

Principal Contrivances
oppressive Act.

December 9, 1765.
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by the new Ministry,
America.... It is not
not your King op.
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of the same Date.
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The present Admini-
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inform our Readers,
Letters from Lon-
by Men of Candour
which is, That they
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at the present Minis-
Stamp Act repeal-
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During last, a great
of Liberty, assembled
Howard, in this City,
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The whole Company
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the following Reso-
agreed to by a great
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who shall deliver
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ement of this So-
erlasting Infamy.
s who carry on Busi-
ped Paper, without

Regard to the Stamp-Act, shall be protected to
the utmost Power of this Society.

Resolved, That as we have not been concerned
in publishing or propagating any Thing tending to
cast an Odium on any Society or Body of Men, or
on the private Character of any Person, farther
than as he was a Promoter or Abettor of the Stamp-
Act, so neither will we be concern'd in reporting,
publishing or propagating any Thing that may affect
the Reputation of any Individual, or Body of Men,
otherwise than as he or they may be Promoters of
the said Act.

Resolved, That we will to the utmost of our
Power maintain the Peace and good Order of this
City, so far as it can be done consistently with the
Preservation and Security of our Rights and Pri-
vileges.

The Company then adjourn'd, after having
agreed to meet at the same Place on Tuesday
Evening the 21st Instant, and to continue their
Meetings once a Fortnight, unless it should be
necessary to meet sooner, of which Notice will be
given.

We hear that Business is carried on at the pub-
lic Offices in Boston, as usual, without regarding
the Stamp-Act.

On Tuesday Evening last arrived the Brig, —
Captain Haviland, from London, but having a
long Passage, our latest Prints by him are the 4th
of October; so that we have no News by him so
late as we have received by other Vessels.

We hear he has on board 10 Packages of the
detestable Stamp'd Papers, &c. The Captain ex-
cuses himself by saying, that when he took them
on board, there was no Talk of any Dissatisfaction
of the Colonies on Account of them.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'Clock. We have just
received certain Intelligence, that about 12 o'Clock
last Night, a Company of arm'd Men went on
board Capt. Haviland's Brig, lying at or near
Cruger's Dock, and after having obliged the Peo-
ple to deliver up the Keys, and got Lights, they
opened the Hatches, search'd the Vessel from Stem
to Stern, and seized the Stamped Papers for this
Province and Connecticut, amounting to 10 Box-
es, with which they loaded a large Boat, and pro-
ceeded with them up the River to the Ship Yards,
where they broke the Packages to Pieces, and
with some Tar-Barrels and other Cumbustibles,
made a Bonfire of them and their Contents....
When the whole was entirely consumed, they qui-
etly dispersed, without doing any Mischief or even
alarming the City.

ANNAPOLIS, January 30.

Last Month the Officer of the Customs at Ox-
ford, was applied to to Clear a Ship then Loaded
with Wheat, in *Chestnut*, who (being so instructed
by his Principal) refused to do it; on which, Ap-
plication was made to the Collector of *Pocomoke*,
who, justly weighing the disagreeable Situation of
Affairs, concluded his Most Gracious Majesty's
tender Regard for the Property of his good Sub-
jects, would not require IMPOSSIBILITIES of his
Officers; and therefore ventur'd to give her a
Clearance without Stamps, but refused to take
any Fee to avoid giving his Brother Officers any
Umbrage, as the Ship was Enter'd in another
District.

Since the above Paragraph was sent for Pub-
lication, which was sometime before Christmas,
we hear Orders have been sent to *Oxford* Custom-
House, to Clear out Vessels without Stamps, Cer-
tifying, that *none are to be had, nor any Person to
Distribute them.*

Vessels Clear out here, at the Offices, in the
same Manner.

His Majesty's Sloop *Hawke*, which brought the
Stamp Paper intended for this Province, is yet
here, and the Vellum, Parchment,
Paper, &c. *lie still on Board.*

By the last Packet from *Falmouth*, arrived at
New-York, we have the melancholy News of the
Death of his Royal Highness WILLIAM Duke
of *Cumberland*, Uncle to his present Majesty,
to the inexpressible Loss of the Nation, on the 31st
of *October* past, in the Afternoon: His Royal
Highness died Suddenly sitting in his Chair.

We have likewise an Account of the Death of
the Hon^{ble} *Cecilius Calvert*, Esq; Uncle to the
R^{ty} Hon^{ble} the Proprietor of this Province, the
beginning of *November* last, of an Apopleckick
Fit.

The Session of the General Assembly of this
Province, ended here the 20th of *December* past,
when they were Prorogued to the beginning of
March next, after Passing the following Laws,

A LIST of LAWS Passed last Session.

