

he stood upon the Scaffold, he saw several Men well Dressed, Who are they? He was told they were Seven Executioners.—That is very ridiculous—*What, Seven Hangmen for me, only for me!* He smiled, and beckoned one of them to come to him. Pray who are you, Sir? I have the Honour to be the Executioner at Paris. *What, is it you who beheaded Mr. Lally?* I had the Honour, Sir,—I will tell you what, Friend, it has not done you much Honour, for you did it clumsily. It is true, there was a Fault, but it was not mine; Major Lally would not have the Complaisance to lay his Head properly. Well, tell me, Sir, what I must do for your Honour, and I will:—I am not experienced in these Matters! This is the first Time I ever had my Head cut off; place me yourself. With all my Heart, Sir, replied the Executioner, and he placed him directly; but the young Man stirring a little without knowing it, the Hangman said in a low Voice to the Priest, He does not lie right. Upon which *Le Fevre* turned round to him, *Why the Devil then don't you place me? it is your Business, and if you fail, you will lay the Blame upon me. How am I now?* The Executioner answered with a Stroke of his Sword, which cut off his Head at once, and his Body was directly thrown into the Fire with the *Dictionnaire Philosophique*.

A Letter from Plymouth, dated Sept. 16. says, "A Marine Soldier was ordered to be shot at Plymouth-dock for Desertion yesterday. The Marine Companies, and the 4th Regiment: was ordered to attend the Execution. About Nine in the Morning the Prisoner was brought out of the Barracks, after having received the Sacrament; his Coffin was carried before his Face. About Ten he got to the Field of Execution. About Eleven the Commanding Officer ordered he should March round the Troops to Admonish them, &c. After which he returned to the Place. There were Nine Men, who were formerly Deserters, ordered to shoot him: He knelt and was bid to pull his Cap over his Face, which he did, and whilst the Officer turned round (it is supposed to pull a Reprieve out of his Pocket) the poor Man dropped a Handkerchief out of his Hand, which was understood by the Men that were to shoot him as a Signal to Fire; and indeed three of them did Fire through his Body, before the O—r could turn round to stop them. The horrible Confusion of the O—r is easier conceived than expressed, who was quite innocent as to Design; but, through some unhappy Mistake, the poor Man lost his Life.

Edinburgh, Sept. 10. On Thursday came on the Trial of Helen Watt, Relict of the deceased Alexander Keith, of Northfield, and William Keith, eldest Son procreate betwixt the said Alex. Keith, and the said Helen Watt, from the Parish of Gamery, and Shire of Banff, indicted for the Murder of the said Alex. Keith, the Husband and Father, ten Years ago. After a Trial of ten Hours, the Jury inclosed, and returned their Verdict on Friday Morning, finding them both guilty by a Plurality of Voices; but, in respect of the Youth of William Keith, and the presumed Influence his Mother had over him at the Time of the Murder, the Jury (also by a plurality of Voices) recommended him earnestly to the Mercy of the Court. On Saturday Sentence of Death was pronounced against them; Helen Watt, to be Hanged on Friday the 17th of October next, and her Body to be Dissected and Anatomized; and William Keith, to be Hanged on Friday the 10th of November next, and his Body to be Hanged in Chains on the Gallow-hill.

This Murder was very providentially discovered; it was suspected by George Keith, the eldest Son of the first Marriage, at the Time of the Death, from the Marks of Strangling which appeared upon the Neck of the Deceased; but from an Excess of Caution in bringing an Accusation, which he might not make Good, all Inquiry was dropt, till some Years afterwards, when the Mother and Son falling into bad Agreement, mutually and openly gave each other the Name of Murderer. This gave rise to a judicial Investigation, which has now ended in the above Conviction.

**PROVIDENCE, November 15.**

By Mr. Thomas Jackson, a Mariner on board the Sloop Mary, Zachariah Allen, Master, who sailed from this Port the 20th of August last, for Guadaloupe, where he arrived the 16th of Sept. following, but in a Gale of Wind was drove out the same Night, and arrived again at Basseterre the 1st of October, we have the following Intelligence: That on the 6th of October about Noon the Wind

