

light an Express, preceded by several Horsemen, arrived from the North at Whitehall with some of the Contents of which are not known.

day morning early a messenger was dispatched to the Lisbon.

Post-Office, March 15. His Majesty's Ship the *Effendi*, commanded by Capt. Stömborg, being upon a Cruise on the Coast of the Azores, took the *Cerberus* Privateer, of 20 Carriage Guns, mostly Six-pouncers, with 130 Men, commanded by M. de Cas, and sent her into Portsmouth.

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The prisoners found on board after the Engagement were 302; but there is great Reason to believe the Spaniards had many more men on board than given in, as the Decks were covered with the mangled Limbs of the Enemy, and several were seen to fall overboard.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.

On Tuesday last the Philadelphia Packet, Capt. Budden, arrived here from London.

A Letter from London, of the 8th of April, mentions two of the Enemies Privateers, of 22 and 16 Guns, being sent into Plymouth, by his Majesty's Frigate *Aeolus*; and that another Privateer, of 24 Guns, had been likewise sent into Portsmouth.

From Jamaica we have Advice, that Commodore Douglas was at that Island; but that most of the Ships he took with him from St. Christophers, with others that belonged to the Jamaica Station, were cruising off of Cape-Francois, looking after the West Fleet, which some time ago arrived there. Captain Lawrence, from Martinico, informs us, that on the 6th Instant, Admiral Peacock, with nine Sail of the Line, about 100 Transports, and about 14,000 Troops on board, sailed from that Island; and that he had sent an Express to Commodore Douglas, desiring him to meet him as far to Windward as possible.

ANNAPOLIS, June 3.

On Friday last a Tobacco-House of Captain Tobias Bell's, of Prince George's County, was Fired by Lightning, and about 800 Weight of Tobacco was burnt; but was soon extinguished. There were some Negroes in the Tobacco-House, one of which, a young Fellow, who sat pretty near the Door, was instantaneously struck Dead by the same Flash.

By the last Mail, Letters from London (via Philadelphia) were brought, of the last of March, which mention, that the Fleet for Virginia and Maryland, were to sail in about Three Weeks from that Time.

To Messrs. GREEN and RIND.

GENTLEMEN,

By inserting the Inclosed in your next Gazette, you will oblige Your most humble Servant,

1st June, 1762. WM. MURDOCK.

AS the Address of the Lower House of Assembly to the Governor, and his Excellency's Answer to the Address, which were lately published in this Gazette, may be considered as an Appeal to the Public, and as I am more particularly pointed at in the Narrative contain'd in the Answer, than any Member of the Lower House, I hope it will not be thought impertinent, or an unreasonable Attempt in me, to vindicate my Character from any Aspersions that may be thought to be cast upon it by the said Narrative. Happy in knowing that I have made no Application for lucrative Offices, or honorary Preferments, I have read, with the utmost Indifference, that Part of the Narrative which gives dark Hints about Discontent and Disappointment; but as a Charge of Disingenuity has been lately exhibited against me, upon an Occurrence which happened several Years ago, at Baltimore-Town, I shall take the Liberty to make some Remarks upon it.

That I may not be thought too prolix, or desirous to lay a Foundation for Altercation, I shall admit the State that has been laid before the Public, of a Conversation between the Governor and myself, at Baltimore-Town, relative to the Bill for his Majesty's Service, which passed into a Law in 1757; tho' I apprehend the Relation is not altogether unexceptionable, as it seems to omit, or rather to recite imperfectly, what I think a very material Part of the Conversation; namely, "that I could not undertake to give a determinate Answer to the Question at that Time; but if the Bill passed into a Law, I should take Care to be well advised before I acted." But I am content to have this Matter considered as it stands, in the following Words, in the Narrative: "As I was extremely anxious to avoid and remove every Thing that might possibly cause Misunderstandings, and become Occasion of Dispute afterwards, between the Assembly and Myself, between the Officer that should be appointed to command the Troops and the Agents, between the Agents and Myself, and in short between any Persons whatever that might be concerned with the said Troops, I intimated to one of the Agents (who being a Member of the Lower House was then in Town) my Desire to speak with him, and upon his complying with my Request, I ask'd him, Whether he should think himself empowered by the Bill, which had then passed both Houses, to victual and pay any of the 500 Men that should be posted at Fort Cumberland, and whether he thought that Part of the Bill, which I was inform'd had been the Subject of Conversation and Dispute, was sufficiently clear and explicit? The Gentleman's Answer was to this Effect, That some Members of the House were of Opinion that the Agents would be at Liberty to pay such Troops, while others said the Bill vested them with no such Power; but

