

Right Honourable Sir Thomas
Majesty's principal Secretaries
... and being very resolute,
... to the utmost of our
... the Expence of the Ser-
... said Message, have ordered
... for stamping and signing
... Amount of Forty Thousand
... (being equal to Five Thou-
... Fourteen Pounds, Five
... Pence Halfpenny; Struck)
... ars, by a General Tax; and
... of Forty Thousand Pounds
... Defence of his Majesty's Do-
... tics.
... of Assembly, the 21st Day
... 55, by Order of the House,
... MIDDLETON, Speaker.
... of Assembly, the First Day of
... ary, 1755.
... House (in Obedience to his
... fied to the Governor by con-
... staries of State) have ex-
... of their Power, to raise and
... an Aid toward defraying the
... his Majesty's Dominions in
... considerable as the present Cir-
... abitants of this Province (who
... ms to provide for their own
... Defence) would admit.
... the Bill which his Excellency
... ifallow, Provision was made
... the most expeditious Manner,
... hods hitherto observed in the
... such Supplies as have been
... upon the like emergent Oc-
... is the Opinion of this House,
... not be raised so immediately
... the Service must necessarily
... er whatever other than as by
... and provided.
... Governor's Message, which
... this House on the 14th of the
... ffrage in Answer thereto, and
... he above Resolves, be printed
... of the House,
... LDERMAS CROFT, C. D. C.
... hear, that some civil Commot-
... ppened in Georgia, but that
... ed on the Expulsion of her
... msembly there.
... O N, January 27.
... owing sorrowful Account from
... Lord's Day, the 19th Instant,
... junior, and his Wife, attending
... left their two only Sons in
... them eight Years of Age, the
... who went from the House to a
... ch was froze over, and ventu-
... broke under them, and they
... the 5th Instant, a large Dun-
... dlock, belonging to Mr. John
... med by Fire, and all that was
... on.
... Wednesday last, Robert McKee,
... Province of New-Hampshire,
... in this Town; and agreed for
... the Pay to be in New-Hamp-
... ducing one of Eight Pounds, in
... counterfeit, upon which he ex-
... (the other Part being finished
... and tore two other Bills to Pieces,
... into the Fire. Upon searching
... Bills of Eight Pounds, and find-
... nation, were found upon him.
... he had put off some of the Bills
... own. He is now confined in
... ought he will soon discover in
... turn Evidence for the King.
... 25. Last Week a Gentleman
... ived a Quantity of Cheese from
... mended to him for extracting
... ving parted with a few of them
... neighbours, all that eat of them
... y purged; upon which several
... dionity to try if it would have its
... hem, and were soon after sick-
... ed and purged to such a Degree
... that Life was almost despaired
... that were thus poisoned, was
... Person of good Credit, the
... out of this Affair, says, As to
... a near Neighbour, I was as late
... re than two or three of the Peo-
... I saw the Operation.

PHILADELPHIA.
February 18. Saturday last there was a Hog in
this Market for Sale, raised by one of our Butchers,
which weigh'd Six Hundred and Forty two Pounds,
[Just as much is said of this grand Hog, as can be
said of many of the human Species: for, as neither a
Hog or a Miser do any Good till they die, so after-
wards the chief that's told of them, is, how much
they weigh'd.]
February 25.
Extra of a Letter from an Officer at Wills's Creek
to his Friend here, dated Feb. 10, 1755.
" Since my last the two Indians, which were
sent to Fort Du Quesne with a Letter from one of
the French Prisoners in Virginia, arriv'd in this
Camp; who inform us, that the French Indians,
which were some Time since with us, and who
pretended in our Council to be Friends with the
English, were at the French Fort, and deliver'd
to the Commandant the Speech we made to them,
and the Presents they receiv'd from us.—The
Messengers further say, that the French would
admit them into their Council with the French In-
dians: And that the French Officer told them, he
intended, in a very few Days, to march a large
Body of French and Indians, and drive us out of
our present Situation, for that we had no Business
to build Forts at Wills's Creek.—We have put
ourselves in a proper Posture of Defence to receive
them, and make no Doubt, if they do come, that
they will meet with a warmer Reception than they
imagine.—We have clear'd all the Land within
Canon Shot of us, both this Side of the River,
and likewise the other Side, beyond the New Store,
which is on a higher Ground than our Fort stands
upon; but the Knob is very narrow, and not fit to
erect any Fortification upon, and is under the Com-
mand of our Guns, about 320 Yards distant from
the Fort.—We expect the first Division of the
Virginia Forces to join us this Evening, when we
intend a strong Guard to be mounted at the New
Store."

ANNAPOLIS.
Yesterday before Noon, his Excellency our Governor
received a Letter, by Express, from Sir John St.
Clair at Alexandria in Virginia; and immediately
his Excellency set off for that Place. And both
his Excellency adjourn'd to Friday.
Capt. Spencer is arriv'd in Patuxent, from Lon-
don, and has brought Letters of the Beginning of
January; with whom came Passengers Messieurs
Richard Harrison and John Skinner.
Thursday last died here Mrs. Elizabeth Marriott,
Widow, who kept the Ship Tavern in South-East-
Street, and is said to have died worth upwards of
3000 Pounds.

