

BOSTON, February 5.

Tuesday Night last a few Minutes after Ten o'Clock, the Bake-House improved by Mr. George Bray, (formerly Mr. Davenport's) nigh the Mill-Bridge, burst into Flames, which immediately communicated to several Buildings contiguous thereto: the Wind blowing high, and not steadily at one Point, the flaming Cinders soon drove on the Roofs of the Houses on every Quarter, and Water being scarce, the Flames for some Time baffled the Efforts of the Firewards, and Engine-men; and while they were employed in extinguishing the Fire where it first broke out, it was found necessary for some to attend at distant Places; and being uncertain what Course the Flames would principally take, obliged a great Number of Families to remove their Goods and Furniture, few thinking themselves safe in that Neighbourhood: A large Brick-House belonging to John Hancock, Esq; which was situate, in a great Measure stopped its Course Southward, and a Brick Wall of Mr. Bulfinch's prevented his House, and those on the South Side of the Mill-Creek, from being burnt; but the Flakes of Fire drove mostly to the Northward, passing over the Creek, caught the Houses of Capt. Ball, the Pilot, Mr. John Griffith, Mr. Jacob Emmons, with many others, and consumed all as far as Cross-Street; excepting those which fronted that Street, Middle-Street, and Fore-Street, the back Part only of some of these were burnt, tho' all were on Fire several Times; the large Mansion-House of Mr. Jonathan Williams, Merchant, was the last that was entirely consumed: Many other Houses were on Fire several Times, and considerably burnt, especially in Fore-Street; but the Tide coming up into the Docks the Engines were plentifully supplied with Water; by which they were prevented from being consumed, and the Fire from spreading further. It was about Three o'Clock in the Morning before the Flames were subdued; during so many Hours the Inhabitants were indefatigable in supplying the Engines with Water, and helping the Distressed, notwithstanding the Extremity of the Weather, which was so cold, that the Water, which fell on their Clothes immediately froze.—Nothing seemed favourable at the first Breaking out of the Fire, except the Time, being before the Inhabitants were generally in Bed—the Weather had come on very severe in the Evening, and the Wind high at W. and N. W. the Streets slippery, being covered with Ice, and low Water:—It was really distressing, especially for those who had Children and sick Persons to take out of their Beds, and remove with their Goods to a great Distance.—Many Goods which were bulky and heavy were obliged to be left in the Street, whereby they were much damaged.—The Loss to the several Sufferers, we pretend not to estimate, but certainly it must be very great, as its said above Twenty Dwelling-Houses were consumed, and between Forty and Fifty Families deprived of their Habitations:—But by a gracious Providence no Lives were lost, nor do we hear of any dangerously wounded, though many were exposed to imminent Dangers, being confined to narrow Passages, among the Flames of Fire and the Falling of Houses.

We have not yet obtained a List of those Families who are burnt out.

This is the Second or Third Time that Mr. Bray has unfortunately been deprived of his Bake-House by Fire.

NEW-YORK, February 16.

By Capt. Hibbs, who arrived here Tuesday last, in 11 Days from Newbern, in North-Carolina, we have Intelligence, that about the beginning of December last, a French Ship of above 400 Tons, Monsieur Richard Commander, bound from Leoganne, for Nantz, in France, with a valuable Cargo of Sugar and Indigo, having met with much bad Weather, and sprung a Leak at Sea, had put into Port Look-Out, in North-Carolina, in Distress;—Where, upon the Survey of Carpenters, the Ship was adjudged irreparable, and condemned.—Capt. Hibbs has brought Part of her Cargo in here.

Monday last four Criminals lately condemn'd, were executed near Fresh-Water, pursuant to their Sentence.—They spoke but very little at the Gallows, only confessed they deserved the Punishment they were brought to, and desired that others might take Warning by their unhappy Fate; notwithstanding which Example, a Man had his Pocket-Book stole at the Execution.

One Hundred and Thirty-four of the Recruits that arrived here lately from Germany, for the Royal-Americans, at the Request of General Gage, are to be billeted in Public-Houses in the Towns of New-Haven, Willingford and Branford.

We hear that the Ruins of several Mills, Dams,

and Bridges, and a large Stack of Hay, entire, are gone ashore on Long Island, supposed to be carried from the Main by the late Floods.

ANNAPOLIS, February 26.

We are told, that the Commissioners appointed for Paying off the Public Claims, have already Paid away near 30,000 l. (altho' they have had but Four Office Days) which is more than Half of the Public Debt.

It is said, that such a Number of the TICKETS in the MARYLAND LIBERTY LOTTERY, are sold, and sell so fast, that the Managers expect to Draw before the Time first intended.

Extract of a Letter from a Merchant in London, dated the 19th November last.

"The Real or Artificial Scarcity of Corn, having raised a great Clamour and drove the Needy or Dissolute into Riots, Lord Chatham advised the laying an Embargo on the Exportation of Corn. This is made a Pretence for the Opposition to throw a Slur on the Ministry; but as the Measure was prudent and even necessary, they did not venture to Censure it, but said they thought an Act to indemnify the Advisers was proper; as the Prerogative was, as they said, illegally exercised. This was a Cut-Throat Favour, and was rejected with a contemptuous Superiority. The Ministry hinted to the Opposition, the Meanness of their Motives to this false Kindness, insisted on the Legality and Necessity of their Conduct, and declared they would not have an Act to indemnify them: And they would scorn to receive this Favour, at the Motion of those Men, who thought they stood in no Need of the like Security in the Case of General-Warrants, which had violated the Letter and Spirit of the Constitution, in the Sense of the Courts of Law, of both Houses of Parliament, and every Honest Man in the Kingdom."

