

vere in their proper Order, and of an Ivory  
firm and no Ways porous. The Length  
Skeleton measured 7 Feet 5 Inches. It  
not appear from any Records, that the Na-  
ver used this Manner of burying, or any  
that ever invaded this Island except the  
who always buried every Man of Note in  
ay who either died or were slain in their  
ions. And as the last Expedition of the  
against Scotland, was in the Year 1035,  
bones must have lain in the Ground 720.  
To what Cause will Naturalists assign the  
ation of these Skeletons and the long Beard  
such a long Tract of Time?

**RLES-TOWN, in South-Carolina, Nov. 27.**  
General Assembly of this Province have  
sitting since Thursday last, but we don't  
that they have yet determined, how the  
neutral French lately arrived here shall be  
ed of.

Saturday last came in, His Majesty's Ship  
commanded by Charles Proby, Esq; and is  
y fitting out for a Cruise. We hear, she has  
Neutral French on board.

ember 4. We hear from George-Town, that  
small Shocks of an Earthquake have lately  
felt there.

ot. Hood, of His Majesty's Snow Jamaica,  
bound on a Cruise against the French, hath  
tified that he will pay Five Dollars to every  
Seaman, upon his entering on board the said

**B O S T O N, December 8.**

Captain Eleazer Johnson, of the Ship  
dship, of this Port, who arrived here on  
day last in five Weeks from Lisbon, we have  
ollowing Advices:—That on his Passage  
Holland to Lisbon, about 30 Leagues to the  
ward of Uphant, on the 21st of September  
he fell in with the Ambuscade Man of War of  
Guns, who was then engaging a French 64  
Ship; and the next Day he fell in with Ad-  
l Hawke's Squadron, and spoke with several  
of War, who told him they had taken near  
Sail of French Ships, which were then in  
t.---That on the 1st of November at ½ after  
Clock in the Morning, in Lat. 36. North,  
Lon. 14. 30. West, he felt his Ship shake  
much two different Times; the first Shock  
h longer than the last, and lasted 2 or 3  
utes; and about 3 Minutes after came on the  
nd Shock, which lasted about 2 Minutes, and  
k his Ship to such a Degree, that it un-hung  
Card of his Compass then in the Binnacle;  
at the same Time the Sky was very clear, and  
Sea very smooth.

December 22. Friday last Captain Fofs arrived  
in 6 Days from Chignecto, in Nova-Scotia,  
informs, that about a Week before he failed,  
f his Majesty's Regular Troops being about  
e Business in the Woods at some Distance from  
Fort, without Arms, they were surprized and  
en Prisoners by the French and Indians: And  
t a little before 3 or 4 other Soldiers had been  
tivated by the Enemy, who are seen almost daily  
king in the Woods near the Fort, and vastly ex-  
d our People in Point of Sagacity and Stratagem.  
Last Friday Evening, between nine and ten  
clock, were some sharp Flashes of Lightning,  
without Thunder, the Moon shining bright,  
the Sky serene; and about a quarter of an  
ur after ten, a considerable Shock of an Earth-  
ke was felt by many People both in Town  
Country, accompanied by a Noise, as usual,  
ugh not very loud.

**N E W - Y O R K, December 15.**

his Excellency Sir CHARLES HARDY,  
Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief  
of the Province of New-York, and Territories  
depending thereon in America, and Vice-Admiral  
of the same.

The Humble ADDRESS of the General Assembly  
of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Sub-  
jects, the General Assembly of the Colony  
New-York, beg Leave to offer your Excellency  
most hearty Thanks for your Speech, and to  
welcome your safe Return to this City.

The earnest Endeavours your Excellency has  
manifested for His Majesty's Service, in Support  
of the Expedition against Crown-Point, merits the  
highest Applause: And tho' our Success in that  
Enterprise, has not been equal to our Wishes, yet  
Advantage gained by his Majesty's Arms, un-  
der the Command of Major General JOHNSON, deserves Notice; as  
that is to be imputed the Safety of our Frontiers  
in general, and the Protection of our unhappy Fel-  
low

low Subjects in particular, whom a hard Lot has  
thrown so near a cruel Enemy, from whose bar-  
barous Hands we cannot doubt, they would have  
received the same Merciless Treatment they have  
always hitherto met with.

