

own Consent, given by their legal Representatives in Assembly, as the principal Foundation, the main Source of all their Liberties.

Thirdly, That by the Act of Parliament lately passed, for raising Stamp Duties in America (should it take Place) both those invaluable Privileges, enjoyed in their full Extent by their Fellow Subjects in Great-Britain, would be torn from them, and that therefore the same is in their Opinion Unconstitutional, Invasive of their just Rights, and tending to excite Disaffection in the Breast of every American Subject.

Fourthly, That they will, at the Risk of their Lives and Fortunes, endeavour, by all lawful Ways and Means, to preserve and transmit to their Posterity, their Rights and Liberties, in as full and ample Manner as they received the same from their Ancestors; and will not, by any act of theirs, countenance or encourage the Execution or Effect of the said Stamp Act.

Fifthly, That they will Detest, Abhor, and hold in the utmost Contempt, all and every Person or Persons, who shall meanly accept of any Employment or Office relating to the Stamp Act, or shall take any Shelter or Advantage from the same; and all and every Stamp-Pimp, Informer, or Favourer of the said Act, and that they will have no Communication with any such Person, nor speak to them on any Occasion, except it be to upbraid them with their Baseness.

And in Testimony of this their fixed and unalterable Resolution, they have this Day Erected a GIBBET Twenty Feet high, before the Court-House Door, and hung in Chains thereon, the Effigy of a Stamp-Informer, there to remain in Terror till the Stamp Act shall be Repealed.

After the above Declaration publicly Read and Assented to by every Person present, the Effigy hung up, &c. the Gentlemen of the County adjourn'd to a Tavern, where the King, the Royal Family, and other Loyal Healths were Drank, every Thing concluding with the utmost Decency and good Order.

Frederick-Town, Saturday the 30th Nov. 1765.

THE STAMP-ACT having received a mortal Wound by the Hands of Justice, on Saturday last gave up the Ghost, to the great Joy of the Inhabitants of Frederick County. The lifeless Body lay exposed to public Ignominy 'til Yesterday, when it was thought proper, for preventing Infection from its Stench, to bury it in the following Manner.

The SONS OF LIBERTY assembled at the House of Mr. Samuel Swearingen, in the Afternoon, and the Coffin was taken up exactly at 3 o'Clock.

Form of the FUNERAL PROCESSION.

1. The Colours of the Town Company.
2. Drums.
3. The Banner displayed, with this Inscription in large Characters,
CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY ASSERTED BY THE MAGISTRATES OF FREDERICK COUNTY, 23^d November, 1765.
4. The Cap of Liberty mounted on a Staff, with the several following Inscriptions,
MAGNA CHARTA.
CHARTER OF MARYLAND.
TRIALS BY JURIES RESTORED.
OPPRESSION REMOVED.
LIBERTY AND LOYALTY.
5. Conductors.
6. The Coffin, with this Inscription on the Lid,
THE STAMP ACT,
EXPIRED OF A MORTAL STAB RECEIVED FROM THE GENIUS OF LIBERTY IN FREDERICK COUNTY COURT, 23^d November, 1765—
AGED 22 DAYS.

On the Ends, Sides, and Ledges of the Coffin, appeared several other Inscriptions, which were all together deposited in the Ground, as Appendages to the Stamp Act, viz.

Tyranny—Villainage—Military Execution—Soldiers quartered on private Houses—Court of Vice-Admiralty—Guards de Costa's to prevent Corruption in North-Americans from a Redundancy of Spanish Dollars—Britons employed in fastening Chains on the Necks of British Subjects.—Fines—Imprisonment—Ruin—Desolation—Slavery taking Possession

of America, in Order to extend her Dominion over Great-Britain.

7. Z—H—, Esq; as sole Mourner, carried in an open Chariot.—His Countenance pale and dejected,—his Dress disorderly, unsuitable to his Rank, and betraying great inward Distraction of Mind,—and his tottering Situation (being scarce able to keep his Seat) demonstrated the Weakness to which he was reduced, and plainly indicated the melancholly Catastrophe which shortly ensued.

8. Sons of Liberty, two and two. During the whole Procession, which marched thro' the principal Streets till it arrived at the Gallows erected on the Court-House Green, the Bells continued Ringing; and, on every Huzza by the Crowd, or loud Laugh of Female Spectators, Z—H—, Esq; was observed to nod, or drop his Head into his Bosom, in Token of the utmost Sorrow and Confusion.

On their Arrival at the Gallows, under which the Grave was dug, the Drums ceasing, and Proclamation made for Silence, Z—H—, Esq; was observed to be struck with such Astonishment, that tho' he seem'd to demand Audience by a weak Motion of his Hand, he was not able to utter a Word, and his Features were fixed as Death.

Being asked whether he had any Thing to say, he made no Answer, but a Paper appearing in his Bosom, was taken out; and it being demanded whether that Paper contained the Substance of what he had to say on the Occasion, he continued silent, but was seen to make a faint Nod of Approbation.

The Paper, which was ordered to be read, contained the following Words, and appears to have been composed by him by Way of Funeral Oration or Lamentation over the Body of that beloved Act which had engrossed his whole Mind and Affections.

COPY of the Paper.

