

ANNAPOLIS, May 15:

Friday Morning last the General Assembly of this Province met here, when his Excellency the Governor open'd the Session with the following Speech:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

HAVING found by Experience that many Gentlemen cannot attend here on the public Business at that Season of the Year when you were last convened, and apprehending it would be convenient for the Members of both Houses to meet at this Time, in order to frame such new Laws as the present Circumstances of the Country require, and to continue any that may have been found useful, and will otherwise expire before the End of the Year; I now give you an Opportunity of doing so, not doubting but your Proceedings during the Course of the Session will shew, that you come together, with Minds sincerely disposed to promote the Tranquillity and Welfare of the Province.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the Upper House of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

HIS Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Upper House of Assembly, beg your Excellency's Acceptance of our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session; your convening the Assembly at this Time, upon a Supposition that it would be more convenient for the Members in general to meet now, than later in the Year, is very obliging. We shall for our Part readily embrace the Opportunity afforded us of giving a longer Duration to any Temporary Laws that have been found useful, and framing such others as the present Circumstances of the Country require; and we assure you, that it is our earnest Desire, and will be our constant Endeavour to preserve the Tranquillity, and promote the Welfare of the Province.

B. TASKER, President.

May 12, 1766.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly,

I RETURN you Thanks for your polite Address, and have no doubt but your Conduct will correspond with the Assurance you are pleased to give me.

12<sup>th</sup> May, 1766. HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND:

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freeman of the Province of Maryland, in General Assembly convened, beg Leave to return you our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session: No Reason occurs to us, why any Gentlemen cannot attend here on the Public Business, about the last of September or first of October, which we think the Season least inconvenient of any; however we doubt not your Excellency's good Intention in calling us together at this Time, and shall cheerfully proceed to frame such Laws as the present Circumstances of the Country more immediately require, and we hope our Proceedings during the Course of the Session, will justify your Excellency's favourable Opinion, that we come together with Minds sincerely disposed to promote the Tranquillity and Welfare of the Province.

May 10. R. LLOYD, Speaker.

The Governor's ANSWER.

Gentlemen,

I RETURN you Thanks for your Address, and the Hopes it gives me that your Proceedings during this Session will be agreeable to my Wishes: I thought that in meeting you at this Time, I was gratifying the Desire of your Constituents, and taking a Step that would be very agreeable to yourselves.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

May 10, 1766.

Since our last several Vessels have arrived here from London, Capt. Hanrick, Capt. Richardson, and Capt. Frost. They left London the Beginning of March, and bring no other Accounts of the Stamp-Act than what have been already published.

On the 17th of last Month, Capt. Hanrick, in the Ship *Betsy*, spoke the Schooner *Anne*, Joseph Ingraham Master, from Surinam, bound to Boston, then 11 Weeks at Sea, in great Distress, in Lat. 26° 40' and Long. 53° Deg. from London, and spar'd him Beef, Bread, Water, &c.

Tuesday last the Fifty Pistole Purse was Run for on our Race Ground. Six Started for it, who came in as follows; and the Fourth Heat was won by about a Head.

	1H.	2H.	3H.	4H.
Figure, (Dr. Hamilton's)	2	2	1	1
Trial, (Mr. Hall's)	3	1	2	2
Chester, (Mr. Yeldell's)	1	3	3	3
Britannia, (Mr. Gantt's)	dist			
Merry Andrew, (Mr. Heatb's)	dist			
Terror, (Maj. Sim's)	dist			

Only Three Started the next Day, for the Thirty Pistoles, viz. Mr. Calvert's Regulus, Dr. Hamilton's Ranger, and Mr. Tyler's Driver; and was won by Regulus, who got the Two first Heats.

The Races at Chester-Town, advertised for some Weeks past, to be on the 29th of May, are put off till the 2d of June.

The following is a Copy of a Letter from the Committee of Merchants in London, addressed [To DANIEL DULANY, Esq; and the MERCHANTS in the Province of Maryland.]

LONDON, February 28, 1766.

GENTLEMEN, AFTER much Anxiety, we have at length the Pleasure to acquaint you, that a Bill is now in the House of Commons for repealing the Stamp-Act; it was read the second Time Yesterday.—We also look forward to some beneficial Regulations, and Extension of the Trade of America; which we hope may be obtained in the Course of this Session of Parliament; during which the most serious Attention and Application shall take Place on our Part, to every Point which may tend to the General Good.

