

and infirm, and have had six Chil-
Son is the only Survivor. I was
ed him tenderly, and in the Ed-
ve him, my OEcconomy supplied
th. His Improvements answered
t him to study the Law at the
deprived myself of the common
fe, in order to support him there
s called to the Bar, was diligent,
Success. He was well made and
ch Lady, whose Affairs he manag-
ing to him, and made Proposals
her Daughter, provided he could
e Settlement on her. Such a Set-
d on me alone, and consisted of
one of which I held by Inheri-
her I purchased with my Savings.
of these I had lived myself, and
e Lady's Proposals, entered into a
vantages that would arise from clo-
and, in a Word, said his Fortune
s. Alas! in regard to his Interest,
e been in better.
London, and immediately agreed to
alf of the Estate at present, and to
Half upon him after my Demise.
ied soon after; he quitted the Bar
ble Employments. His Wife died
with her all my Comfort died; the
I shall always honour her Memory.
e Months afterwards, he wanted a
oney, for some grand Scheme. He
his Friends, but could not raise
ver his Purpose. He applied him-
m of a frank and open Disposition,
nk others as undesigning as myself;
would always consult my Ease and
much as I could do; and that by
y whole Estate, it would only shift
be as much as my own Command,
e. Alas! how greatly have I im-
self by my fond Credulity! Well, I
at his Request, and let him have the
y, without taking any Counter-Ser-
m. That Affair past between us
iness. His Scheme succeeded even
pectation. His Income was now to
left off his Business, took a House in
of the Town, furnished it in an ele-
set up an Equipage, and hired more
w Set of Acquaintance in high Life;
ly, and by Degrees dropt, his old
at last, blush'd to own his Father.
le of this Alteration in his Conduct,
first, have flattered myself, that I
Time I happened to be taken very
ed me, and so did his Servants, after
This I own afflicted me grievously;
en in my Chamber for four Days. I
with him; he came: I complained
Care that was taken of me. "Lies
ault, said he, you are sorry hard to be
" This was the first Time, said I,
ld me so, and your Answer astonishes
t was scarce worth your while, said
me bitter only to quarrel with me, as
do with every Body. All proper Care
you, but you are never satisfied, and
plainly. What can be done? I hope
cover your Temper, and be left fruitful,
have recovered your Health. I would
you to go down into the Country, and
You will have more Quiet than you
here, and may live in your own Way.
of Living will not suit you, and that
ot lay one another under any Restraint."
se Words he left me, while a Boy
hem, turned his Head aside, to laugh
me.
our of my Son struck me, the same
Boy pierced my Soul. I fully com-
e Wretchedness of my Condition, and
at I was a Stranger in my Son's House,
at I had no Son.
y Bed some Days longer; at length
d had recovered a little Strength.
as well as I could. Dinner approached
Bell ring, and I called for somebody
own Stairs. Answer was made, Cas-
t no one came near me; I attempted
hobble down, leaning on my Staff,
to the Landing Place of the first Stair,
my Son came briskly from his Apart-
"What is the Meaning of this?" said he,
ude Tone of Voice; "What Whim
? Where are you going? Company
ay; is that a fit Dress for you to appear
you afraid your Dinner would not be

