

Annapolis, February 18, 1756.  
 NOTICE is hereby given, That the Subscriber will give constant Attendance, at his Office in Annapolis, every Wednesday and Thursday before the Tenth of April next, to receive all due from the Inhabitants of this County public Levies. And as he has farmed his Ships Quit-Rents for this County, he is in every Person concerned will take Care to punctual Payments, agreeable to the Times mentioned in their Patents (which are the 25th of March and 29th of September yearly), as it will be of great Trouble (as well as Expence) to them, and  
 Their most humble Servant,  
 JOHN RAITT, Sheriff  
 of Anne-Arundel County.

Oxford, February 9, 1756.  
 SOLD, at Oxford, on reasonable Terms, Bills, Current Money, Tobacco, Wheat, Corn, & short Credit,  
 THE Stock in Trade of Richard Gildart, Esq; and Sons, of Liverpool, Merchants. Persons inclin'd to purchase are desired soon to apply to the Subscriber, who intends for England in the next Summer, and gives this public Notice to all those who have any Demands on the Company, or himself, or are in Arrears to him, that they may come and settle their respective Accounts, and avoid further Trouble to themselves, and  
 THOMAS BRERETON.

SOLD for Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Money,  
 TRACT of Land containing 150 Acres, lying on the South Side of Magdohy River, and very pleasant and convenient for Fishing, Fowling, and within 5 Miles of Annapolis, thereon is a good Dwelling-House, Kitchen, Barn-House, a Negro Quarter, two Corn-Houses, Garden, well-paled in, and two Orchards. Also a young Negro Wench, a Negro Girl, and a Negro Boy.  
 For Terms apply to the Printer hereof.

TO BE SOLD,  
 Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold Silver, or Paper Currency,  
 THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, viz.  

Over's Content,	466	} Acres.
Part of The Inclosure,	89	
Part of Goodluck,	445	
Part of - - - - -	78	
Part of Chance,	200	
Part of Gift,	183	} Acres.
Part of Cheefe Hall,	91	

These are all adjoining, and make a Body of well timbered Land, whereon are Three Plantations, with good Orchards, lying in Prince George's County, within five Miles of Bladenburg, and of Upper-Marlborough, and six of the Eastern Neck Ferry.  
 Part of Laybill, 113 }  
 Part of Reserve, 649 } Acres.  
 Part of Rumeldry, 380 }  
 225 }  
 The Four last mentioned lie in Beall's Neck, in Prince George's County, not above twelve Miles from Bladenburg, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-land.  
 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 Jobn'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 Title thereof; and likewise, any Part of the several Tracts, in Frederick County, in like Manner.  
 The Title and Terms may be known, by applying to the Subscriber, or to Josias Beall, junior, living on Ackokick, near Piscataway, in Prince George's County.  
 JOHN BEALL, junior.  
 B. Time will be given for the Payment of the same, on good Security, if required.

at his OFFICE in Charles-street; at 6 d. per Year. ADVERTISEMENTS the first Week, and One Shilling

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THURSDAY, March 25, 1756.

-----Incipe rumpere, signem meram.  
**S**LOTH is the inseparable Attendant on Delay, both of which, are some of the worst Habits we can contract; the former, in Regard to Health, the latter in Point of Fortune. Sloth---ingenders almost all Sorts of Diseases and Equality; Delay---almost every Species of Sorrow and Repentance.---

Nothing is more common, than for young Fellows, even about Thirty, than to wish they could recall back Seven Years of their Time. Is not this a severe Satire on their Manners? Does not this a peremptory convict them of Delay, and a Misapplication of their Time? The great Poet says,  
 -----breve & irreparabile tempus.

The venerable Philosopher says more, Dum differatur vita transcurrit. Omnia, Lucili, aliena sunt: tempus tantum nostrum est. In hujus rei unius fugacis, ac lubricae possessionem natura nos misit, ex qua nos expellit, quicumque vult. But---he, whose Virtue reproaches his Delay, is, of all Mankind, the most likely to recover the Advantage which he has lost; if that he stops not here, but has Spirit enough to act and persevere therein.---

Caution, Vigilance, and Circumspection, are the Offspring of Reflection and Activity; the Guardians against almost every Evil and Misfortune, which, in the ordinary Revolution of Things, can invade us, and, suffer not the least Delay to take Place in any Part of our Conduct. They admonish, instruct, preserve against all fatal Surprize. They sleep with us, rise with us, walk with us; shelter us from all the Shafts of Envy, Calumny and Detraction.---