began to blow hard at West, and towards Evening hauled round Southerly, continually increasing:—A large Number of Vessels were lying at Basseterre, many of which had their Sails unbent, and otherwise wholly unprovided against the Storm: These were obliged to endeavour to ride it out; others better prepared, thought best to put to Sea; among the latter was Captain Allen, he weighed one Anchor and slipped the other (which he could not weigh) and endeavoured to make some little Sail to clear the Land if possible, but so great was the Violence of the Winds, that his Sails were blown away as fast as they were hoisted, and nothing remained, but to ly entirely at the Mercy of the Winds and Waves to throw them on the Shore. Capt. Allen, as well as the Darkness of the Night would permit, chose the easiest Place to lay her in, and about Midnight she struck upon the Strand, at Cappelterre, about 18 Miles from Basseterre:—The Sea now broke over them continually, and through the Darkness of the Night they could not tell their Distance from the Land; but as their Hopes were only from Despair, the Captain proposed to endeavour to get on Shore (they had before lost their Boat) and tying a Rope round his Waist, giving the Signals he should make, threw himself overboard:—After a considerable Time, when his Men had almost given him over for lost, they perceived the wished for Signal, that he had got safe on Shore; they on board immediately made fast one End of the Rope, and the Captain on Shore held the other, and by that Clue they got all safe to Land—Two Vessels only rode it out, one a French Sloop, the other a Marblehead Schooner,—West, Master.—Mr. Jackson further says, that on the 12th he came to Basseterre, and was there informed, that 36 Vessels were on Shore, 18 of which were English, to what Parts they belonged he did not learn:—That it was thought some would be got off again, but several went entirely to Pieces, among which were a Spanish Sloop, and a Ship just ready to sail for Old France, with 1100 Hogheads of Sugar on-board.

**WILLIAMSBURG, Nov. 27.**

This Day a Bill for appointing the Treasurer of this Colony being read a second Time, Robert Carter Nicholas, Esq; was appointed to that Office by a great Majority. Also a Bill for settling a Salary upon the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Burgeses, of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling per Annum.

**ANNAPOLIS, December 11.**

On Saturday last his Excellency our Governor Prorogued the General Assembly of this Province to the 1st Tuesday in May next, after Passing the following LAWS:

11. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law, and for continuing the Supplementary Act thereto.
12. An Act to enable the Justices of Charles County Court to assess and levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Trinity Parish, a Quantity of Tobacco, for building a Chapel of Ease in Benedict-Hundred in said Parish, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.
13. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for imposing an Additional Duty of Two Pounds per Poll, on all Negroes imported into this Province.
14. An Additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for Quieting Possessions, Inrolling Conveyances, and securing the Estates of Purchasers.
15. An Act to ease the Inhabitants of this Province, and to empower the Justices of the several Counties, to bind out the Persons therein mentioned, Apprentices.
16. An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.
17. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Michiefs arising from the Multiplicity of useless Dogs, and other Purposes therein mentioned.
18. An Act empowering the Justices of Frederick County, to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for building a Stone-Wall around the Public Prison in said County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.
19. A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees.

**20. An Act for the Relief of certain Languishing Prisoners in the several Goals therein mentioned.**

By this ACT, the following PRISONERS are Released, (exactly on the same Terms as those Released in last May Session, CHAP. III.) viz. Jonathan Hollings, William Lancaster, William Canning, William Gudgeon, Samuel Roberts, William Douglas, John McCoy, William Murdo, and Myles Frampton, of Cecil County. Lambert Wilson, Daniel Norris, James Thompson, James Jackson, Thomas Knack, Martin Mellan, Edward McCann, and William Lowgrove, Kent County. James Barrow, of Talbot County. Anthony Dunlavy, James Clark, David Clark, Clement Woodward, Jobe Mijick, McKiel Howell, Samuel Alcock, and Isaac Collins, of Dorchester County. William Gullett, Edward Fitzgerald, Eleanor Barklett, Andrew Hemphill, William Miles, and Aaron Speer, of Somerset County. David Murry, Guideon Jones, Charles Collins, John Onions, Joshua Rogers, and Robert Pitts, of Worcester County. Thomas Goldsmith, George Beale, William Jizew, Mary Hicks, Joseph Lowman, George Cowart, and Samuel Creswell, of Baltimore County. Thomas Moberly, Jun. Henry Warman, John Adams, and John Seckow, of Anne-Arundel County. Richard Clark, Richard Scott, Robert Lamar, John Down, Erasmus Beavas, and Adam Wycliff, of Frederick County. Silas Hardy, and William Demare, of Prince-George's County. John Fulsford, Ignatius Green, Thomas Roberts, and James Alexander, of Charles County. John Journey, of Calvert County, and James Smith, of St. Mary's County.

