

Maryland, in General Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

The Opportunity you are at this Time pleased to afford us, of again exerting our Endeavours for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, is most agreeable to us.

We shall immediately take into our Consideration the Copy of the Earl of Loudoun's Letter, laid before us by your Excellency; and hope that our Resolutions and Proceedings will manifest our Care for the Preservation of the Lives, Liberties and Properties of our Fellow-Subjects, our Zeal for the Common Cause, and Duty to our most Gracious Sovereign.

H. HOOPER, Speaker.

The Governor's ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I AM glad to find by your Address, that you are pleased with my having again put it in your Power to provide for the Support of the Troops that have been raised here for his Majesty's Service, and the more immediate Defence and Security of the Frontier Inhabitants; and I entertain the most sanguine Hopes, that your Resolutions and Proceedings at this Time, will manifest your Duty to our most Gracious Sovereign, and Zeal for the Common Cause.

HOR^O. SHARPE.

We hear that Capt. Pearis and Two Subaltern Officers, with 30 Soldiers and 20 Cherokees, went from Fort Cumberland the latter End of January, with an Intention to proceed to Fort du Quatre.

The Week before last, John Lane and Griffith Johnson, being out on a Scout, pretty far up on Patuxent, they came across the Tracks in the Snow of some Indians, which they followed and came up with on George's Creek, near Savage River, at Night; when the Indians, being Nine in Number, stop'd and made a Fire, and Lane and Johnson fired upon them, and knock'd down Two, but one of them got up again, and made off with the other Seven; Lane run in to scalp his Man, but whilst he was stooping down, his Backside being towards them, the Indians fired at him, and one Bullet went through the Crotch of his Breeches, making Two Holes in them, and he very narrowly escaped being serv'd as bad as, or worse than, being scalp'd; for the Bullet just graz'd — and took off a small Piece of the Skin. He finish'd scalping the Indian; and they both came off safe with the Scalp. This Mr. John Lane, is the same valiant Man, who was taken Prisoner by the Indians last November (after he and one Cox had kill'd Two of them) stripp'd Naked, Pinion'd, and had a Halter tied about his Neck, on which the Indians laid down when they went to Sleep, but cut himself loose with a broken Piece of Bottle which he had found on General Bradock's Road, and conceal'd under his Arm; and on his Return, dug up an Indian which they had buried, took away his Match-coat, and scalp'd him with a broken Stone.

We hear that the Ship Hannab, Capt. Coates, who loaded in Patuxent last Year, for London, and sail'd after the Convoy, was taken by a French Privateer, and carried into Dunkirk.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Enter'd, Brig Sea-Flower, James Cole, from St. Kitts; Brig Achfab, John Hayward, from Liverpool. Cleared for Departure, Ship Two Sisters, James Hanrick, for Barbados.

JUST PUBLISHED,

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly,

THE (SO-MUCH-TALK'D-OF) ASSESSMENT BILL, which Passed the Lower House last Session, and was Rejected by the Upper House; with all the Proceedings relating thereto: Containing in the whole, Fifty-eight Pages in Folio. A few Copies are to be Sold at the PRINTING-OFFICE. Price 3/6.

THERE is at the Plantation of Edward Nedels, living on Great-Choptank River, near Kingston in Talbot County, taken up as a Stray, a young Dark Grey Mare, dock'd, and branded on the near Buttock something like the Letters S A. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subscriber has received a Letter from Mr. William Perkins, Merchant in London, dated the 11th of November last, acquainting him he had Chartered Two Ships, viz. the Tryton, Capt. Walsby, to Load in Patuxent River, and the Tryton, Capt. Wilkins, to Load in Patuxent River: And those who favour him with their Tobacco by them, are to observe, that Insurance is made, which will be inserted in their Bills of Loading, not exceeding Six Pounds per Hoghead, clear of all Deductions. The Ships being now arrived, and lying in the Mouth of Patuxent River, will repair to their respective Moorings the first fair Wind. I have in the above-mentioned Letter, Advice of the Duke, Capt. Maitland, who Loaded in Patuxent River last Year, being founder'd at Sea on her Voyage to London, in a violent Gale of Wind; but the Captain and Ship's Company, with the Letters, were saved; and that every Shipper on board said Vessel will receive their Insurances ordered, of which Mr. Perkins informs me he shall, by the first Opportunity, render them an Account.

