

166 By Captain Drefon from Lisbon we have Advice, that on the Thirty-first of May the Custom-House there was burnt down, with Goods to the Value of Seven or Eight Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling in it, which threw the City into the utmost Confusion, put an intire Stop to Trade, and would be severely felt, many of the Merchants, it was said, having lost their All by it.—It was not known how the Fire began.

Capt. Drefon, in Latitude 24, Longitude 40°, spoke with a Ship from Gibraltar for this Place. And a few Days ago he met with three Bermuda Vessels, going to Bermuda, who, with three others, were drove from Turks-Island by the French, about twelve or fourteen Days ago.

The PUBLIC is desired to beware of Counterfeit TWENTY SHILLING Bills of this Province, which have very lately appeared among us.—They are a good Imitation of the true Bills, and may pass readily with those that are not well acquainted with our Paper Money.—They are printed in Italic Letter, as the genuine Ones are; dated May 1, 1760, and have, as Signers to them Charles Jones, Joseph Stretch and Charles Thompson.—The Paper they are printed on is double, but much thinner and whiter than that of the true Bills.—They are not done from regular Types; and tho' they look well at first Sight, yet, upon looking narrowly into them, a great many Imperfections will be quickly found, the Letters being very ill proportioned, and the Lines standing mostly crooked.—In the Signing Charles Thompson's Name is made Charles Thonnon.

ANNAPOLIS, July 26.

By a late Act of Parliament for the Encouragement of the Raising of Hemp in America, a Bounty is Granted of Eight Pounds Sterling for every Ton carried to Great-Britain, for the first Seven Years after the 24th of June this present Year; a Duty of Six Pounds Sterling for every Ton for the next Seven Years; and a Duty of Four Pounds Sterling per Ton, for the next Seven Years, which will terminate the 24th of June, 1785.

The Substance of an Act of Parliament for the better regulating the Post-Office, &c. to be in our next.

ANNAPOLIS, July 24, 1764.

ALL Persons Indebted to the Estate of Mr. Robert Swan, deceased, are desired to come and discharge the same, and those who have open Accounts with him, or Demands against his Estate of any Nature whatever, are requested to come and have their Accounts settled, and present their Demands, so that we may be enabled to know the State of the said Swan's Affairs. Longer Indulgence to those Indebted cannot be expected or granted, as their Debts are already of too long a standing; and as Executors to the Deceased, we must be under the Necessity of bringing Suits against them who delay making Payment.

ROBERT COUDEN, } Executors.
THOMAS RICHARDSON, }

Calvert County, July 18th, 1764.

A LARGE Quantity of Indian CORN to be disposed of by the Subscriber, near Lower-Marlbrough, at Two Shillings per Bushel, for Ready Money only.

Likewise, A Couple of likely Negro Women; one of them in her 17th Year, the other about 40; both which may be purchased very reasonably from JOHN HAMILTON SMITH.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber at BALTIMORE-TOWN,

ONE Hundred Thousand Hoghead STAVES and HEADING, dressed for the West-India Market. Likewise, A Quantity of Madeira Pipes and Barrels. ROBERT ADAIR.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Snow FRANCIS, from LIVERPOOL, and to be SOLD on reasonable Terms, by JOHN ASHBURNER,

SUNDRY European GOODS, such as Checks, and other Manchester Goods, Irish Linens, Nails, Mens and Womens Shoes, Drinking Glasses and Decanters, narrow and broad Axes, Knives and Forks, Hard Soap, bottled Beer, Smith's Coals, Threads, Ladies best new fashion'd Riding Habits, and a Parcel of Saddlery Ware. Likewise, Sundry Men and Women SERVANTS, and a Negro Woman and Child. They may be seen at any Time on board the said Snow, lying at the Mouth of Witcomico.

N. B. The said Snow will take in Tobacco on Freight, consign'd to James Gildart, Esq; in Liverpool.

For the ENTERTAINMENT of the CURIOUS,

Will be exhibited at the Market-House in BALTIMORE-TOWN,

A Course of EXPERIMENTS in that instructive and entertaining Branch of natural Philosophy, call'd

ELECTRICITY,

To be accompanied with LECTURES on the Nature and Property of the Electric Fire;

By WILLIAM JOHNSON.

THE Course consists of Two Lectures:— In the first of which is explained, the Nature and Properties of Electricity, considered abstractedly, in a Number of new and entertaining Experiments; proving, that it is an Element diffused thro' all Places in and near this Earth, not immediately occupied by other Matter: That it is different from common Fire and Light: That our Bodies contain enough of it, at all Times, to set an House on Fire: That it is a simple, homogeneous, subtle Fluid, lodged in the Vacuities of all Bodies, and passing thro' so dense a Body as Metal, with great Facility: That there is no Repulsion between electrified Bodies; but that Attraction is the only Law of its Motion, &c. &c. &c.