[The Public would have had in this Paper, a
succinct Account of the Assembly Affairs, as
has been done of late Years, but the Printer
has not yet been able to obtain a Copy.]

To Mr. JONAS GREEN.
S I R,
Somerset, Feb. 25, 1755.

BY this Opportunity is transmitted to the Re-
presentatives of this County, some Instructions,
thought necessary to be given, by their Constituents,
at this critical Juncture.—Of this they were ac-
quainted before they set out for Annapolis, and it
was then determined to get them Printed in your
GAZETTE.
The Governor's Speech, at the Prorogation of
the last Assembly, naturally pointed out an Enquiry
how the Body of the People stood disposed towards
raising a Sum of Money: And it was found here,
that all Ranks of People were convinced of the
Necessity, and willing cheerfully to contribute.
They rather, indeed, appeared in general to mur-
mur, and many, openly enough, expressed their
Dissatisfaction, that so much Money should be ex-
pended, while nothing was done to the main End
and Purpose. I am,
Your most humble Servant,
A FREEHOLDER.

To Col. ROBERT JENCKINS HENRY, Captain
HENRY WAQQAMAN, Captain JOHN HANDY,
and Mr. JOHN DENNIS, Representatives for
Somerset County.

WE the subscribing Freeholders of the aforesaid
County, in Pursuance of that Right which
Constituents, under a British Government, claim of
Instructing their Representatives, in the Legislative
Body, think proper, at this critical Juncture, to
acquaint you with our Sentiments, and the Expecta-
tions we entertain of your Conduct in that important
Trust, which we have freely and cheerfully repos-
ed in you.

When we see the Views of an ambitious, potent
Prince; extended in Defiance, and in open Violation
of the most solemn Treaties with the Native Indians,
and the Crown of Great-Britain, and by Force seizing
on the Lands, undoubtedly within the Limits of his
Majesty's Grants, fortifying themselves therein, as-
sisted by all the native Force of Canada, and large
Numbers of veteran Soldiers from France, opening
thereby a short and easy Passage to our own Back
Settlements.—When we reflect that these are the
avowed Enemies of our Trade, Liberties, Properties,
Laws, and Religion, the utter Extirpation of which
can only satisfy them.—When we consider that
" this appears to be the grand forwarding Stroke
" to all their ambitious Views, and highly to be
" fear'd Encroachments," and the only Way to bring
about an arbitrary and tyrannical Empire, and in-
troduce a bloody and persecuting Religion throughout
the whole Continent of North-America: To succeed
in which, we see them all in one uniform Manner,
guided by one steady Council, all directed to one fixed
and unalterable Point: Their Strength consisting in
Union, and their Prospect of Success founded on the
present unhappy disjointed State of our Colonies;
which appears so evident to our Indian Allies, that
Self-Preservation has induced Numbers of their War-
riors to go over to the French, believing either that
our Circumstances are desperate, or " that we are
" an easy, effeminate, dastardly People;" or as one
of them express'd himself at the late Treaty, " We
" have Eyes, but we will not see; we have Ears,
" but will not hear;" and of Consequence not to be
relied on, being doubtful we would not make any
Provision against the impending Danger:

We cannot forbear being highly alarmed at a Situa-
tion so shocking to every true Protestant Subject
of Great-Britain: And it is with the utmost Concern
we have seen these Evils, from small Beginnings,
rise by Degrees to the most threatening Danger; and
we can't help attributing its monstrous Growth to
the private Views, Inaction, Irresolution, and Dis-
union of the several Legislative Powers of British
America: So that an Invasion, which our own
natural Strength and an easy Expence might have
repell'd, is now become Matter of serious Concern
and Importance to our Mother Country, and calls
for her Assistance in Arms and Money; and must,
we apprehend, cost immense Sums to those Colonies,
which a timely Union and Care might have sav'd.

However remote, we cannot think ourselves free
from Danger, because we do not yet feel it. We
reflect " That God has given to Man Understanding-
" ing and Forecast to provide against impending Evils,
" and when he neglects to do it, he forfeits the no-
" blest and most distinguishing Part of his Charac-
" ter." Shall we then " indolently, shamefully,
" to our eternal Reproach and unavailing Repentance,
" suffer those Sons of rapacious Violence to enjoy the
" Trophies of our lethargic and divided Politics?"
Forbid it Heaven! Whatever others do, let us do
our Share, in freely and cheerfully contributing Part
of our Estates to save the rest; the rest did we say?
Of how little Value are they, compar'd with the
Loss of our Religion, Liberties, and Laws.

