

gone to Fort Cumberland, and is I am also informed, that some twelve Indians were seen to cross the River, and that another Party were seen about twelve Miles from the River.

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ADDRESS of the House of Delegates.

to your Excellency.

I am sensibly affected with the misfortune of our Fellow-Subjects, on which your Message just now received, and the incursions of the Savage Indians, now lying before the Upper House, and with their Concurrence, we cannot have the truly desired Effect of our Frontiers from any Invasions which shall be made.

H. HOOPER, Speaker.

Your Excellency sent the following

of the Lower House of Assembly,

to find by your Address, presented Friday, that you are well satisfied of my Principles, Loyalty, and firmness in the present happy Constitution, in the State, and at the Confidence you extend to have in my Inclination and Dependence on his Majesty's faithfulness in this Province: For doing me the Honour to entertain such Sentiments, I thank you, and at the same Time assure you that I will embrace every Occasion of confirming your Opinion. But lest a Stranger should be misled by a different Construction on some of the Words of your Address, from what you meant or intended, I will endeavour to explain and set in a proper Light those Parts which seem to be equivocal or impose on an indifferently disposed Mind the Curiosity to peruse it.

I do not allude to myself, where you speak of the Criminal who was executed at St. Mary's County, and now enjoys a Reprieve, was, you say, recommended as a proper Object of Clemency, and of becoming a Profelyte to the Church: Of what Church that unhappy Man declares himself, or that he heretofore professed, I do not know; but I am sensible that your Address has given me the first Intimation as to the Gentlemen, who recommended me as a proper Object of Mercy, and I am to be good Protestants, and have Occasions, the firmest Attachment to his Majesty, as you yourselves can witness of two of them, who were some Years ago to be Members of your House, I hope their Recommendation was not a different Motive from that which you mention, though as you speak pretty positively to that Matter, I presume you have extraordinary Evidence or Testimony, which will not be kept secret, that I am enabled to enquire into the Affair, and the Gentlemen reflected on may have an Opportunity should it happen to be false, of vindicating themselves, by disproving it.

Several Instances of Partiality, as you are informed, shewed to Popish Delinquents in this County, are, I am told (for till now acquainted within the Pale of what were numbered), my pardoning one of the Wife of one Bryan, each of the Application, and at the earnest Request of many Protestant Gentlemen of their County, among whom were the Parties injured. I remember that many Arguments were urged in Behalf of that one Inducement to me to yield my Solicitation, was, the Probability of his being a useful Witness against

one Crawford, a Charles County Justice, where as an Evidence, then in Custody in it to be tried at the County, recognized to appear

Neither was a man represented as a less proper Object of Mercy, and many Arguments were urged to move my Compassion to her: If I recollect the Case, she was married to a very loose and extravagant Man; her Husband had been brought up by and depended upon an Uncle; the Wife went with a forged Letter of Credit, signed with the Name of the Uncle, to Mr. Roundell's Store, and in Virtue of that Deceit, obtained Credit for some Goods: This she did, as there was Reason to suppose, with the Privity or by the Compulsion of a necessitous and base Husband; so had the Prosecution been carried on, the simple Wife might possibly have been punished, while the more guilty Husband escaped with Impunity.

I might now proceed to mention the Constable in Charles County, some Persons of Frederick, with more than twenty others, who have been fortunate enough to be recommended to my Clemency, and have by that Means escaped the Punishments, to which their Offences or Misbehaviour had subjected them; but as they were known Protestants, I need not, I suppose, enumerate them: However, I hope you will no longer think, that the Mercy which has been shewn to the three Delinquents above-mentioned, who haply prove to be of the Roman Catholic Persuasion, shews the very great Prevalence or Power of that Faction, or affords any room to think that they have met with Countenance or Encouragement, or have been treated with the least Partiality or Favour.

Thus, Gentlemen, for Yours and for your Constituents Information and Satisfaction, I have intimated to you the Reasons and Motives which inclined me to those Acts of Benevolence and Lenity, at which some have taken Offence, not presuming at the Time that I pardoned Offences against the Government, that any Lenity or Compassion exercised towards the People, would be condemned, or excepted against, by their Representatives; neither can I yet believe that your Constituents wish or desire to see you interfering thus far, or prescribing Limits how far a Governor may venture in exercising Clemency: But whatever your or their Opinion or Desire may be, with Respect to that Matter, I will not suffer the undisputed and undoubted Right of the supreme Magistracy in this Government, to be invaded or infringed on any Pretence whatever: Therefore, I hope, it will not be taken amiss, if I should hereafter exercise that Right of shewing Mercy to such Delinquents as may appear proper Objects, without consulting or advising either with you or them.