that when the Bill was Enacted into a Law, he should be for taking Advice thereon. When I perceived that the Gentleman avoided giving a direct Answer to the Question I had ask'd him, I thought the only Way left for me to have the Matter cleared up, so that both the Agents and Myself might have the Sense of the House, was, to send them a Message, which, with the Approbation of that Gentleman, I accordingly did."

As I took for granted there was some particular Purpose to be answered by this Application to me, I thought, from the Duty I owed to my own Character, I could not be too cautious in my Answer. I did not avoid giving a direct One to furnish Room for future Contests, but merely from Considerations of common Prudence; for had I complied with the Governor's Inclination in giving a precise Answer, it might have been construed as an Engagement, at all Events, to have acted accordingly; so that whatever I might have conceived on a more mature Consideration of the Matter, or whatever Advice might have been given by those whose Sentiments, in the Construction of a Law, I should much sooner rely upon than my own, I might have been involved in this Dilemma, either of adhering to what might have been thought an Engagement, against my own Judgment, and the Advice of Council, or by departing from it, of incurring the Censure of Disingenuity and Double-dealing. What rational Foundation could I have, even from any Thing suggested in the Narrative, to give my Opinion precisely, when it seems the End of asking it was to produce Effects no less important "than to avoid and remove every Thing that might possibly cause Misunderstandings, and become Occasion of Dispute afterwards, between the Governor and the Assembly, between the Officer who should be appointed to command the Troops and the Agents, between the Governor and the Agents, and in short between any Persons whatever that might be concerned with the said Troops." It appears moreover from the Narrative, that I declared "some Members of the House were of Opinion that the Agents would be at Liberty to pay such Troops, while others said the Bill vested them with no such Power." Would it not have been the Height of Presumption in me, to have decided pre-emptorily a Question, about which such a Diversity of Opinions was entertain'd in the House? Or could I, in so doubtful a Case, without forfeiting all Pretensions to common Prudence, and common Sense, give any other Answer than that "whenever the Bill passed into a Law, I should be for taking Advice upon it."

But there is another Consideration, which I hope will have its due Weight in removing every Impression to my Disadvantage; and that is, that there were two other Agents nominated by the Bill besides myself. It was no Doubt the View of the Bill in appointing so many Agents, not only that they should be Checks upon one another, in the Management of the Public Money, but that the Act should be, in every other Respect, regularly executed, by the mutual Advice and Assistance which they might afford to one another. This being the Case, had I taken upon me to have determined a Point of so much Importance without previously consulting them, I should have shewn very little Regard to the Intention of the Bill in this Respect, they would have had great Reason to have resented such a Step as an Insult, and had I been mistaken in Point of Judgment, all the World must have condemn'd my Conduct as rash and presumptuous.

Upon the Whole, Was it disingenuous in me to wave my Opinion of a Matter that I did not think myself a competent Judge of? Was it my Duty, or in any Respect incumbent upon me, to give my Opinion of a Bill, that had passed both Houses, and was lying before the Governor for his Perusal and Consideration? Can it be supposed that my Opinion could have effected the important Purposes enumerated in the Narrative? Was it not prudent in me to decline giving my Opinion, as I might possibly have been embarrass'd, or justly exposed to Censure, by a contrary Conduct? How far then a Charge of Disingenuity or Double-dealing can be supported, by any Thing that has been communicated to the Public, let the Unprejudiced determine.