Gentlemen, The same Cause will produce the same
Effect; and every Delay, in applying the proper Re-
medy, will brighten the Danger, and make the Cure
more difficult: Therefore our Hopes and Expectations
of you are, That you will use your best Endeavours
to promote that Harmony and Unanimity in the Public
Proceedings, which alone can give Weight to our
Consultations, confirm the (now) wavering Dispo-
sition of our Indian Allies to our Interest, and insure
our Claim to the Liberty and Property of British
Protestant Subjects: That you will labour to suppress
all Debates of less Importance, till Times of more
Leisure and Tranquility, and steadily fix your Eyes
on the Public Welfare, and the Common Security, of
his Majesty's Dominions in America: That you will
earnestly pursue the proper Means, by proposing and
supporting a Bill of Supply, adequate to the present
Exigence, and the Ability of this Province; to which
you have our cheerful and hearty Concurrence; and
we doubt not you will receive the sincere Acknow-
ledgments of all true Lovers of their Country's Inter-
est, join'd to those of your Constituents.

Signed by
GEORGE GALE, § WILLIAM MURRAY,
ALEXANDER ADAMS, § THOMAS HAYWARD, jun.
ROBERT HERON, § HENRY LOWES,
HAMILTON BELL, § JOHN WILLIAMS,
LOWTHER DASHIEL, § NHEMIAH KING,
ISAAC HANDY, § HENRY BALLARD,
EPHRAIM WILSON, § WILLIAM HAYWARD,
JOSHUA CALDWELL, § GEORGE IRWIN,
LITTLETON DENNIS, § JOHN WHITE,
DAVID POLK, §
THOMAS GILLIS, § And One Hundred and Thir-
ty more subscribing Freeholders of the said County.


To be LET by the Subscriber, at
Elk Ridge Landing, and within One Hundred
Yards of the Wharf,
A GOOD Store-House, 24 by
16, wherein Mr. Thomas Dorsey formerly
kept Store, under which will be built a good Cel-
lar early this Spring; adjacent to which is a good
Salt-House: For Terms apply to
Basil Dotsey.

THE Ship Tavern in Annapolis
(lately kept by Mrs. Marriott, deceased), is
still kept by her Daughter, who will always be glad
to oblige her Mother's Customers, or Others.

COMMITTED to my Custo-
dy, on Suspicion of being Runaways, the two
following Men, viz.

James Smith, a Scotchman, who denies he has
any Master, says he has lived in Virginia 13 Years,
and came from thence for fear of being press'd:
He is about 5 Feet 3 or 4 Inches high, wears his
own Hair, which is black, and is dressed in dark
colour'd Cloaths.
John Cawensugh, alias James Cawensugh, who
was imported in the Ship Friby, last Fall, by
the Name of John Bryan, and is supposed to be
a Servant to some Gentleman on the Eastern Shore;
he is an Irishman, and about 5 Feet high.
Their Masters may have them again on Applica-
tion, paying the Prison Fees, and the Charge of
this Advertisement. **John Ra'it, Sheriff**
of Anne Arundel County.

NOTICE is hereby given, That
there is at the Plantation of Mr. Joseph Cor-
man, near West River, in Anne Arundel County,
taken up as a Stray, a small Red Steer, about 5
Years old, mark'd with two Crops, a Slit in the
left Ear, and an under bit out of the right, with a
Star in his Forehead.
The Owner may have him again, on proving
his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to L A W,
NOTICE is hereby given, That
there is at the Plantation of James Goore,
near the Mouth of Manockay, in Frederick County,
taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, branded on
the near Thigh, thus , has a Scar on her Nose,
and one of her hind Feet white.
The Owner may have her again, on proving his
Property, and paying Charges.

February 27, 1755.
A L L Persons indebted to Ri-
chard Gildart, Esq; and Sons, of Liverpool,
Merchants, for Dealings with their several Factors
within this Province, are desired to settle their re-
spective Accounts with, and pay the Ballances due
to, the Subscriber, now Agent to the said Company,
at Oxford, before the first Day of July next, other-
wise they may expect to be dealt with, for Reco-
very thereof, as the Laws, in that Case made and
provided, direct: And all Persons who have any
Demands on the said Company, are desired, in
that Time, to apply for Payment to
Thomas Breton.

By whom is to be Sold, at Oxford, a large As-
sortment of European GOODS, on reasonable
Terms.

NOTICE is hereby given, That
the Subscriber will give constant Attendance
at his Office, in Annapolis, on every Wednesday
and Thursday Before the Tenth of April next, to
receive all such Money from the Inhabitants of this
County as is due from them for Public Levies, or
on any other Account, to
Their humble Servant,
John Ra'it, Sheriff
of Anne Arundel County.

A L L Persons indebted to the
Estate of Mr. Stephen Onion, late of Balti-
more County, Iron-Master, deceased, are hereby
desired to come forthwith and discharge their re-
spective Ballances, to prevent further Trouble: And
all Persons who have any Demands against the said
Estate, are desired to bring them in, that they may
be paid, by
Deborah Onion, Executrix.
Said Mrs. Onion hath, in Jessa Town, to Let,
at a reasonable Rate, a good Dwelling-House,
Kitchen, and Ground for a Garden, and Fire-
Wood for the Premises.