"sent you? Tom, help my Father up Stairs." So
saying, he clapped to his Door.
For my Part, I was struck dumb, and Tears
flowed from my Eyes. Tom took hold of my Arm,
telling me I was strong and hale for my Age. I
crept up Stairs, and entered my Chamber, scarce
knowing where I was. I found myself faint, and
asked for a Glass of Wine, which was brought me
in a Quarter of an Hour. Then some cold Soup
was set before me, but I could not eat it, nor any
Thing else; my Dinner came too late.
I closed that Day in the most oppressive Hurry
and Confusion of Thought that can be imagined.
My Sighs were every Moment mingled with my
Tears. Where (said I to myself) shall I go? I
have stripped myself of every Thing; I have no-
thing that I can call my own. However, I resolv-
ed at last, as I was going to Bed, to quit my Son's
House the next Day: It would be Death to me to
stay there; I could no longer breathe in it. I in-
tended to call upon one of our Friends to let him
know my Situation, and beg his Assistance. With
this View I rose before my usual Hour, and drest
myself.
My being up and drest had been probably told
my Son, for he entered my Room just as I was going
out. "Where are you going, Father," said he? "I
am going, said I, to look out for some charitable
Friend, who will give me my Bread with a good
Grace. You know, I have none of my own, I
have parted with it all to you."
"What wild Reasoning! says he: To what
strange Caprices are People subject at your Time of
Life! It seems, then, you were mightily offended
at the Truths I told you Yesterday Morning."
"My Son, said I, I am sufficiently mortified;
let me depart, I beseech you, without a Reply.
"You are not in a Temper to speak to me. All
your Words are Daggers; you do not know
their Force; they stab me to the Heart. Oh!
that I might die in Peace."
"We will have no more Disputes, said he, with
a loud Tone of Voice; indeed Sir, you are in the
Wrong. There are a thousand Things which your
own Thoughts might have suggested to you. You
are far advanced in Life; you have generally lived
in your own little House in a remote Country. Your
Notions, your Customs, your Hours, and your
Manner of Living, are so very different from
those which now prevail in Town, that I am
amazed you were not first weary of the Company
who visit here. Now it seems, you are not sen-
sible of this; but I must tell you, I am. To be
sure, it must be a pretty Amusement for your Son,
to see you converse with the Persons of Fashion,
polite and delicate, who honour me with their
Company, and laugh at your Rusticity; and yet
this is really the Case.
"It is true, I have raised myself from a low Be-
gining, but what of that? There is no Occasion
to let all the World know it; and yet this is what
your Gait and awkward Appearance proclaim to
all who see you; and you are ever glad to thrust
yourself into Company. You need not tease any
Body with your frivolous Complaints.
"I have ordered my Post Chaise to be got ready,
it will be at the Door in half an Hour, and carry
you to my House in Westmoreland. A Servant
shall attend you. I have already written, to have
the House and your Bed well aired. You shall
have all proper Accommodations. You will be
Master of the House, move in your proper Sphere,
keep your own Hours, and converse with such Peo-
ple as you like. I will sometimes come down and
visit you. Father, adieu; I wish you a good
Journey: My Servants will put up your Cloaths
and your Baggage."
As he spoke these Words, he flew from me; he
did not once embrace, nor drop one kind Word at
parting, except that he called me Father. His
Mouth indeed uttered that Word, but his Heart did
not feel it. He was not moved with my Confer-
mation, my sad Silence, nor with the Tears which
gushed from my Eyes.
In a short Time the Servants came for my Bag-
gage, and told me the Chaise was ready. I was
led down Stairs, lifted into the Chaise, half dead
with Grief, and brought to this Place.
I have now languished here above two Years,
but have not once seen, and seldom hear from my
Son. I am deprived of all Consolation, and in
this dreary Place, sometimes scarce enjoy the Ne-
cessaries of Life.
My Son, Mr. Urban, takes in your Magazine,
and if you allow this Letter a Place there, may,
perhaps, cast his Eye on it; unattentive as he is to
higher Motives, he may possibly pay some Regard
to Decency and the Opinion of the World.
I am, SIR,
Your afflicted humble Servant,
L E A R.

WILLIAMSBURG, May 2.
Extra of a private Letter from a Gentleman in
Edinburg to his Correspondent here.
Edinburg, Feb. 20.
"SIR,
"By private Letters from London, we learn,
"That his Majesty sent for Mr. Legge, and
"desired him to acquaint the House of Commons,
"that the French King had acted most treacherously
"with him, and broke all Faith, and he now un-
"derstood all his Armaments and warlike Prepara-
"tions were intended against his East India Domi-
"nions; and further, That the French Ambassador
"had likewise told him absolute Falshoods, but,
"That he was determined to defend Great-Britain,
"and her Trade, to the utmost of his Power; did
"not intend to enter into any Land War, but put
"all the Strength of Britain to Sea, and had, with
"this View, laid aside all Thoughts of going abroad,
"and intended to have a greater Fleet at Sea than
"ever he had.
"When Mr. Legge had delivered this Message,
"all the House fired to a Man, and approved highly
"of his Majesty's Measures, and Mr. Speaker made
"a very pathetic Speech, and assured him, that all
"necessary Supplies should be granted.
"The French Fleet is sailed for the East-Indies;
"and there are 6000 Marines to be raised with all
"Expedition, which are to be put on Board a strong
"Squadron to follow them without Delay.
"It is reported, the French intended to have con-
"cealed their warlike Designs, till they had destroy-
"ed all our Naval Force; this they were to accom-
"plish by sending in Ships to all our Ports, in a
"seeming friendly Way, and under Cloud of Night
"put their execrable Design in Execution, by setting
"them all on Fire.
"The King asked the French Ambassador, what
"his Master meant by all his warlike Preparations,
"and told him, it was very strange that no Power
"in Europe durst trust him he was so false, but he
"hoped soon to have a Fleet at Sea, able and will-
"ing, to frustrate all his wicked Intentions.
"It is also reported that the young Pretender is
"appearing openly in France.
"They are beating up both here and at Leith for
"Sailors, with pretty good Success."
ANNAPOLIS.
We hear that a White Servant Man, and several
Negroes, are committed to Charles County Goal, on
Suspicion of having poison'd their late Master Mr.
Jeremiah Chase, whose Death we lately mention'd.
It is said that the White Man has confessed the Fact.
This Day Capt. Birstall, in the Schooner Indefatigable,
arrived here from Madeira, and brings the melan-
choly News of the Death of Mr. RICHARD HILL,
junior, eldest Son to Dr. HILL, formerly of this
Province, at that Island, after a lingering Illness,
on the 18th of March past.
Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Enter'd,
Schooner Indefatigable, John Birstall, from Madeira.
Cleared for Departure,
Ship Friendship, John Raturay, for S. Carolina;
Brig Wm. and Mary, George Fulton, for Halifax.