HENRY CARROLL.

STRAYED from Lower-Marlborough the second of January last, a Brown Horse, between 12 and 13 Hands high, about 5 Years old, paces slow, and trots and gallops, has a short Switch Tail, a small white Spot in his Forehead, is branded, but with what can't be remembered, and had a Pair of Shoes taken off just before he was lost. Whoever will bring the said Horse to the Printer hereof, or to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

THOMAS JONES.

THERE is at the Plantation of Peter Cornford, near King's-Creek in Talbot County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with a large Blaze in her Forehead, and is branded on the near Buttock with the Letter I.

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

THERE is in the Possession of John Frazer, near the Head of Mattawoman, in Charles County, taken up as a Stray, a Dark Bay Mare, upwards of 14 Hands high, with a hanging Mane and long Switch Tail, she is a natural pacer, but has no perceivable Brand.

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

THERE is at the Plantation of Andrew Besten, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Mare, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock, and on the off Shoulder I P, she has a large Star in her Forehead, a long Mane with some grey Hairs in it, and a Saddle Spot on the right Side.

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

TO BE SOLD,

By the SUBSCRIBER near Severn-Ferry, in ANNAPOLIS,

CHOICE SINGLE and DOUBLE REFINED SUGAR, RICE, SHIP BREAD, and fine old CANE SPIRIT, by Wholesale or Retail; as likewise BUTTER by the Firkin.

JOHN CLAPHAM.

To be Sold to the Highest Bidder, on Wednesday the First Day of March next, at the House of the Subscriber, near South-River Church,

A CHOICE Parcel of COUNTRY-BORN SLAVES, consisting of Men, Women and Children, for Sterling or Paper Cash: Also a Parcel of Horses, Mares, Cattle, and other Stock, and some Household Furniture.

ANNE CHAMBERS.

THIS is once more to give Notice to all those indebted to Charles Carroll, Esq; who had not settled with him before his Departure from this Province, nor since with the Subscriber; that unless they discharge their Bonds (or at least the Interest) Notes of Hand, and proved Accounts, by the First Day of March next, Actions will certainly be brought against them.

R. CROXALL, Attorney in Fa.

Baltimore County, January 23, 1758. STOLEN out of the Rectory Mr. Thomas Cra-Stock's Stable, on Thursday Night the 19th Instant, a large Bay Gelding, belonging to the Subscriber, he paces and trots, is about 14 Hands and a half high, shod all round, has a hanging Mane and Sprig Tail, he has a particular Way in tossing his Head in Travelling, and apt to get loose if tied carelessly. The Thief took an old Curb Bridle and a small Saddle, belonging to a Son of Mr. David Arnold's.

Whoever brings home the Horse, Saddle and Bridle, shall have a Pistole Reward; and if the Thief is detected, and put in Goal, Two Pistoles, paid by W. YOUNG.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY good SAILING BOAT, a prime Sailer, about 21 Feet Keel, 6 and 1/2 Beam, and 3 and 1/2 in the Hold; her Frame Mulberry; has a middling good Suit of Sails, Anchor and Cable, with other Materials, &c. Enquire of the Printer hereof.

January 28, 1758.

WHEREAS Elizabeth, the Wife of the Subscriber, hath, in Violation of the Institution of Matrimony between us, without any just Cause, of her own accord, Eloped from me, and taken from me about Ten Pounds in Cash, a new Shirt, 4 Silver Table Spoons, a new Callico Counterpane, a Pair of new Sheets, a Gold Ring, and Keys, and some China. This is therefore to forewarn any Person or Persons whatever, from trusting her on my Account, for that I will not pay any Debts she Contracts.

C. HOMEWOOD.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER in ANNAPOLIS,

BEST BOLTED FLOUR, in Barrels, at 12/6 per Hundred; and good WEST-INDIA RUM, by Retail.

JOHN RAITT.

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. Robert Swaz, now gone for Great-Britain, either on the STORE or TAN-YARD ACCOUNT, are desired to come and pay their respective Balances to the Subscriber; and those whose Accounts have been long open, he expects they will come and settle them by Bond or Note, or may be assured Suits will be immediately brought against them.

The TANNING BUSINESS will still be carried on as usual, until the Tan-Yard is Sold, as lately advertised. For Terms of Sale, apply to the Subscriber.