The Measures taken to secure our Northern  
Frontier by erecting Forts, and placing sufficient  
Garrisons in them, in Order to guard against any  
Attempts of the Enemy, are wholesome, and well  
judged; and we shall not fail to fall upon Means  
to defray our Part of the Expence attending  
them.

We wish we could with equal Satisfaction, re-  
concile to ourselves, your Excellency's Recom-  
mendation of an indefinite Support: But humbly  
beg Leave to inform your Excellency, that we  
have no permanent Funds on which to establish  
such a Revenue, nor do any occur to us, without  
very apparent Inconveniences to our Constituents.  
We therefore most humbly hope, we shall stand ac-  
quitted in the Eyes of our most Gracious Sovereign,  
if we decline a Measure so directly opposite to the  
Sentiments of almost every Individual of the Co-  
lony. We cannot leave this Subject, without dis-  
closing to your Excellency, the Concern it gives  
us, that this his Majesty's loyal Colony, which  
tho' small in Numbers, has cheerfully bore very  
heavy Expences, and particularly supported its  
Governors, and other Officers of Government, in  
a more liberal Manner than most others on the  
Continent, should be requested to pursue Measures  
hitherto unknown to it, whilst the Rest almost  
without Exception are left to practise the very  
Measures denied to us.

We have already before us, a Bill for regulating  
the Militia of this Colony; and shall immediately  
proceed to the Consideration of such others as the  
Situation of the Colony at this critical juncture  
may require.

With the most profound Respect for the Best of  
Kings, we acknowledge His Majesty's paternal  
Care of these His distressed Colonies: And every  
Sentiment of Duty and Gratitude which may be  
expected from a People perfectly sensible of Fa-  
vours so eminent, your Excellency may be assured  
to meet with from the Inhabitants of this Colony.

By Order of the General Assembly,  
Assembly Chamber, City of DAVID JONES,  
New-York, the 9th Decem. 1755. Speaker.

His Excellency's A N S W E R.

GENTLEMEN,  
I Return you my Thanks for your Address,  
and the Notice you take of my Endeavours  
in Support of the Expedition against Crown-  
Point.

The Advantages gained by the Provincial  
Forces under the Command of Major General  
JOHNSON, have certainly conduced to the  
Safety of the Colonies in general; and the Forts  
constructed by them, if properly garrisoned, will  
protect the People from the Attempts of the  
Enemy.

His Majesty having constituted this his Pro-  
vince into a Government, justly expects a Sup-  
port of that Government, by a permanent Re-  
venue, settled by a Law that shall be indefinite:  
And as to the Funds, or Means, of raising that  
Support, it lies with you the Representatives of  
the People, whom I am extremely happy to find  
sensible of, and so gratefully acknowledging his  
Majesty's paternal Care, and Favour to these  
Colonies.

Fort George, New-York, CHARLES HARDY.  
10th Day of December, 1755.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 26.

The Vessel on Board of whom were the French  
Neutrals, which it was apprehended was lost, is  
arrived at York-Town, having lost her Mast at  
Sea and obliged to put into North-Carolina to  
refit; Part of them remain at York, Part are  
near this City, and Part are sent to the Eastern-  
Shore.

PHILADELPHIA, January 1.

An Independent Company of Volunteers is  
raised, the Officers of which are commissioned;  
viz. Mr. William Vanderspiegle Captain; Mr.  
William Henry, and Mr. Joseph Wood, first and  
second Lieutenants; and Mr. John Blackwood,  
Ensign. And we hear that two Artillery Compa-  
nies are likewise raising, one of which is designed  
for the Service of the Port.

ANNAPOLIS, January 22.

We are informed of five Vessels cast away in  
the Storm of Snow we had on Christmas-Day last,  
viz.

The Sloop Hester, John McCaul, Master, from  
Philadelphia for Annapolis; at Curratuck. Her Car-

go was Rum, Sugar, Melasses, Salt, &c. The  
Vessel, Sugar and Salt, all lost; but the People,  
and Part of the Cargo, saved.

