their getting in, in any reasonable
 Time; the Horses grew less able to travel every
 Day; the Cold increased very fast, and the Roads
 were becoming much worse by a deep Snow, con-
 tinually freezing; and as I was uneasy to get back,
 to make Report of my Proceedings to his Honour
 the Governor, I determin'd to prosecute my Jour-
 ney the nearest Way through the Woods, on
 Foot.

Accordingly I left Mr. *Van Braam* in Charge of
 our Baggage, with Money and Directions, to pro-
 vide Necessaries from Place to Place for themselves
 and Horses, and to make the most convenient Dis-
 patch in.

I took my necessary Papers, pulled off my
 Cloaths, tied myself up in a Match Coat, and with
 my Pack at my Back with my Papers and Provi-
 sions in it, and a Gun, set out with Mr. *Giff*, fitted
 in the same Manner, on Wednesday the 26th. The
 Day following, just after we had pass'd a Place
 call'd the *Murdering Town*, where we intended to
 quit the Path, and steer across the Country for
Sbannapin's Town, we fell in with a Party of *French*
Indians, who had lain in Wait for us; one of them
 fired at Mr. *Giff* or me, not 15 Steps, but fortu-
 nately missed. We took this Fellow into Custody,
 and kept him till about 9 o'Clock at Night, and
 then let him go, and walk'd all the remaining Part
 of the Night without making any Stop, that we
 might get the Start so far, as to be out of the
 Reach of their Pursuit the next Day, as we were
 well assur'd they would follow our Track as soon
 as it was light: The next Day we continued tra-
 velling till quite dark, and got to the River about
 2 Miles above *Sbannapin's*; we expected to have
 found the River frozen, but it was not, only about
 50 Yards from each Shore; the Ice I suppose had
 broke up above, for it was driving in vast Quan-
 tities.

There was no Way for getting over but on a
 Raft, which we set about, with but one poor
 Hatcher, and got finish'd just after Sun setting,
 after a whole Day's Work; we got it launched,
 and on board of it, and set off; but before we were
 half Way over, we were jammed in the Ice in such
 a Manner that we expected every Moment our
 Raft to sink, and ourselves to perish; I put out
 my setting Pole to try to stop the Raft, that the
 Ice might pass by, when the Rapidity of the Stream
 threw it with so much Violence against the Pole,
 that it jerk'd me out into 10 Feet Water, but I
 fortunately saved myself by catching hold of one of
 the