In the Second Lecture, This Fire is shewn to be real Lightning, and in that View, considered (as it really is) as one of the most awful Powers of Nature. Most of the Effects of Lightning are imitated by the Electric Fire; such as its darting thro' the Air in a crooked Direction, shewn by a Flash of real Lightning, darting from a Cloud in a painted Thunder-Storm: An Animal kill'd by it instantaneously: Metal melted by it in the twinkling of an Eye: An Experiment shewing that Lightning when it strikes a House or Ship, may be prevented from doing the least Damage; and the Efficacy of the Method of Security here proposed, demonstrated from such indubitable Proofs, from Experience, as has not been heretofore exhibited to the World. Many curious Experiments, naturally representing the various Phenomena of Thunder-Storms, accounting for their Causes, and explaining their Effects. The endeavouring to guard against Lightning, in the Manner proposed, shewn not to be chargeable with Presumption, nor inconsistent with any of the Principles of natural or revealed Religion; but on the contrary, that we have the greatest Reason to bless God for so useful a Discovery.

As the Knowledge of Nature tends to enlarge the human Mind, and give us more noble and exalted Ideas of the GOD of NATURE, it is hoped that this Course will prove, to many, an agreeable Entertainment.

The Works of the LORD are great, and sought out of all them that have Pleasure therein. PSAL. cxii. 2.

Notice of the Days of Exhibition may be had at Mrs. ORRICK's, at the King's Arms; where Tickets are also to be had.

No Person to be admitted without Tickets by paying at the Door, as the Inconveniency is great, and must be obvious to every one.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBERS, Executors of William Disney, Deceased, for Sterling Money, on Saturday the 4th Day of August next,

PART of a Tract of LAND called Town-hill, with a good Dwelling-House and a Kitchen, a good Orchard, with a large Meadow, and more may be made: The said Land is well wooded, it lies about 3 Miles from London-Town, and about 4 Miles from Queen-Anne.

SARAH DISNEY,
JAMES DISNEY.

THOMAS MULLEN, SEINE-KNITTER,
At LONDON-TOWN,

MAKES SEINES of any Length or Depth, in the cheapest, neatest, and best Manner. He also Hangs Seines, makes Silk MITS and PURSES, and NETS for Horses. Any Gentlemen who shall be pleas'd to employ him, may depend on being faithfully served.

THOMAS GRAY, CURRIER,

HEREBY gives Notice, That having served his Time out with Thomas Hyde, Carries on his Business at his Shop, at the TAN-YARD of Allen Quay, in ANNAPOLIS, and having served a regular Apprenticeship to the Trade, makes no doubt but he will give general Satisfaction.

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To be LET, upon Lease, for a Term of Years, and entered on immediately,

PLANTATION, Stock and Hands, lying on the Paint Branch in Prince George's County, and within 8 or 9 Miles of Bladensburg; there are 5 Hands, 2 of which are Blacksmiths, which work constantly at that Business, being supplied with a Quantity of Iron, and other Necessaries fit for it. The Stock consists of Horses, Mares, Black Cattle, Sheep and Swine. The Tenement is in good Order, both Fencing and Housing; and there is a very good Apple and Peach Orchard. The Tract or Tracts consists of several Hundred Acres, of which about 100 Acres is clear'd, and a fine Meadow containing about 12 Acres, and more may be easily added. The Tenant will have Liberty to clear any part of the said Land, without Restraint or Limitation. There is also building an overshot Grind-Mill, which is very convenient to the said Plantation. Any Person inclinable to contract for the same, shall have it almost on their own Terms, the Owner not being able to complete and finish it. The said Plantation is well furnished with all necessary Utensils, and there is some Household Furniture, which are to be sold, or included with the Articles above.

There is a good Mill in St. Mary's County, called the Cool-Spring-Mill, which goes very well, to be Let. THOMAS BEALL.

Baltimore County, July 24, 1764.

BROKE Jail last Night, a certain Darby Herny, a Carpenter by Trade, about 6 Feet high, well made, and a great Lover of RAW RUM, or STRONG GROGG; his Apparel very mean, but may probably be furnish'd with better, by those who are supposed to have help'd him in his Escape, as it is believ'd to have been some Time premeditated. Whoever takes up the said Darby Herny, and delivers him at my Jail at JOPPA, Pennsylvania Money. AQUILA HALL, Sheriff.

