

Specimen of his Acuteness. A Man of common Intellects would have understood the Word "given" in the Acceptation of sent or communicated, because required by the Context, and the Word will bear it.— If the Bylander had bestowed in reading the Bible a small Portion of the Time he has employ'd in the Study of the Law, or in other Pursuits more desirable, it would have occurred to him, that the Word give, is there used passim, in the above Sense; but, if he is a Sage of the Law, perhaps he will deny the Authority of the Book, because not usually cited in the Courts, and therefore it may not be amiss to remark, that the Absurdity he ridicules is his own. "A Letter of Advice in Favour of a Minister given to a Vestry," by the Bylander's Leave, is no Innovation either in Language or Sentiment, tho' it is something new, after substituting another Manner of Expression, to alter the Queriſt for the Impropriety of the Substitution. The Queriſt, I hope, was understood by the Sages of the Law, to mean what his Words properly signified, a Power intended to be conferred upon a Minister of entering or being admitted into a Benefice, and notified to the Vestry, and not to multiply Priests upon the Parishioners, when the one they have is probably as much as they can bear.—The Hilarity, raised by an extraordinary Bumper, seems to have put the Bylander off his Guard, and that his fine Ridicule has lost all its Poignancy, by appearing on Paper, where a quick Utterance, to prevent Examination, and a loud Laugh, to hinder Reply, are wanting to make it pass.

in the former, unless by the Agreement and Consent of the respective Vestries of adjacent Parishes, he is empowered to hold both. And, as, in the Parish which is full, the Vestry have no more Right to a Pound of the 30 per Poll than to the Minister's Shirt, so in the vacant Parish, the Minister has no more Right to the 30 per Poll than to the Shirts, yea, or to the Smocks of all the Parishioners, whether they be Whites, Blacks, or of a different Colour. That the Vestries would be Object pretty Malcontents. That the Vestries would be Object, Patrons, and Incumbents, I never heard before. The Accusation is heavy, and, for the Sake of his own Character, the Bylander ought to be sure of his Proofs. The Verbum Sacrum would be too slight. That Vestries are not Vestries is an Observation, which has the Merit of being true; but I cannot help observing how apt this Man is to run into Extremes, sometimes we cannot get one Word of Truth from him, and at other Times, (tho' not often) he gives us Propositions, quite foreign with it. The Use to which he has recommended the Order of the Vestry, is a Proof of his Politeness, Delicacy, and humane Regard to the Sheriff's Convenience, but as the Paper would be very small, it is to be wish'd he would extend his Charity, and present the Sheriff, for the same Use, with a Sermon lately preach'd in a certain Parish, upon 1 Cor. vi. ver. 5.—and likewise with some of his poetical Exercitations, which, if we may judge from a late Specimen, are by no Means calculated for the Use of the Head.

A perfect Curiosity, and would make no small Figure even where the whole Game of Authorship is play'd to Perfection. Here it is—The Churches in MARYLAND are ROYAL Donatives. No Donation incurs a Lapse, or Lord Proprietary cannot be bound by Lapse of Time, because of their Supremacy." God. c. 22. § 3. Thus it exactly stands in his Piece.—If I had not been perfectly acquainted with the Principles of the Man;—if I had not known, that void of Shame, and regardless of Truth, he is capable of the vilest Arts to serve his Purposes, I really shou'd have star'd to see the Churches of Maryland, and their Rights, so professedly treated of by a Writer upon the ecclesiastical Law, and whom too I guess'd to be an Author of some Antiquity. But, knowing my Man, I was very confident, that nothing but the Book was wanting to fix upon him the Guilt of a base Forgery.—With great Search, I at length procur'd it, and, Reader, as I guess'd, so it turn'd out; for, there is not one Title regarding the Churches of Maryland in the Book; but it is entirely a most infamous Fiction of the Bylander! Be pleas'd to give a little Attention, and I will convince you of the utter Impossibility of its being a fair Quotation. The Book is so scarce, that the Bylander might well presume, there was not another Copy of it in the Province. The general Title of it is—Repertorium Canonium, and the Author's Name is John Godolphin. The Book in my Possession was printed in 1680, and it is the 2<sup>d</sup> Edition; so that the Author must have written it some Time before. The first Attempt, as far as I can find, that was ever made to establish the Church of England in this Province, was in 1692, and the Act, now in Force, was pass'd in 1701.—Here then is our Author citing Godolphin, about the Churches in Maryland, when his Book was actually written long before there was any Establishment of the Church of England in the Province. The Bishop of Sarum very justly observes to this Effect—"That a Lie, publish'd to the World, is more guilty than a private one, in Proportion to the greater Number of People it is intended to deceive."—What think you then, Reader, of the Bylander's Publications?—Did I do him any Injustice in my Introduction, by comparing him to a Scarper?—Is it not in some Degree disgraceful to engage with such a Miscreant; altho' with no other Design than to kick and to cuff him, to pluck off his Mask, and brand him in the Forehead for a Cheat?—I must indeed plead guilty to the Charge, and confess—that he is a much fitter Subject for the Discipline of the Pump and the Horse-Pond.