WM. MURDOCK.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of the late Edward Dorsey, of Annapolis, Esq; deceased, are desired to settle with, and make Payment of the Debts due to the said Estate to, Mr. Benjamin Beall, of Annapolis, who has Powers for that Purpose from HENRIETTA MARIA DULANY, Administratrix De bonis non.

Virginia, May 24, 1762.

To be LET, for a Term of Years,

COMMODIOUS and well-acquainted Tavern, with convenient Out-Houses, situate at the Ferry Landing, in the Town of Colechester, in the County of Fairfax, on the Post Road between Alexandria and Frederickburg. The Terms may be known, by applying to the Subscriber, living near the Premises. PETER WAGENER.

RAN away on Whit-Monday Night, from the Subscriber, living near Bladensburg, in Prince-George's County, a Convict English Servant Man named Giles Truelock, near 40 Years of Age, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, pretty well made, of a dark Complexion and black Beard, has a small stammering in his Speech, is full faced and Pock-fretten. He took with him pretty good Cloathing, a light colour'd Serge or Cloth Coat, with a square Patch put in between the Shoulders, black Pluff and blue Cloth Breeches, two Wigs, two Hats, and sundry other Cloathing; and it is probable may have obtained a false Pass.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and secures him so that his Master may have him again, shall have a Pistole Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by BENONY PRICE.

STRAYED or Stolen from the Subscriber, living in Frederick County, on the 15th of April last, a likely bright Bay Mare, 5 Years old, about 13 Hands high, has a small Star in her Forehead, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock B, has a Switch Tail, and is Ring'd; the paces, trots, and gallops well.

Also, a likely Black Mare, 4 Years old, about 13 1/2 Hands high, with three white Feet, paces well, and has very good Spirit.

Whoever brings the said Mares to the Subscriber, shall have a Reward of Two Pistoles; if Stolen, any Person apprehending or discovering the Thief, so as he be brought to Justice and convicted, shall have a Reward of Eight Pistoles, paid by JAMES BROOKE.

THERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Conn, near George-Town in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a Black Mare about 12 Hands high, with a small Star in her Forehead. She had on a Bell mark'd thus I ONES. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THE Managers of the FREDERICK-TOWN CALVINIST CHURCH LOTTERY, hereby give Notice, That the Drawing will punctually begin on Monday the 14th Day of June; and they request all Persons who have Tickets unfold, to return them by that Time. TICKETS may still be had of the Managers, and at the Printing-Office.

TO BE SOLD, For Current Money, Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Cash, A SLOOP, Burthen 38 Tons, now building on Patapsco River, near Mr. Lawrence Hammond's Ferry, and will be ready for Launching in about 3 Weeks. NATHANIEL RUMNEY.

TO BE SOLD, A TRACT of LAND called Thurston's Neighbour, lying on Bynam's Branch, near the Head of Bush River, in Baltimore County, containing about 1000 Acres. Any Person desirous of purchasing the above Tract of Land, may, upon Application to Mr. Robert Alexander, of Baltimore-Town, be informed of the Title and Terms of Sale. Sterling, or Gold and Silver at the current Rates, will be taken in Payment, as may best suit the Purchaser.

Queen-Anne's County, May 20, 1762. THE Subscriber desires all Persons that are indebted to the late Peter Maxwell, to pay their respective Debts before August Court, as he is obliged to settle with the Commissary next September; otherwise he will put the Law in Force. And likewise gives Notice to all Gentlemen, Ladies, and Others, that he has removed from Queen's-Town, and keeps TAVERN at the Dwelling-House late Mr. Thomas Hamar's, on Chester Road, where all Travellers may meet with the best Accommodations this Country can afford. MICHAEL FLOWER.