1. An Act for the further Enlargement of *Balti-
more-Town*, in *Baltimore-County*;
2. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled,
*An Act ascertaining what Damages shall be allowed
upon Protested Bills of Exchange.*
3. An Act to enable the Justices of *St. Mary's
County*, to assess and levy on the Taxable
Inhabitants of *St. Andrew's Parish*, a Quantity of
Tobacco, for building a Church, and for other
Purposes therein mentioned.
4. An Act to enable the Justices of *St. Mary's
County*, to assess and levy on the taxable
Inhabitants of *All Faith's Parish*, a Quantity of
Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein men-
tioned.
5. An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and En-
couragement of Industry.
6. An Act for the Building of a Vestry House
at *St. Paul's Church* in *Kent County*.
7. An Act to Revive and Aid the Proceedings
of *Cecil County* Court.
8. An Act to empower *Mary Covington*, Ad-
ministratrix of *Philip Covington*, late of *Somerset
County*, deceased; to sell and dispose of the
Lands of the said *Philip*, for the Purposes there-
in mentioned.
9. An Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from
the Multiplicity of useless Dogs, and other Pur-
poses therein mentioned.
10. An Act for the Relief of several languish-
ing Prisoners in the Jails therein mentioned.
11. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled
*An Act for Limitation of certain Actions for avoiding
Suits at Law.*
12. An Act to vest the Tide of and in certain
Lands, in *John Hammond*, and for other Purposes
therein mentioned.
13. An Act to establish a Road from *Hunting
Creek* in *Dorchester*, to *Dover*, in *Talbot County*.
14. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
for the Relief of such Persons as cannot find Surety for
their Appearance, to testify as a Witness, against any
Person Arrested, Accused, or Prosecuted for any Crimi-
nal Matter.*
15. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
to enable the several and respective County Clerks
within this Province, to remove some of the County
Records and Papers from the Public Offices.*
16. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other
Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy,
from certain Offenders, and, A Supplementary Act
to an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the tumul-
tuous Meeting, and other Irregularities of Negroes
and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying
Slaves.*
17. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *A Sup-
plementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act laying an
Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors
imported, and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the
Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this
Province.*
18. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
to make the Testimony of Convicted Persons; legal, a-
gainst Convicted Persons.*
19. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders,
and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.*
20. An Act continuing an Act, entitled; *An Ad-
ditional and Explanatory Act to the Act, entitled, An
Act empowering the Commissioners of the County Courts,
to levy and raise Tobacco, to defray the necessary
Charges of their Counties and Parishes.*
21. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
relating to Guardians and Orphans.*
22. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending
the Sale of Strong Liquors, and running Horse Races
near the Yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers,
and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes
and other Slaves during the said Meetings, and also
one other Act, entitled, An Act to amend and ex-
plain an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent certain
Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of Strong
Liquors, and running of Horse Races near the Yearly
Meetings of the People called Quakers, and to prevent
the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes and other Slaves,
during the said Meetings.*
23. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
to exempt Persons appearing at Masters, from Arrests
in Civil Cases.*
24. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
for Punishment of Horse-Stealers and other Offenders.*
25. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act
for destroying Wetlands in Frederick County.*
26. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An Act*

for repairing the Public Roads in this Province, and
the Supplementary Act thereto.

27. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, *An
Additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An
Act relating to Servants and Slaves.*

28. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled,
*An Act for amending the Statute of Tobacco, for pre-
venting Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the
Limitation of Officers Fees.*

29. An Act to enable the Visitors of *Kent
County* School, for the Time being, to Lease out
Part of the Land belonging to the said School.

30. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled,
*An Act for Building a Church in St. James's Parish,
in Anne-Arundel County.*

31. An Act for erecting a New Parish in *Kent
County*, called *Chester Parish*, and for Building a
Parish Church, and enlarging a Chapel of Ease
within the said New Parish.

32. An Act to increase the Allowance of Jurors
attending the Provincial and County Courts, and
for other Purposes therein mentioned.

33. An Act to confirm a Lease made by *Tho-
mas Harrison*, of *Baltimore County*, for Part of a
Lot of Land therein mentioned, lying in *Balti-
more Town*, in said County, to the Commissioners
of the said Town and their Successors, and to
establish a Market in the said Town, and for the
Regulation of the said Market.

34. An Act for destroying of Crows and Squir-
rels in particular Counties, and of Red Foxes in
Kent and Queen-Anne's Counties.

35. An Act for the speedy and effectual Publi-
cation of the Laws of this Province, and for the
encouragement of *Jonas Green*, of the City of
Annapolis, Printer.

36. An Act for laying out a new, and settling,
and ascertaining, the future Bounds and Limits of
St. Luke's, Christ Church, and St. John's Parishes,
in *Queen-Anne's County*, and of *St. Paul's Parish,*
lying partly in *Queen-Anne's*, and partly in *Talbot
County.*

37. An Act for limiting the Time for sinking
the Paper Bills of Credit, now Current in this
Province, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

38. An Act to enable the Commissioners or
Trustees of the Loan Office, to purchase Station-
ary Ware, necessary for the Use of the Upper
and Lower Houses of Assembly.

The Printer of this Paper requests all those
who have SUBSCRIPTION PAPERS for the
GAZETTE, in their Hands, to return
them as soon as they conveniently can, by
private Opportunities: Or, A List of the
Names to them.

December 31, 1765.

RAN away from the Brigantine *Nancy*, now
riding at Anchor in *Severn River*, *Robert
Byce*, Commander, on Sunday Night, the 29th
Instant, an English Servant Lad, named *Samuel
Green*, pretty tall and slim, thin faced, took with
him his Bed Cloaths; had on when he went away,
a new Cloth Colours'd Pea-Jacket, with black Horn
Buttons, new Trowsers, good Shoes and Stock-
ings.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings
him to the Subscriber in this City, shall be paid
Thirty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law
allows, by

WILLIAM ROBERTS.

Kent-Island, Dec. 20, 1765.

TO be Rented by the Subscriber, the Ferry
from *Kent-Island*, to *Annapolis*, and the
Terms known by applying to

JAMES HUTCHINGS.

THE Subscribers being a long Time con-
fined in *Dorchester County Jail* for sundry
Sums of Money and Tobacco, and no Hopes of
Enlargement; give this Public Notice to all their
Creditors, that They intend to apply to the next
General Assembly, for an Act for their Relief and
Enlargement.

ROBERT WILSON,
NEHEMIAH COVINGTON.

Dec. 3, 1765.

COMMITTED to the Custody of the Sheriff
of *St. Mary's County*; a likely Country
Born Negro Man, who says his Name is SAM,
and belongs to *Thomas Barber*, near *Annapolis*.

His Master is desired to take him away, and
pay Charges.

JEREMIAH JORDAN, Sheriff.