To be SOLD by William Lee, on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of March next, at George-Town, on Rock-Creek.

FIFTY VALUABLE SLAVES, for ready Specie. Maryland Currency, or good London Bills of Exchange.

THERE is to be a Meeting of the MISSISSIPPI COMPANY, at Stafford Court-House, in Virginia, the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1768.

To be Sold by the Subscriber, agreeable to the Last Will and Testament of Enoch Bayley, late of Baltimore County, deceased.

ONE Hundred Acres of LAND, about 5 Miles from Baltimore-Town. Near Forty Acres of which are cleared.

JOHN MURRAY. JOHN SCHUTE, WOOL-COMBER, and STOCKING-GRAFTER, from England, now at the House of Mr. William Reynolds, in Annapolis,

HEREBY gives Notice to the Public, That he carries on the above Business in all its Branches. Such Persons as chuse to favour him, in the above Way, may depend on having their Commands faithfully and expeditiously executed, on the most moderate Terms, by applying as above.

February 12, 1768. To be sold at PUBLIC SALE, by the Subscriber, at the Dwelling-House of Solomon Turner, in Frederick County, on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March next, the following Tracts of Land, viz.

ONE Tract, called SOLOMON'S FLOWER, containing Fifty Acres. Also Part of another Tract, called The RESERVE, on Solomon's Flower, containing Four Hundred Acres, adjoining the aforesaid Fifty Acres; both on Daniel's Creek. As also Part of the RESERVE, called Daniel's Small Tract, containing Eight Hundred and Fifty-five Acres, lying on the public Road that leads from Frederick-Town to George-Town. There will be sold the same Day, and at the same Place, some Household Furniture, and Plantation Utensils. Time will be given for one Half of the Purchase-Money, upon giving Bond and Security, if required.

The Sale to begin at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon.

THOMAS BEATTY, jun. Frederick County, Feb. 11, 1768.

WHEREAS WHERILLA, the Wife of me, the Subscriber, having departed my Bed and Board, by a mutual Contract, and I being apprehensive she may run me in Debt, I therefore desire all Persons whatsoever not to trust her on my Account, for I will pay no Debts of her contracting after this Date.

RUDOLPH ETTEKER.

THE Sloop BETSEY, a strong Vessel, and prime Sailer, will carry about 3500 Bushels, now lying at St. Leonard's Creek, Patuxent, to be sold, or let on Charter. She is well found, and will be fit to receive her Lading at Ten Days Notice, if Chartered. For Terms, apply to Mr. Joshua Johnson, at Annapolis, or the Subscriber, at St. Leonard's Creek.

GEORGE COOK.

TAKEN up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of last November, by the Subscriber, living near Rock-Hall Ferry, a small FLAT, about 12 Feet Keel, 5 Feet Beam, and had Two Oars lashed to her After-Thwart. She was found driving up the Bay, near Swan-Point.

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

SAMUEL TAYLOR. February 17, 1768.

On Wednesday the Second Day of March next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Robert Bishop, in Joppa, will be exposed to public Sale, and peremptorily sold to the biggest Bidder.

THE Dwelling-House of the late Mr. David McCulloch, in said Town, with Kitchen adjoining, and other Improvements, standing on that Part of Lot No. 4; not already disposed of. Also Lot No. 18, on which the Garden now stands, exclusive of that Part thereof, with the Improvements thereon, sold lately to Mr. James Dick. Any Person inclining to purchase, may be shown the Premises, and know the Terms, by applying to Mr. Charles Lin, at Joppa.

At same Time will be sold, Three Hundred and Forty Acres of Land, lying near Joppa.

MARY McCULLOCH, Executrix. ANTHONY STEWART, Executor.

February 16, 1768. Will be Sold by PUBLIC VENDUE, at Lower Marlborough, in Calvert County, on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March next, pursuant to the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Susannah Hoxton, late of Anne Arundel County, deceased, for Sterling Money, Dollars, or Pistoles; the Two following Negroes, viz.

A VALUABLE HOUSE CARPENTER and COOPER; and a likely Girl, about Thirteen Years of Age.

I am Your's, C. D. For a Dissertation upon the Pistol Law, see a late curious Epistolary Correspondence! The PLAIN DEALER could not be inserted in this Week's Gazette.