Also to be Sold, a small SLOOP of 8 or 900 Bushels of Grain Burthen, in good Repair, and well found; fine GREEN and HYSON TEAS, COFFEE, CANDLES, SOAL LEATHER at 15 d. per Pound by the Hide, and Allowance made for larger Quantities; likewise about 600 Bushels of old CORN.

ROBERT COUDEN.

WHEREAS little Notice has hitherto been taken of an Advertisement frequently published in this Gazette, desiring all Persons indebted to Mr. Daniel Wolfenbalm, Merchant (now gone to England) to come and settle their respective Accounts with the Subscriber: This is therefore to give Notice, that if they do not immediately come and settle the same, either by Cash, Bill, or Bond, they may expect to be proceeded against according to Law.

JOHN CLAPHAM, Attorney in Fa.

JUST IMPORTED from BRISTOL, And to be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Stores at UPPER-MARLBOROUGH and PIC-POINT,

PARCEL of WELUH COTTONS, FRIZES, RUGS, and BLANKETS, and other WINTER GOODS; CROWN GLASS 8 by 10, and 11 by 9; NAILS and IRON WARE, QUART BOTTLES, &c. &c.

STEPHEN WEST.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,

A TRACT of LAND, containing 260 Acres, 16 Acres of which is excellent fresh Water Meadow, with a good Orchard of young grafted Trees, lying on the Round-Bay near the Vine-Yards on which there is a good Dwelling-House, Stable, Corn-House, &c. For Terms, and further Particulars, enquire of Mr. Lancelot Jacquet, Merchant, in Annapolis.

MARYLAND

Containing

A LETTER to the Right Honourable WILLIAM PITT, Esq;

SIR, AMIDST the various Applications daily made to Persons in your vated Rank of Office, permit me to present you with a private Man, unawed by Power, uninfluenced by either Party or party Considerations, thus to address himself to you. In this Letter you will find neither Abuse nor Flattery; at least I am sure the Writer will be acquitted of the latter, tho' he pays his Tribute to that Superiority of Abilities which could fit out the Rochefort Expedition, with Quickness and Secrecy almost unknown to most Policy, and even thought impossible by the Ministers of the British Government. Here your Extent of Vigour of Mind stand confirmed; but Disinterestedness, Steadiness, and Integrity, remain your invaluable Rewards of your future Conduct in this Affair.

Our first Success rais'd in us the most sanguine Hopes; but how mortifying was the Disappointment! to find the whole terminate in the loss of the Isle of Aix, which, however honourable to that excellent young Officer Capt. Howe, but little satisfy the Expectations of the Nation.

This remarkable Paragraph put in (to avenge) by Authority even in the common Papers, struck the most cursory Reader; each individual felt its Meaning, and expected that immediate Suspension must have been the consequence of so evident a Reflection. But was imprisoned upon his Landing; M— Hands. This little Inconsistence (as we may call it) has helped to waft the contagious of popular Discontent to the farthest Parts of Kingdoms. The united Voice of the People for an Enquiry: We beseech it of his Majesty. We demand it of you. We demand a impartial, and a rigorous Enquiry.—If the manders appear altogether innocent, let them be acquitted with Honour, and sent to prove their Zeal and Abilities in another Expedition; if they failed through Ignorance, let them — to their Closets to increase their Knowledge. But if from real constitutional Cowardice, what is perhaps still worse, that Caution of a Life too often the Concomitants of Wealth; let them feel the heaviest Hand of Government, without respect to Rank, Family, or Connections.

In order to come at the Bottom of this perhaps some such Queries as the following be of use, viz.

1. Whether, even before the Fleet's departure from the French Coast, there did not appear a Backwardness to any Attempt, as occurred certain A— to declare, with some that he would comply with his Orders, and whatever was the Consequence?
2. Why the Fleet lay so eight Hours by the Change or Failure of the Wind, and its Consequences, some Days?
3. Why, upon a French Man of War accidentally in amongst our Transports, a name was ordered to chase, aboard, was the only Pilot who could undertake to take the Fleet into the Harbour, and whose by that Means, endangered; the Loss must, of itself, have rendered the Expedition abortive?
4. Why the Ships of the Leading Division drawn up at half a Mile Distance from the Port, and could not have had Assistance if necessary?
5. Why the Soldiers, who landed in possession of the Isle of Aix, were not, a

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