What were the Expectations of the People, with Respect to Mr. John Darnall, or the Attorney General, I know not; but hope they were not unreasonable, and that neither of those Gentlemen have rendered themselves justly obnoxious. I have not had long Experience of them, but, I presume, my Predecessors, who appointed and continued them in Places of Trust, were well satisfied of their being well affected to his Majesty's Person and Government; you know they have conformed to the established Church, and are lawfully qualified to hold any Employment; for my Part, I have nothing to object to their Conduct, and believe they have endeavoured to merit universal Approbation, by duly and impartially executing the Offices which they have many Years enjoyed.

Gentlemen, Whatever fruitless Attempts to gain a Law for your Security against a Popish Faction, more particularly adapted to your Constitution and Circumstances, may have been made, cannot be imputed to me, as no Bill of that Sort has ever been presented to me; and as the Request, with which your Address concludes, relates to an Affair of the greatest Moment and Consequence, I must beg a longer Time to consider of it, and take Advice, before I determine thereon; but you may be assured, that I will, in the mean Time, take such Measures, as Equity, and the Security of his Majesty's Subjects in this Province, point out and require.

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The same Day, Afternoon, his Excellency passed the following Bills into Laws, viz.

An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act for ascertaining the Allowance of Petit-Jurors attending the Provincial Court, to limit Costs with Respect to Witnesses, and for settling their Allowance as to itinerant Charges.

An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act for the Destroying Squirrels and Crows in the several Counties therein mentioned.

An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance, to testify as a Witness against any Person arrested, accused, or prosecuted, for any Criminal Matter.

An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act to prevent disabled and superannuated Slaves being set free, or the Manumission of Slaves, by any last Will or Testament.

An Act continuing an Act entitled, An Act for the more effectual destroying Squirrels and Crows in the Counties of Kent, Queen-Anne's, and Talbot, and for destroying red Foxes in the said Counties.

An Act for purchasing Two Acres of Land in the upper Part of Worcester Parish, in Worcester County, and building a Chappel of Ease thereon.

An Act for Building a Church in St. Mary's White-Chappel Parish, in Dorchester County.

An Act to prevent the Exportation or carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind, towards supplying the French, or their Allies.

An Act for the Relief of Thomas Lambden, and Nathan Brittingham, languishing Prisoners in Worcester County Goal; Thomas Todd, Jasper Hall, and Daniel Wells, languishing Prisoners in Anne-Arundel County Goal; Benjamin Berry, a languishing Prisoner in Prince George's County Goal; Thomas Reynolds, a languishing Prisoner in Frederick County Goal; and Edward Dogan, a languishing Prisoner in Baltimore County Goal.

And two Private Bills.

His Excellency then put an End to the Session, with the following SPEECH;

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

FINDING the Business, for which you were convened, must be left undone; I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to prorogue this Assembly to the first Day of January next, and you are to take Notice, you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

On Friday last, William Stratton, Negro Tony the Poison Doctor, and Negro Jemmy, were all executed at Port-Tobacco, in Charles County, pursuant to their Sentence, for the poisoning the late Mr. Chafe, and their Bodies were all hung in Chains the same Day, in different Parts of the County.

At the same Time, and on the same Gallows, were executed, Negro Jack, for attempting to poison Mr. Francis Clements, his Master; and Negro Dick, for House-breaking.

Saturday last Mr. Thomas Stoddert came to Town from Frederick County, and informs us, that many Families from the back Settlements, are come in as far as Col. Cresap's, where they are fortifying themselves against the Indians: That among the many Murders committed by the Indians, one was within three Miles of Fort-Cumberland.

By Letters from Virginia, dated the 4th Instant, we learn, that two Parties of Indians and French, amounting together to about 130 Men, have been seen in the Frontier Counties, where they have destroyed 9 Families, and plundered and burnt their Habitations.