The Letter from JAMES WEEMS, Esq; with Certificates to confute a false Accusation, came too late for this Week's GAZETTE, but will be in the next.

Baltimore-Town, 1767.

CASH for BILLS; or, BILLS for CASH.

JONATHAN PLOWMAN.

ANNAPOLIS, February 24, 1767.

CATHARINA ELISABETH BLACKETT, Widow, whose Maiden Name was WILSON, came into this Country in a Palatine Ship, Capt. Courtin, in the Year 1752, and had a Brother who came in a Year before her, and wrote for her to come in. He lived somewhere near Lancaster in Pennsylvania, and she would be very glad to hear from him.

February 4, 1767.

THE Subscriber having laid out a Point of Land adjoining to Baltimore-Town, and Fell's Point, into about 270 Lots, will LEASE, or SELL the same, as may best suit the Purchasers. They stand high, pleasant and healthy; the Soil is good for Gardens, and fine Well Water may be had. Jones's Falls run round the Land, so that Flats and Boats may come very convenient to the greatest Part of the Lots. The Public Road to Fell's Point leads through the Land: All Lots taken within Twelve Months, shall go at 6 d. Sterling per Foot Ground Rent, for 99 Years, renewable for ever, or he will Sell them out and out, for a Principal equal to the Interest; a Plan of the Lots may be seen at his House, near the Lower-Bridge Foot.

BRIAN PHILPOT.

N. B. Any Person taking a Lot, and Building a good House, not less than 25 by 16 Feet, within Two Years, shall have Three Years Rent free, from the Date of the Lease.

COMMITTED to Dorchester County Goal, as a Runaway, the 24th Day of December 1766, a mulatto Man, by the Name of Bob, and when brought, said he belonged to Mr. John Waters of Somerset County, but upon further Examination, says he belongs to one Richard Connaway, and that he left his Master in Patuxent River, he is about 5 Feet 7 or 8 Inches high, and well-set; Cotton Jacket and Breeches, an old Hat Patched with some of the same. If the said Richard Connaway, or any other Person, be his Master, he or they, are desired to come and Release the said Bob from Goal, and Pay his Charges, or he will be sold agreeable to Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided, by JOHN DICKENSON, Sheriff.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, by the Subscriber, on Saturday the 7th Day of March next, at the late Dwelling-House of Samuel Day, at the Head of South-River.

ONE Hundred ACRES of LAND, called OCHAYNE'S PURCHASE.

(W²) BENJAMIN WELSH.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the 6th Day of April next, on the Premises, for Sterling Cash, Dollars at 4 s. 6 d. or good Bills of Exchange.

A TRACT of LAND, lying in the Forks of Gunpowder, about 12 Miles from Baltimore-Town, called, THE LAND OF PROMISE, containing Eight Hundred Acres, the greatest Part of which, is as good as any in the Country, very proper for either Farming or Plantation Business; there is about a Hundred and Twenty four Acres cleared, with a large new Framed Dwelling-House, and a good Cellar under, a very good new Framed Barn, Three good Tobacco Houses, an extraordinary good Kitchen, and all other convenient Out-Houses, a new paled Garden, a young Apple-Orchard. A good Part of the above Land may be made into Meadow Ground.

(6²) NICHOLAS L. DARNALL.

THE Subscriber, having supplied himself with a BOAT and HANDS fit to carry PASSENGERS up and down the BAY, as also to PILOT SHIPS from Annapolis to Cape-Henry, gives this Public Notice, That any Gentlemen who have Occasion to Travel that Way, or any Ships that have Need of a PILOT, shall be faithfully served, by Their humble Servant,

ROBERT BRYCE.

January 28, 1767.

ALL Persons indebted to Messieurs Stewart and Armour; Messieurs John Stewart, and Company, or Messieurs John Stewart and Campbell, either on Bond, Note, Protested Bills, or Accounts Current, for Dealings with Alexander Stewart, Stewart and Lux, or with William Lux, on Account of Servants, are once more requested to come and Pay off their respective Balances; or their Accounts, &c. will be immediately put in Suit without respect of Persons.

Those who have open Accounts for Dealings with William Lux, in Messieurs John Stewart and Campbell's Store, at Elk-Ridge Landing, are entreated to come and Pay them off, or settle and give Bond with Security, if required, otherwise their sundry Accounts will be put into the Hands of a Lawyer. Attendance will be constantly given at the Landing, for the above mentioned Purposes. Those who appear, agreeable to this Notice, and shew Cause why they are not able to pay, will have necessary Indulgence allowed them.

The Subscriber has for Sale, about £. 1400 First Cost of GOODS, which will be sold cheap, for ready Cash, good Bills of Exchange, or Credit, on giving Security, if required.

ALEXANDER STEWART.

W A N T E D,

A MILLER, any Person who understands Dressing and Tending a Tub-Mill, may have immediate Employment, and good Wages, by applying to the Subscriber, in Prince-George's County, Patuxent River, near Nottingham.

FRANCIS WARING.

THE Subscriber, at Elk-Ridge Landing, requests all Persons indebted to him, either for Goods sold them, or for their Tavern Scores, to make immediate Payment: And, as we have now a Medium, they cannot expect longer Indulgence.

(6²) JOSHUA GRIFFITH.

THERE is at the Plantation of John Macdonall, near Annapolis, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Mare, about 14 Hands high, with a Star in her Forehead, no perceivable Brand, she Trots and Gallops, and is 5 or 6 Years old.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is in the Possession of Joshua Yates, Overseer, at the Plantation, called Squirrel-Neck, on Road-River, belonging to Mr. Nicholas Macubbin, taken up as a Stray, a small black Horse, with a Star in his Forehead, and a Snip on his Nose, one of his hind Feet white, and no perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Mr. Macubbin.

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