Permit us now, Gentlemen, to lay before you, our Sentiments on the present State of Affairs, to submit them to your good Judgment, and to request, that, so far as they agree with it, you will be pleased to inculcate the Propriety of the Conduct we recommend.

It has been a constant Argument against the Repeal, that in Case it should take place, the Parliamentary Vote of Right will be Waste Paper, and that the Colonies will understand very well, that what is pretended to be adopted, on mere Commercial Principles of Expedience, is really yielded thro' fear, and amounts to a tacit but effectual Surrender of its Right; or at least a tacit Compact that it will never use it.

In this Line of Argument, every Debate, and every Question, from Opposition, has run: How material, how necessary, therefore, is it, that the Event should not support, or even seem to support, those Arguments.

The Event will justify those Arguments in the strongest Manner, if the Colonies should triumph on the Repeal, and affect to seize the Yielding of Parliament, as a Point gain'd over Parliamentary Authority. The Opposition (from whom the Colonies have suffer'd so much) would then throw in the Teeth of our Friends, see your Work,—it is as we said,—it is but too well prov'd what use the Colonies make of your weak and timid Measures.—On the contrary, if Duty, Submission, and Gratitude, be the Returns made by the Colonies, then, our Friends may exult, they may say, see we are in the Right,—is it not as we said? see the Colonies regain'd to this Country by our Moderation,—regain'd with their Loyalty, their Affections, and their Trade.

It is needless to say, how extremely preferable the latter Supposition is to the first, how much more desirable for this Country, and for the Colonies.

You must be sensible what Friends the Colonies have had in the present Ministry, and are doubtless inform'd what Pains they have taken to serve them.—It is Justice likewise to them, to inform you, that they have had great Difficulties to encounter in the Cause, the Principal of which was unhappily thrown in by the Colonies themselves, we mean the intemperate Proceedings of various Ranks of People on your Side the Water; and the Difficulties of the Repeal would have been much less, if they had not by their Violence in

Word and Action, awakened the Honour of Parliament; and thereby involved every Friend of the Repeal in the Imputation of betraying the Dignity of Parliament. This is so true, that the Act could certainly not have been repealed, had not Men's Minds been in some Measure satisfied with the Declaration of Right: If therefore, you would make the proper Returns to your Country; if you have a Mind to do Credit to your Friends, and Strengthen the Hands of your Advocates, hasten, we beseech you, to express filial Duty and Gratitude to your Parent Country. Then will those who have been (and while they have the Power we doubt not will be) your Friends, plume themselves on the Restoration of Peace to

the Colonies, Union, Trade, and reciprocal Advantages to them, and to us. But if violent Measures are continued and Triumphs on the Point gain'd: If it is talk'd of as a Victory: If it is said the Parliament have yielded up the Right,—then indeed your Enemies here will have a complete Triumph,—your Friends must certainly lose all Power to serve you,—your Tax Masters probably be restored, and such a Train of ill Consequences follow, as are easier for you to imagine, than for us to describe,—at least such Measures on your Side, will greatly tend to produce these Effects.—We have no doubt that you will adopt the contrary Conduct, and inculcate it to the utmost of your Influence, to which we sincerely wish the most extensive regard may be paid, and that uninterrupted mutual Affection may continue between Great-Britain and her Colonies to the latest Ages.—We are with unfeigned Regard,

GENTLEMEN,

Your affectionate Friends, and humble Servants,

- Daniel Vialars,
- John Clark,
- Dennys De Berdt,
- Geo. Hayley,
- Nich<sup>l</sup> Ray,
- John Strettell,
- John Buchanan,
- John Stewart,
- Anth<sup>y</sup> Merry,
- Jon<sup>s</sup> Barnard,
- Chris<sup>t</sup> Chambers,
- Cha<sup>s</sup> Crockatt,
- Samuel Hannay,
- Edw<sup>d</sup> Athawes.
- Barlow Trecothick,
- Capel Hanbury,
- Gilb<sup>t</sup> Francklyn,
- David Barclay, junr.
- W<sup>m</sup>. Greenwood,
- Dan. Mildred,
- W<sup>m</sup> Neate,
- Tho<sup>s</sup> Lane,
- T. Harris,
- Edward Bridgen,
- Rich<sup>d</sup> Neave,
- Gilb<sup>t</sup> Harrison,
- Brook Watfon,
- Greg<sup>y</sup> Olive,
- Cha. Ogilvie,