“GOOD PEOPLE—for Country Men I dare not call you—having forfeited all Claim or Title to that Appellation—Wonder not at my Hesitation of Speech, or my Sighs and Groans on this sad Occasion,—The Powers of Utterance being in a great Measure taken from me by the Sight of that mournful Object!—Curst be the Day, that direful Day in which my Eyes beheld the fatal Catastrophe of the beloved of my Soul!—May the 23^d November be struck out of the Calendar, and never be reckoned in the future Annals of Time!—And shall a Record appear, to eternize the Downfall of my beloved, naked and unadorned with the beautiful Stamp which ought to have been annexed by my Influence?—Can I possibly survive the dreadful Thought!—And must all my Hopes perish, my Schemes for advancing my Fortune at the Expence of my Country be blasted, and public Emolument triumph over private Gain!—Shall Maryland freely export her Wheat and Corn, and find out Markets for her Flour and Provisions, without my Participation in the Fruits of the Toil and Sweat of her laborious Sons!—Shall the Press continue Free, and exist only to publish my Disgraces, and insill Notions of Constitutional Rights and Liberties into the Minds of North-Americans!—Shall the Power of Taxing the Poor (who are chiefly involved in the Duties of the Stamp Act) by imposing an arbitrary Price on stamped Paper be wrested from me; and instead of Lording it over my Country-men, must I needs be reduced to the State of an Exile, a Fugitive and a Vagabond on the Face of the Earth!—forbid it all ye black infernal Powers of Tyranny, Avarice and Oppression!—for to you have I devoted myself!—But, soft!—your Powers are enervated and your Dominion blasted by the bold Sons of Liberty, before whom I now stand!—Pardon, Good People, this last Testimony of my Affection to the Deceased.—For her I despised Country, Humanity, Friendship, Kindred, and all the Ties of Honour, Nature, Gratitude and Honesty.—For her was every Motive of Justice, Benevolence, Pity and Compassion banished from my Breast.—For her cou'd I have sacrificed the Good of the Public, the Happiness of Individuals, and (encircled in her Embraces) have smiled at the

Curses of the Poor, the Tears of the Orphan, the Cries of the Widow, the Groans of the oppressed; and, without one Pang of Remorse, have viewed the Land of my Birth gnashing her Teeth under the Load of Bondage, whilst I enjoyed the Sunshine of Ministerial Influence, and decked myself in the Spoils of the Wretched and Unfortunate!—Dear Object of my warmest Wishes!—thou art now expired under the Hand of Justice!—The same Spirit animated us both, and the cold Grasp of Fate is now upon me!—My Faculties, sink together with thee, and Death freezes my stagnating Fluids!—Let me be buried together with thee, and one Grave receive our breathless Remains!—I hope, Good People, you will not refuse this last Request of a dying Person.—And, Oh! Oh! Oh!—

No sooner had the Person appointed to read it come to the Oh! Oh! &c. than Z—H—, Esq; was seen to sink suddenly down, and tumble out of the Chariot, his Body becoming instantaneously cold and stiff, so violent an Assault had Grief made on all his vital Faculties, and left him a lifeless Figure scarce resembling Humanity.—As he was falling, a Son of Liberty, with a Voice like Thunder, cried out—Let him die like a Dog.—A Loud Huzza and Ruff of the Drums immediately followed,—and, according to his own Request, his Corpse was deposited in the Earth together with that of his beloved.

The Grave being filled up, and Acclamations repeated, the Company marched in their former Order, with Colours, Banner, &c. to the House of Mr. Samuel Swearingen, where an elegant Supper was prepared, and a Ball given to the Ladies, who made a brilliant Appearance on the Occasion;—many loyal and patriotic Toasts were drank, and the whole concluded with the utmost Decorum.

TO BE SOLD,

For Cash, Indian Corn, Wheat, or Bar Iron, BEST Madeira WINE, known by the Appellation of NEW-YORK WINES, by the Pipe, Quarter Cask or single GALLON; Coarse and Fine Salt, also European and India Goods, by WILLIAM ROBERTS. N. B. Salt at 3s. 6d. exchange'd for Indian Corn at 2s. 6d.

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 27, 1765.

RAN away from the Subscriber, on Monday the 25th Instant, about 8 o'Clock in the Evening; a Convict Servant Man, named William Davis, born in the County of Cornwall, about 28 Years of Age: A Stout well made Fellow, stoops a little in his Walk, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, thin Visage, pale Complexion, his own short brown Hair tied behind. Had on when he went away, a brown Cloth Coat very little worn, with flat Metal Buttons, brown Waistcoat, Leather Breeches, and a Felt Hat bound with Silk. If he travels by Land, 'tis likely he may have on a Pair of English made Shoes, with Nails drove into the Soles and Heels. He went away in Company with another Man, named James Jutton.

Whoever takes up and secures the said William Davis, so that his Master may have him again, shall receive a Reward of Forty Shillings, if taken within the Province, if out of the Province, Three Pounds, and reasonable Charges.

SAMUEL MIDDLETON.

RAN away the 2d Instant, from the Ship King George, Capt. Henry Dunn, lying at Sassafras River; an Irish Apprentice Boy, named Felix McGinnis, aged 17 Years, upwards of 5 Feet high, wears his own Hair; had on when he went away, a Hairy Cap, two Brown Jackets, a Pair of Flannel Drawers, with Shoes and Stockings. He talks Irish.

Whoever takes up the said Boy, and delivers him to Mr. Bayard, Merchant in Philadelphia, or to Mr. Bayard George, Merchant at Baltimore, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and reasonable Charges.

HENRY DUNN.

THERE is at the Plantation of Christian Kruger, living on the Manockaff Manor, about 9 Miles from Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a White Mare, about 14 Hands high, paces and trots, branded on the near Thigh with something like WII has the Poll-Evil, and was shod before when she came.