JUST IMPORTED,
In the Ship BALTIMORE, from LONDON,
and to be Sold by the Subscriber, on board the
said Vessel, lying in West River, or by Stephen
Steward, for Sterling or Current Money,
A PARCEL of healthy IN-
DENTED SERVANTS, consisting
chiefly of Tradesmen and Farmers.
Mr. following: Robert Wilson.

To be RUN for,
ON Thursday the 29th of this
Instant May, on the Race-Ground, at Pig-
Point, the Sum of FIFTEEN POUNDS
Current Money, by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding,
that never won a Prize of Ten Pounds Currency
(or the Value thereof at any one Time before);
each Horse, &c. to be enter'd with John Zacha-
riah Allein the Day before the Race, and to pay
Fifteen Shillings Entrance Money, and to carry
One Hundred and Twelve Pounds Weight, and
to Run Three Heats, and each Heat Three Times
round the Poles.
And also to be Run for on Friday the 30th In-
stant, the Sum of TEN POUNDS Curren-
cy; each Horse, &c. to pay Ten Shillings En-
trance Money. The winning Horse, &c. the Day
before to be excepted; and to Run on the same
Terms as above.
Any Disputes arising, to be determined by Gen-
tlemea appointed for that Purpose.

RAN away from the Subscriber,
living at *Bredia*, on the 2d of February last,
an hired Irish Servant Man, named Patrick Smith,
about 5 Feet 4 Inches high, and pretty thick set.
He had on when he went away, a black Everlast-
ing Waistcoat, a light Fustian Jacket with white
Metal Buttons, a grey Sagaty Coat with blue Lin-
ing, a Pair of blue Half-thick Breeches, and a cut
Grizzel Wig.
Whoever shall secure the said Patrick Smith, or
convey him to the Subscriber, shall receive Ten
Shillings, besides what the Law allows, paid by
Basfil Brooke.

JUST IMPORTED,
In the GOOCH, Capt. CHEW, and to be
SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Store, formerly
Mr. Johnson's, in ANNAPOLIS,
VARIETY of European and
East India GOODS, suitable to the Sea-
son: Also Superfine SCARLET and BLUE
CLOTH, GOLD LACE, GOLD and
SILVER VELLUM, SAIL DUCK,
Wesson's best SNUFF, &c. &c.
Daniel Wolfenbolme.

RAN away on the 13th of April
last, from the Subscriber, living near Bla-
denburg, in Prince George's County, a Servant
Man, named Nathaniel Sberlard (but may proba-
bly change his Name), by Trade a Carpenter and
Joiner, a well-set, clean limb'd Man, about 5 Feet
10 Inches high, of a swarthy Complexion, has
black Eyes, and a sly Look. He has taken many
Cloaths with him, both Men and Womans, some
new Linen and Money, a Blanket and coarse Sheet,
also some Carpenters and Joiners Tools, such as
Chizzels, Saws, Broad Axe, a Smoothing Plane,
&c. and a large Man's Saddle and Bridle; but as
no Horse is missing, it is supposed he had some
Companion to help him to one.
Whoever apprehends the said Servant, and brings
him to the Subscriber, shall receive Four Pistoles
Reward, if taken within Forty Miles from Home;
if taken at a greater Distance, Five Pistoles Reward;
and reasonable Charges, paid by
Andrew Beall.

BY an Act of Assembly, made
last February Session, the Commissioners of
the Paper Currency Office are directed to give public
Notice to all the Debtors to the said Office,
to come and pay the Interest due upon their several
Bonds, which they think they cannot do more to
the Satisfaction of the Public, than by publishing
the three subsequent Paragraphs of the aforesaid
Act. Signed per Order of the Commissioners,
Richard Dorsey,
Clerk Paper Currency Office.

WHEREAS it is apparent that many
and great Sums of Money are and have
a long Time been due for Interest arising on
Loans, made-by the Commissioners or Trustees
of the Paper Currency Office;
"Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honour-
able the Lord Proprietary, and with the Ad-
vice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and
the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the
Authority of the same, That the said Commis-
sioners do, and they are hereby directed and re-
quired, forthwith, to give public Notice in the
Maryland Gazette, that the several and respective
Debtors to the said Office, whether for Sums of
Money collected upon Funds, or for Interest up-
on Bonds, or other Securities, do, by the First
Day of June next, bring, and pay into the said
Office, the said several Sums so as aforesaid re-
spectively due.
"And be it further Enacted, by the Authority
aforesaid, That in Case such Debtors as afore-
said, shall not by the Time aforesaid, bring and
pay into the said Office, the said Sums, so as
aforesaid collected upon Funds, and due for In-
terest as aforesaid, the said Commissioners are
hereby directed and required, immediately, to
proceed to the Recovery of Principal and Interest
due on such Bonds, agreeable to the Directions
of an Act of Assembly, entituled, An Act to
prevent Evils arising from the entering up Judg-
ments upon Bonds, commonly called Judgment Bonds,
to direct the Manner of issuing Executions on Loan-
Office Bonds, and to regulate certain Fees therein
mentioned; and of other Securities, and such Sums
of Money as are or shall be collected upon Funds,
as aforesaid, according to Law."
N. B. They will attend constantly every Wednes-
day for that Purpose.

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