Whoever procrastinates Time, is his own Thief, and robs himself of the surest Treasure, of which he ever can be possessed.---The rapid Wheel of Time, knows no Delay, but is continually whirling about. 'Tis heroic, 'tis glorious, especially in Youth, to embrace every favourable Opportunity which offers, and suffer not a Moment thereof to be lost. All the Beauties, which irradiate the Genius, and embellish the Mind; all the laudable Acquisitions in Life; all the Merit which adorn the Man, flows from a proper Application of this invaluable Blessing.

The vast Series of all good or bad Luck, so called in this transitory State, is incessantly circulating. Nor is it Destiny that punishes, but our own Delays which torment us. Nor is it Fortune, which is partial in the Distribution of Favours, but we, who, by Sloth and Delay, are unkind to ourselves.  
 Fortuna fortes metuit, ignavos premit.

Spirit and Activity, repose us in the downy Lap of Ease and Pleasure, Indolence and Delays, sink us into the flinty Vale of Sorrows and Affliction. Activity exalts us to Honour and Preferment: Indolence and Delays, sink us into Obscurity and Contempt.

We complain of the World, we arraign Fate, we exclaim against Fortune: Than which, nothing more absurd, nothing more ridiculous, nothing more puerile. All these are mere Words of Sound. All Things are just as they were, and, perhaps, ever will be so. Vice and Virtue, are still the same; the Choice our own. All the Shame, the Reproach and Ignominy is with ourselves; who abuse ourselves, betray ourselves, and, by Delays, lose the Acquisition of Riches, Glory and Renown.---

The Vicissitude of Seasons, is constant and immutable; the Fruits thereof, indeed, extremely different, just as the genial Rays of Heat, prove kind or unkind. Even so with us, the great Tide of Life runs steady and invariably on, whose glittering Perquisites, are either great or small, just as the Talent and Genius of the Mind, are either diligently or slothfully applied.

Hannibal, by his Delays, after the famous Battle of Cannæ, lost the Empire of the World. Mark Anthony, by indulging his Infatuation to his favourite Queen, lost it a second Time. Thus, these two celebrated Heroes, not only ruin'd themselves by their Sloth and Delays, and tarnish'd all the Glory they had acquir'd, but, also involved their most ardent Friends and Followers, who were most zealously attach'd to them, in the same Scene of Destruction.

The lovely, the amiable Evee, by delaying to improve, and repel the first Attempt of the sawning, blandishing, and insinuating Serpent, brought a heavy Curse on Adam, and all succeeding Generations. If the beautiful Amoretta, once admits the sly Obtruder to play and toy with her, and delays to guard her Honour with Virtue, he soon titillates her into Desire---and warms her into a glowing Passion, till her Looks grow kind; whence she soon smiles, she melts, she languishes, she consents, she's undone.---

The Doctor, who delays to prescribe the salutary Draught, finds, on his next Visit, his Patient is dead. The Surgeon, who delays to probe the fetid Wound to the Bottom, on his next Return, sees the Mortification begun. The Merchant, who delays inspecting into his Expences, finds himself a Bankrupt, before he can extricate himself from the Importunity of his Creditors. The Servant, who delays to obey the Orders of his Master, is punish'd with Reproof and Dismission. The generous Mind, which delays to arm itself with Diffidence and Distrust against the Artifice and Duplicity of the Knave, is soon imposed upon, and severely pays for its Neglect and Credulity.

Ye Sons of Venality, who like common Harlots, prostitute your Honour and Conscience, to the Radiancy of Dust; ye Libertines, Profligates, Pimps, Sycophants, Parasites, Impostors, and Hypocrites, who are all the Pest of Society, know, if you delay to correct and reclaim your Lives, that I have a Rod, in my right Hand, which shall scourge you worse than that of the Sicilian Tyrants. Blush Wretches! Blush, and tremble thus to disdain the bright Image of your God, the Mens Universi; before the awful Throne of whose immaculate Divinity, and unblemish'd Justice, you must by and by appear, and give an Account of all your Sins, Crimes, Perfidy, and Wickedness.---

Miserrimum est timere, cum spes nihil.  
 O fatal! O amazing! O stupendous Procrastination! What Mischief! What Havock! What Effusion of Blood! What Desolation attend thy slothful Spirit! Virtue and Magnanimity, tho' they have not, ever deserve Success. If Victory, in the Field of Honour, sees but a Moment's Delay, in any Thing conducive to Conquest, the Goddess immediately frowns, expands her Wings, deserts the dilatory Captain, and crowns the active One, with Honour and Renown.