STOLEN from the Subscriber's Plantation, near Nottingham, in Prince-George's County, on the Twentieth of June last, Two Mares, the one a Bay about 13 Hands and 1 Inch high, branded on the near Buttock with the Letter G, has several Saddle Spots, and paces well. The other a Black about 13 Hands and 1 Inch high, branded on the near Buttock LMB in a Piece, one of her hind Feet white, trimm'd with a ridg'd Mane, and a short Switch Tail.

There was also Stolen from the Plantation above-mentioned, on the 27th Day of October last, a dark Bay Gelding about 13½ Hands high, has a Blaze Face, both his hind Feet white, is a natural Pacer, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock with a Letter on each, the one a W, but the other forgot.

Whoever will bring the above Creatures to the Subscriber, shall have One Pistole Reward for each, and Five Pistoles for apprehending the Thief, or Thieves, so as he, she, or they may be brought to Justice, paid by

THOMAS BROOKE, Son of Walter.

STRAYED away from the Subscriber, on the North Side of Severn, about the 10th of this Month, a large Black COW, mark'd with a Crop and a Hole in each Ear, and may have an Under-keel, and had a small Copper Bell, tied on with a double Rope.

Whoever will take up the said Cow, secure her so as she may be had again, and give Information thereof to the Subscriber, shall have Ten Shillings Reward. DORCAS HILL.

Oxford, July 13, 1764.

RAN away last Night, from the Ship Alexander, Robert Erskine, Master, lying at Oxford, the following six Sailors, viz.

Samuel Gardner, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, fair Complexion, and pretty lusty.—John Kennall, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, thin Visage, and black Complexion.—John Summers, 5 Feet 8 Inches high, of a brown Complexion.—Francis Dixon, of a thin Visage, and dark Complexion.—John Kendall, about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, of a brown Complexion.—Augustus Esler, 5 Feet 10 Inches high; aged 50 Years, and of a brown Hue.

They went away in a Yawl, 16 Feet Keel, with a white Bottom, and her upper Streak painted blue.

Whoever takes up the said Runaways, and secures them so as they may be had again, shall have Six Pistoles Reward, or One Pistole for each; and One Pistole for the Yawl; and reasonable Charge paid, if brought to Capt. James Reib's, at Annapolis; John Glassell's, at Oxford; Anthony McColeb's, at Queen's-Town, or ROBERT ERKINE.

STRAYED from the Subscriber, living 8 Miles from the great Road leading 25th of June last, a dark full 15 Hands high, ab Blaze in his Face to the Nostrils, has a bob Tail, several Saddle Marks, and Branded. Whoever will take up the said Horse, shall have Fifty reasonable Charges, paid.

BY Virtue of a Writing directed, from the Subscriber, of the Paper Currency and Tenements of Cap Prince-George's County, Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, due from this Province, due from Office, public Notice is hereby given, That on Saturday the Eleventh Instant, at the House of Burg, A valuable Tract of Land, containing 410 Acres, to the highest Bidder, the Office may be paid in, mandated.

BY Virtue of a Writing directed, from the Subscriber, of the Paper Currency and Tenements of Prince-George's County, Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, due to the Subscriber, due to the Subscriber, is hereby given, That on the Day of August, betwixt 10 o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Prather in Bladenburg, the highest Bidder, A Tract of Land, containing 300 Acres, the Return of the Writing ready, as I am commanded, G. SCOTT, Sheriff.

BY Virtue of a Writing directed, from the Subscriber, of the Paper Currency and Tenements of Prince-George's County, pay the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, due to the Subscriber, public Notice is hereby given, That on the 15th Day of August, at 11 and 12 o'Clock in the House of Mr. Benjamin rough, will be set up to Sale a Parcel of Land, being 3 Tracts, viz. Cuckold's Del, and Letcbworth, containing 100 Acres, that at the Return of the Money ready, as I am commanded, G. SCOTT, Sheriff.

BY Virtue of two Writings directed, from the Subscriber, of the Paper Currency and Tenements of Prince-George's County, pay the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, due to the Subscriber, Current Money of Maryland, Office, public Notice is hereby given, That on Wednesday the 15th Day of August, at 11 and 12 o'Clock in the House of Mr. Benjamin rough, will be set up to Sale a Parcel of Land, being 3 Tracts, called Northham, Kittering and Addition, 210 Acres; Lans, 25 Acres; Addition to Lans, 27 Acres; Money ready at the Return of the Writing, as I am commanded, G.

TO BE AN excellent COOK Child. Likewise, THOMAS GEORGE.

TO BE PART of a Tract of Land, lying near Mine, in Frederick County, For Title and Terms, apply to the Son of Francis, in Prince-George's County.