To COVER this SEASON, At Schoofield, Mount-Calvert Manor, Prince-George's County, at Four Guineas the Mare, and Five Shillings the Groom, a Beautiful High-bred BROWN HORSE, called

FIGURE,

EIGHT Years old last Grass, Fifteen Hands One Inch high, of very even Proportion. He was bred by his Grace the late Duke of HAMILTON, at Hamilton. FIGURE has won several FIFTIES; and, in the Year 1763, received Premiums at Preston and Carlisle, in Old England, where no Horse would enter against him. This under the Hand of Mr. Richard Irland, in Glasgow.

His Pedigree, with a more particular Account of his Performance, may be seen in the Hands of the Groom.

To COVER at the same Place, At Three Guineas a Mare, and Five Shillings the Groom, a BAY HORSE, called

RANGER,

FIVE Years old last Grass, about Fifteen Hands Three Inches high, very strong, moves well, and clear of Blemishes. He was bred by Mr. Thomas Hutchison, at Smeaton, near North-Allerton, Yorkshire.

He was got by Regulus, his Dam by Merry-Andrew, her Dam by Steady, her Grand-Dam was the Dam of Shaftoe's Wildair. This under the Hand of Mr. Adam Newbiggin of Belford.

It may be presum'd from Ranger's Strength his Offspring, will be fit for Draught or Saddle; and, from the Purity of his Blood for Field or Turf, according to the Mares.

The Money to be paid at Covering, or before the Mares are taken away. The Mares that don't prove with Foal by these Horses this Season, shall be Covered by them next Season at Half Price.

N. B. The Mares are excepted who are not paid for this Season before they are taken away.

To be SOLD, or RENT, of Years,

A FREEHOLD LOT of Frederickburg, on Rappahannock, on which is a good Store with large Warehouses, Cellars, Buildings, which are all in good Whole well paved round. The the River, in the most public Place and as for many Years past, a advantage for a Purchaser who pur India Goods, or to buy Tobacco Skins, or Butter, all which may Extent, the Town of Frederickburg, a large and well people Time of Payment, and other Pa known by applying to (6<sup>v</sup>)

TO BE SOLD

A TRACT of LAND call containing 1350 ACRES, County Maryland, near Little Mile and Half from the main from George-Town on Patowmack Town, and about 6 or 7 Miles Virginia. Two Years Credit v Two Thirds of the Money, and the other One Third. The Land very good, and produces well. Tenement upon it. Any Per purchase, may know the further applying to John Darnall, Esq; in ty, Mr. John Curs, Merchant in or to the Subscriber in Stafford C (4<sup>v</sup>)

VIRGINIA,

To be SOLD, on Monday the next, if fair, otherwise the next, Capt. Robert Ashby's Ordinary

A TRACT of Land contain lying in the said County and the Mid Road about 6 M Gap, thro' which runs a good commonly called Crooked Run, conveniently situated between which afford as good Range for the Colony, is pretty level and with a Plenty of good Water a Soil in general is very good for or any other Kind of Grain, a Quantity of low Grounds, very Flax, or Timothy. There are some and some Improvements of O

Also another TRACT contain lying on Chatten's Run, about 6 above-mentioned Land, and little Qualification to it. They will laid off in Lots for the Convenience and Credit mentioned at the D (5<sup>v</sup>)

ELK-RIDGE

To be SOLD for Sterling or

PART of a TRACT of LA Bottom, containing upward lying and being in Prince-Geor 8 Miles from Bladenburg, wher and other convenient Houses: adapted either to the Planting ness, some good Meadow Groun nient Place to erect a Grift Mil given on paying Interest, wit quired. (1<sup>v</sup>)

THOMAS

N. B. All Persons indebted in Current Money, either by Book Account, are requested to Payment, or give Obligations, to prevent Charges to themselves, Trouble, to

To be SOLD on the Premis 20<sup>th</sup> Day of July, being C highest Bidder, for ready Mo

THE well-improved LOT Alexandria, late Mrs. M a well-built Brick House, with Whole, 32 by 20 in the Clear Meat House, Dairy, Stable, a calculated for a Billiard-Room in, and in good Repair; well Court-House, for either a Publi (6<sup>v</sup>) CARLYLE & D.