The Sloop Pinguin, Thomas Fitchit, Master, be-  
longing to Wilmington in Pennsylvania, bound thi-  
ther from Maryland, with 2000 Bushels of Wheat,  
lost at Lynn-Haven. The People and about 400  
Bushels of Wheat saved.

A large Schooner belonging to Rappabannock,  
William Wilson, Master, from Liverpool to Rappa-  
bannock, with Salt, lost at Cape Hatteras. The  
Vessel and Cargo entirely lost, but the People  
saved.

A Brig belonging to Philadelphia, bound to some  
Part of Maryland, the Master's Name unknown,  
was lost to the Southward of Curratuck. The Ves-  
sel and Cargo lost, but the People saved. And,

A Schooner belonging to Patowmack, Nathan  
Hudling, Master, bound from thence to Rappa-  
bannock, with Passengers, was lost at Lynn-Haven;  
but the Passengers and People saved.

By a Gentleman, who came to Town this Day  
from Philadelphia, we are informed, that a Ship  
was arrived there after a short Passage from Lon-  
don; the Captain of which says, That there was  
the hottest Prefs in England ever known, when he  
left it, which was about the Beginning of Decem-  
ber: And that the Sea-Coast was lined with Men of  
War, as they suspected an Invasion from France.

We hear that Capt. Lee is arrived in Patuxent  
from London, but we can't learn that any Letters  
or Public Prints brought by him are yet come to  
Town; so we must postpone what News he may  
have brought, to next Week.

This Day the following Proclamation was pub-  
lished here, in the usual Manner, viz.

MARYLAND, &c.

By the Right Honourable the Lord PROPRIETARY.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS several of our Tenants in this  
our Province do, under Colour of old  
Grants obtained from our noble Ancestors, hold  
several Acres of Land, as comprized within the  
Metes and Descriptions of such Grants, more than  
the Quantities therein expressed, and more than  
were by the original Patentees applied for, or by  
our said Ancestors intended to be granted to such  
Persons respectively, without having heretofore  
paid any Purchase-Money, Quit-Rent, or other  
Acknowledgment, for such Surplus, which being  
to our said Ancestors a manifest Fraud, and a gla-  
ring Injury to ourself, might (were we disposed  
to proceed with Rigour) prompt us to a Means of  
Redress, not only destructive of any Pretence of  
Claim to such Surplus Lands as aforesaid, but  
likewise subversive of what Titles such Patentees,  
or those who claim under them, may have to the  
true Quantities of Land applied for, and expressed  
in such Patents as intended to have been thereby  
granted, and ruinous to many of our Tenants in  
our said Province.

We, nevertheless, being willing and desirous to  
treat those of our said Tenants, who are inclined  
to yield us Content in the Premises, with all pos-  
sible Lenity, have resolved to admit a Purchase of  
such Surplus Lands, by those who Claim under  
such original Grants, upon the most easy Terms;  
and upon the Requisites hereafter mentioned being  
complied with, to grant and confirm unto such  
Persons respectively, a full, absolute, and indefeasible  
Estate of Inheritance in Fee-Simple, a-  
gainst us and our Heirs, both in Law and Equity,  
in and to such Surplus Lands as aforesaid.

We do therefore by this our Proclamation, pub-  
lish and declare our Assent and Pleasure as fol-  
lows, to wit: That every Person within our said  
Province, who hath or claims any Land as com-  
prized within the Metes and Descriptions of his  
Grant, more than the Quantity expressed in such  
Grant, as intended by our said Ancestors to have  
been thereby granted, and who shall, within the  
Space of two Years from the Date hereof, apply  
to the Judges of our Land Office, for the Time  
being, for a Warrant to re-survey the original  
Tract, according to its ancient Metes and Bounds,  
and to return a Certificate of such Re-survey to  
our said Land Office, expressing therein the true  
Quantity of all the Land contained within the  
Metes and Descriptions of the said original Survey,  
shall have the same issued to him accordingly.