21. An Act to aid Descriptive Common Recoveries.
22. An Act to remove a Nuisance in Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.
23. An Act concerning the Name of John Beale Bordeley.
24. An Act for Amending and Repairing the Public Roads in Baltimore County.
25. An Act to oblige Infected Ships and other Vessels coming into this Province, to perform Quarantine.
26. An Act for the Payment of the Publick Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.
27. An Act to enable the Commissioners of the Office of Bills of Credit, to purchase Stationary Ware necessary for the Uses of the Upper and Lower House of Assembly, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

BALTIMORE-TOWN, December 9, 1766.  
**JUST IMPORTED** by the Subscribers, in the Alexander, Capt. PEACOCK, from GLASGOW,

**ONE HUNDRED and THIRTY PIECES** of  $\frac{7}{8}$  and Yard wide Irish Linens & Hollands. Likewise Imported from LONDON, in the Ship Leeds, Capt. ANDERSON, A NEAT ASSORTMENT of Fall GOODS, suitable for the Country, which will be sold very reasonably, by Wholesale or Retail, for Cash, Bills of Exchange, &c.

EWING and BROWN.

IT is requested, that those who were indebted to THOMAS EWING, before the Commencing of the Partnership of EWING and BROWN, will Settle their Accounts, and Discharge the same, as it will save further Trouble, and oblige  
Their most humble Servant,  
THOMAS EWING.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBERS, at his House in Baltimore-Town, A VARIETY of WINES, by the Pipe, Hoghead, or Quarter-Cask.  
GEO. PATTEN.

Baltimore-Town, Dec. 9, 1766.  
**ALL** Persons indebted to Messieurs Foscica and Sydenham, of London, Merchants, during Mr. James Fisbrwick's transacting Business on their Account in this Province, are desired to come and pay their respective Balances to me, by the 15th Day of February next. otherways they may depend on being sued without further Notice. And, as I intend for London next Fall, I think my own Customers and Friends cannot take it amiss, that I should inform them, if their old Accounts, Bonds, &c. from Two to Nine Years outstanding, are not discharged very soon, (at farthest by the last July next) I shall be under the Necessity of having Recourse to the pernicious Custom in this Province, of going to Law with them.—I have now to Dispose of, Just Imported, in the New Industry, Capt. Ducas, a Parcel of Healthy Country Seven Years Servants, Men, Women, and Boys, amongst them many valuable Tradesmen, Farmers, Labourers, &c. which I will sell as the Farmers, Planters, and others do their Wheat, for Ready Money only.  
JONATHAN FLOWMAN.

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**MARYLAND LIBER**

THE Lower House of Assembly is desired to send a Deputy to the Assembly of the Province of Maryland, to be held on the 1st of November next, to be present at the Appointment of the Lower House, frequently attempted, at the Upper House. The Lower House of Assembly of the Council his reasonable Experience necessarily attending the Government, ought to be supported by the Government for the Support thereof being directly opposite to the House had, on mature Consideration the Subject of the Non-payment of the Debt of Ten Years: The Distress of the Province, and the extreme Necessity of the Lower House to settle in Council, on the Subject of the Allotment of any Publick Money, as the only Means to settle the same, and lay a sure Foundation for the Province. A Subscription therefore, for the Lower House, has been Open'd, and every Member, for maintaining the Appeal on the Part of the Lower House, as an addition to the same Purposes, the following LOTTERY, by which to Common Money, is submitted

1 PRIZE	of £. 500
1	of 250
1	of 100
2	of 50
2	of 30
4	of 20
4	of 15
10	of 10
20	of 5
50	of 4
80	of 3
73	of 2
250	of 1
1	First drawn Blank
1	Last drawn Blank

2500 Prizes.  
2500 Blanks.

Tickets, at Thirty Shillings each amount to From which deduct

Two and an Half per Cent. Prizes, to defray the Expence of the Drawing to be in the Presence of the Managers, who as shall be pleased to do May next, or sooner, if so desired. The Managers are, William Thomas Sprigg, William Parson, way, South River, Thomas F. Henry Hall, John Hammond, Annapolis, and Samuel Chafee, to act.

The said Managers to give and be upon Oath for the fair and equal Distribution of the GAZETTE, and the Prizes to be drawn; and those not demurring, to be deemed as good. The Scheme to be made in the Virginia GAZETTE, and published.

"LIFE without LIBERTY" TICKETS may be had of most of the Members of the

To be SOLD by the Subscribers on the First Day of February, a Parcel of bacco, Sterling Cash. A TRACT of Land in Anne Arundel County, containing 100 Acres, lying within Two Miles of Annapolis, well Timbered, and ready for Sale to any on the Land.

To be SOLD by the Subscribers very reasonably, for Ready Money only. A CHOICE Variety of Goods from Barbados and other Islands: As also a Parcel of Lemons and Limes, by the Dozen.