We are also informed, that the General Assembly of that Government, have granted 10,000l. more for the Service of the Expedition, to be raised by a Land Tax of Fifteen Pence per 100 Acres, Fifteen Pence on every taxable Negro, and Ten per Cent on Negroes imported. They have also empowered the Governor to raise 200 Men, for the Protection of their Frontiers against the Incursions and Ravages of their Indian Enemies; and we hear that two Companies of Rangers are accordingly raising in Virginia for that Service.

By Letters from General BRADDOCK's Camp, dated the 30th of June, we are informed, that the Troops under his Command were, at that Time, within 30 Miles of Fort Duquesne, which they hoped to see in five Days from that Time. They had lost only four Men on their March from Fort-Cumberland, one of whom was carried away alive, and three left scalpt, and no Enemy had then appeared for three Days.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Entered, Sloop Betsey, William Sargeant, from Rhode-Island.

Cleared for Departure, Sloop Elizabeth and Polly, Joseph Finley, for Perth-Amboy;

Brig Philip & James, James French, for Barbados; Brig Nancy, Robert Bryce, for Ditto; Sloop Hester, John M'Caull, for Philadelphia.

COMMITTED to the Sheriff of Calvert County, as a Runaway, a Servant Man, named James Knowland, who says he belongs to Thomas Bowland, living near Lewis-Town, in Pennsylvania. His Master may have him again, on paying the Fees, and the Charge of this Advertisement. JOHN SMITH, Sheriff of Calvert County.

To be Sold for Cash, or Exchanged for likely Negroes, THREE Hundred and Ten Acres of Land, lying about a Mile from the Sugar Loaf Mountain, with two Plantations, with an Orchard, and other Conveniences, on each of them. And also One Hundred Acres, about five Miles from the said Mountain, with the like Conveniences. Any Gentleman inclinable to buy or exchange, may view the Premises, and treat with the Subscriber about the Terms. He may also be supplied with Corn and Stock, for Current Money or Tobacco, very reasonably. Possession will be given, on the last of August, by CHARLES BUSSEY.

STRAYED or Stolen out of the Subscriber's Pasture, on the 26th of June last, an old, small, Bright Bay Horse, has four white Feet, a Switch Tail, and a Blaze in his Face. Whoever will bring the said Horse to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward. SARAH RAMSAY.

THERE is in the Possession of Mr. Thomas Gantt, junior, in Prince George's County, taken up as a Stray, a White Horse, about fourteen Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder A H, has several Spots on one of his Shoulders and Back; a bob Tail, paces slow and gallops, and is about 12 Years old. The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of John Ashman, near Patuxent Ferry, taken up as a Stray, a small Black Horse, not branded, but has a hanging Mane, Sprig Tail, and a small Slit in his left Ear. The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

TO BE SOLD, On Tuesday the second Day of September next, at the House of Robert Hurdle, living on Part of the Premises, near Bladensburg, in Prince George's County, for Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, viz. Rover's Content, 466; Part of The Inclosure, 89; Part of Goodluck, 445; Five, 78; Beall's Chance, 290; Father's Gift, 183; Bread and Cheese Hall, 91. Acres.

These are all adjoining, and make a Body of choice well timbered Land, whereon are Three Plantations, with good Orchards, lying in Prince George's County, within five Miles of Bladensburg, ten of Upper-Marlborough, and six of the Eastern Branch Ferry. Copper, 113; Part of Laybill, 649; Beall's Reserve, 380; Drumdry, 225. Acres.

The Four last mentioned lie in Beall's Neck, in Frederick County, not above twelve Miles from Bladensburg, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-Land.

Also 450 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called Allison's Park, lying likewise in Frederick County, on or near a Branch, called and known, by the Name of Captain John's Branch. Any Person inclinable to purchase Part of the first mentioned seven Tracts, lying in Prince George's County, may have the Quantity desired, provided it be taken so as not to incommode the remaining Part, to render it unserviceable, or prejudice the Sale thereof; and likewise, any Part of the several Tracts, in Frederick County, in like Manner.

The Title and Terms, may be known on the Day of Sale, or before, by applying to the Subscriber, living on Ackick, near Piscataway, in Prince George's County. JOHN BRALL, junior. N. B. Time will be given for the Payment of Part, on good Security, if required.