And that upon Return of such Certificate to our  
said Office (the Forms of our said Office being  
complied with), grant shall issue thereon to such  
Person, thereby vesting him with a full, absolute,  
and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance against Us  
and our Heirs, both in Law and Equity, in Fee-  
Simple, in the Lands so as aforesaid to be con-

tained and described, in and by the Certificate to  
be returned, as aforesaid.

Such Person paying to the proper Officer of our  
Revenue, the Purchase-Money for such Surplus-  
Land, at the same Rate for every hundred Acres,  
as was formerly paid for the Purchase of every  
hundred Acres of the Quantity expressed in such  
original Grant.

Referring to Us and our Heirs, in such Grant  
hereafter to be issued, the annual Quit-Rents for  
such Surplus-Land, at the same Rate for every  
hundred Acres thereof, as is now payable by Vir-  
tue of the original Grant, for the Quantity of Land  
therein expressed.

And we do further assent and agree, and do  
herby authorize and direct, that our proper Of-  
ficers of our Revenue give, to all Intents and Pur-  
poses, both in Law and Equity, to the Persons  
complying with the Requisites aforesaid, a full  
Discharge from and against all Purchase-Money,  
and Arrearages of Rent whatsoever, that may be  
due and payable to us, from the respective Dates  
of such original Grants, for or by Reason of such  
Surplus-Land, as aforesaid; any Thing in any  
former Proclamation, or Instruction, contained, to  
the contrary hereof, in any-wise, notwithstanding.

And this our Proclamation, we have caused to  
be entered on Record in our said Land-Office,  
and other Offices of our Revenue, there to remain,  
as a Rule and Direction to our proper Officers,  
touching the Premises.

Witness our trusty and well-beloved HORATIO  
SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in  
Chief of our said Province, this 17th Day of Ja-  
nuary, in the 5th Year of our Dominion, Annoque  
Domini 1756.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

J. Ross, Cl. Con.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Enter'd,  
Brig Achfah, John Hayward, from Turks-Island;  
Brig Grove, James Hanrick, from Barbados.  
Schooner Wheel of Fortune, William Palmer, from  
Rhode-Island;  
Sloop Lena, Jonathan Lawrence, from St. Au-  
gustine.

Cleared for Departure,

Brig Philip & James, James Cole, for Barbados;  
Brig Nancy, Robert Bryce, for Barbados.  
Schooner Sophia and Anne, James Allein, for  
Barbados.

THE Subscriber having been proposed by  
many worthy Gentlemen in Anne-Arundel  
County, to stand as a Candidate at the ensuing  
Election for a Delegate in the Room of Dr. Charles  
Carroll, deceased, and having had the Promise of  
their Votes, takes this Opportunity to return his  
hearty Thanks, to one and all of them, for their  
intended Favours, which he acknowledges to be  
very great: But as he is unwilling (in case he  
should succeed) to be so long from his Family,  
as he must necessarily be in the Attendance on long  
Sessions of Assembly, or neglect the Duty of such  
an important Trust; he therefore takes this public  
Method, in order to prevent their being disappoint-  
ed, to inform them that he declines, and hopes  
they will excuse him from standing a Candidate,  
and fix their Choice on some other Gentleman  
more capable to attend and discharge the same,  
as many such may be found in the County: And  
again returns them his grateful and sincere Thanks  
for their Good-Will towards, and Opinion of, him,  
and acknowledges himself to be,

Their much obliged,

very humble Servant,

NATHAN HAMMOND.

T O B E S O L D,

THE Time of a Servant Woman, who has  
about 5 Years to serve, was brought up  
in the Country of England, and understands knit-  
ting, spinning, sewing, reading and writing.  
For Terms apply to the Printer hereof.

THERE is at the Plantation of Hercules  
Coutts, at Mount-Pleasant, in Kent County,  
taken up as a Stray, a black Mare, marked  
with IC on the left Shoulder, and has a small  
Star in her Forehead.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his  
Property, and paying Charges.

THE Subscriber having been a long Time  
confined in Queen-Anne's County Goal for  
Debt, and not having wherewith to satisfy his  
Creditors, hereby gives Notice, that he intends  
to apply to the next General Assembly for Relief.

CHARLES MCCARTY.