Shou'd the Life of the Patrician, or Senator, be cover'd over with Vice, Blots and Stains, and there is Delay in expelling him the House, he soon contaminates others; and, thus like an epidemical Distemper, the Contagion spreads, till all become infected thereby, and a whole Nation labours under the Weight of invincible Corruption.

When Corruption, Party-Rage, and Faction, prevail in any Kingdom; when Public Interest, Honour and Glory, are daily sacrificed to all narrow, private and selfish Views, a Week's, or Day's, an Hour's Delay, to punish and suppress them, is big with the most fatal Consequences, and irreparable Injuries.

Of what Rank, or Condition soever be he, therefore, who is the Vassal of Sloth, a Slave to Corruption, and under the Dominion of Delay, let him immediately awake, spurn them all from him, exert the Genius of the Man, & aude sapere, to serve the best of Kings, with Honour and Virtue, the Queen of Isles, with Truth and Fidelity.

HALIFA X, February 21.  
**A** Frenchman, lately taken Prisoner by Capt. Lewis's Party of Rangers, informs, That a Schooner from Boston, bound to Annapolis-Royal, on board of which Capt. Lieut. Martin, and a private Matross, belonging to the Royal Train of Artillery in this Place, were Passengers, having put into a small Harbour to get a Pilot, they called to the People on Shore to send one off, but they having no Boat, he went on Shore, and brought one off; but the Wind not being fair to proceed to Annapolis, they concluded to tarry till it was more favourable, and in the Night Time a Number of Indians in Canoes boarded and took the Vessel, and made the Men Prisoners; but what they have done with them we have not yet heard.

BOSTON, March 8.  
 On Thursday last an Act was passed here for granting unto his Majesty an Excise upon Spirits distilled, and upon Limes, Lemons and Oranges. We hear that several Vessels were cast ashore on the Back of Cape-Cod, in a high Gale of Wind on Thursday last.

NEW-YORK, March 15.  
 Monday last a Number of the River Indians, inhabiting within the Counties of Ulster and Orange, were brought down to this City, under a proper Guard of white Men, to protect them from the Insults of the enraged Populace; on which Occasion the following Proclamation was issued.

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

A PROCLAMATION.  
**W**HEREAS on the Twenty-seventh Day of December last, I issued a Proclamation, requiring the Justices of the Peace of the Counties of Orange and Ulster, to send proper Persons among the River Indians, to represent to them the Danger they would be liable to if seen in the Back Settlements, where they might be taken for Enemies, and destroyed by the Forces employed on the Frontiers; and to invite them to remove with their Families into the Towns, and assuring them of Protection and Assistance. In Consequence whereof, many of the said Indians did remove nearer the Inhabitants than their usual Places of Residence, to avoid such Danger, and not doubting but they should receive the Protection of this Government. Notwithstanding which, a Party of armed Men, headed by one Samuel Slaughter, came on the Second Instant, to the House of Charles Stephenson, at Wilemanton in Ulster County, and killed an Indian and his Squaw, whom they found there: And early the next Morning went to a Wigwam, or Indian Settlement, about a Mile and a Half from the said Stephenson's House, and there killed and scalped three Indian Men, two Squaws, and two Indian Children. And whereas such Proceedings, if not immediately put to a Stop to, or the Authors of those already committed, be suffered to escape with Impunity, may not only draw upon us the Resentment of all the Settlement Indians as yet our Friends, of whom it is not doubted there are many, but give great Difficult to other Nations in Friendship with the English: I HAVE therefore thought fit, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to issue this Proclamation, hereby requiring, and commanding the Sheriffs of the said Counties of Orange and Ulster, and all other Officers within this Province, diligently to search for, and apprehend the said Samuel Slaughter, and him to commit to some County Goal, to answer for the said Offence, and to remain there until delivered by due Course of Law; and to enquire and return to me the Names of the several Persons concerned with him therein. And the Justices of the Peace and other Officers in the said Counties,