

By Tarantula bit,
A dull solemn Cit
Sat down in a Rage to make Rhymes
He search'd his thick Head
Bit his Nails 'til they bled,
Found at last he wrote Prose all the Time.

In your Head and your Heart,
One may find a weak Part,
In your Verse, as your Conscience, a Flaw;
In the Arts you pursue,
Give the Devil his Due,
Your Poetry's good as your Law.

Of your Conscience you cant,
Made by Satan a Saint,
Prate of Payment, to take the Folks in;
Strip off your Disguise,
Full of Spleen, Fraud, and Lies,
'Twill be found 'tis all rotten within.

Favours ne'er to forget,
To discharge each just Debt,
Is an Avarice that all must commend;
To speak without Trope,
Tho' you scape a Hemp-Rope,
Yet a Jail, like poor Mac's, is your End.

The Name you would blast,
Unblemish'd, will last,
As the Palm-Tree, press'd down, rises higher,
And Virtue oppress'd,
Is refin'd by the Test,
As purify'd Ore by the Fire.

March 22, 1768.

Pope's Essay on Criticism. The only possible Lists are pick'd out of Pope, just alter'd enough to spoil them.

Some have at first, for Wits, then Poets pass,
Turn'd Critics next, and prov'd plain Fools at last.

This is not only good Poetry, as it here stands, but covers a good Hint.—But, when our Poet writes from his own Stock, what a Profundity of Thought does he display! What an Arrangement of Words! What a happy Choice of Rhymes!

"The blunt Shaft shall sink, e'er it verges there,
And the dull Hiis, but die away in Air.
Had He, to've pleas'd thee, sacrific'd his Oath,
He still had been the REAL MAN OF WORTH!"

Bravo! Bravo!—He flatters too in so delicate a Manner: What a Pity his Talents so long lay hid! You shall be Poet Laureat: A new Birth-Day Ode every Year, (let for the Banjour.) The Reign of Dulness commences! A second Colley!

"And Duncce the second, reigns like Duncce the first."

To the PRINTERS.

March 22, 1768.

TIS with Concern I have read your last Papers; wherein I find a Gentleman lately come amongst us, abused in a vile and scandalous Manner. I am an American, and sorry to see there should be such a Spirit of Malevolence and Envy in my Countrymen, especially as it is generally thought to be wrote by those, whose Station in Life ought to make them set better Examples: If Education teaches People to behave gently, C. D. I think should know better.

How does C. D. prove the Facts? For, let me tell him, 'tis dangerous to advance such Things upon mere Summif. I have had the Pleasure to know the Gentleman ever since he came into this Country; his Appearance pleas'd me; he is a genteel well bred Man, his whole Carriage and Behaviour bespeak the Gentleman, and his Conversation the Man of Learning, drawn from a good Education and strong Genius. Ought not we to encourage such Persons to come amongst us? Would it not be advantageous, as well as pleasing, to see Public Literature flourish in our Colony, and not send them back, prejudiced with unfavourable Ideas of us?

But, to return to the Charge: I have made it my Business to enquire into his Character, and cannot find one who has ever seen him the least disguised in Liquor, or with a —; and all agree, he never neglected any Part of his Ministerial Function. At Church, I have been a constant Attendant upon him. His Behaviour there, is devout and solemn; fitted to the Place, and Divine Truths he utters. I will maintain this, we never had one who read Prayers, and Præch'd so well, since I remember; and I may go further, and add, since you remember, C. D.

I was startled when a Friend came to my House, and told me our Parson was guilty of Forgery, a Sharpers, Liar, and every Thing that was bad: Well, thought I, how am I deceiv'd? Is it possible there can be such Disguise in the human Species? I got the Paper, and was much rejoic'd to see it all a Chimera of C. D.'s own Brain, there not being one Proof to support the Charge. I was glad to find the Parson clear'd however; and, as false Assertions soon wear off, I think it will rather be of Service, than not, to the injured Party; for, however deprav'd the Mind of Man may be, they generally lean to the Object offend'd.

I think C. D. is no great Scholar any more than myself; but tis so long since he went to School, he may have forgot the little he learnt there. I am no Lawyer, so shall not quibble upon Words; nor have I any Design to enter into a Controversy with C. D. Abuse and Scurrility I shall ever detest; nor do I set up for a Writer. I am sorry to say our Colony cannot boast of any one endowed with that happy Talent. My design in this is to desire the Public may not be deceived, nor form their Opinions of an honest Man by those Papers.

But what has the Parson done then to deserve this vile Treatment, and genteel Discipline, C. D. would give him? Why he wanted to hold Two Livings; that a Crime? (Would not you Mr. C. D. hold Two Places, if you could get them? Yes, Half a Dozen or I am mistaken in the Man) or is it repugnant to the Law? No! with the Consent of Vestries, all allow it to be lawful: Why then should my Lord Counsellor take such Pains to influence the Vestries against this Gentleman? Why should his Conscience be pleas'd, to deny his conforming to a desire of the Proprietors, to whom he is bound by such Obligations, when it is a Thing by no Means inconsistent with the Constitution? Does not

one blame the Parson for trying? No! Had you been in his Place, you would have done the same. I apprehend, at least, 'tis in general believed, that there was a great Interest that influenced the Counsellor, more than the Public Good. I am sorry to say, that more than the Public Good. Let me give him a Piece of Advice, not man aft thus. Let me give him an Eye upon every body he to look with superior Talents to himself; but let us try to cultivate Learning, and the Polite Arts. I wish I had been happy enough to have studied them, but, never having been out of the Province, I much lament the Loss here, as they are not only an Amusement, but an Ornament to both Sexes. I am a great Friend to a good Education: 'Tis the Basis of Man's Happiness. Upon the whole, I think, and so says every body I hear speak of the last Papers, that they are the lowest Stuff ever pennaed, and reflect great Disgrace on the Manners of the Country, which, as I am anxious for its Credit, gives me Pain to hear.

But for the Minister, I think his own Behaviour must gain him Friends, go where he will. I wish his Stay amongst us, for we never had one so clever before: Deny it who can.

I am, Yours,

A FRIEND TO MERIT.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, at Annapolis, for Bills, Cash, or Tobacco,

A PARCEL of choice WEST-INDIA RUM.

(3^m) FREDERICK STONE.

March 17, 1768.

To be sold at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Thursday the 31st Inst. at the House of the late John Humphreys, on Maggoty River, in Anne-Arundel County, for ready Cash, or good Bills of Exchange,

THE whole Household Furniture, and Plantation Utensils, formerly belonging to the Deceased; with a Number of Horses, Cattle, and Hogs, and a Quantity of Corn.

MARY HUMPHREYS, Administratrix.

* * Likewise to be Sold, on the above Day, and at the same Place, Three valuable NEGROES, and a good SCHOONER, of about Thirty Tons Burthen, is a prime Sailer, and well found.

M. H.

March 4, 1768.

To be SOLD, on reasonable Terms, by James Houston, living in Worcester County, on Pocomoke River,

A SNOW, of about One Hundred and Fifty Tons. The Calking, Carpenters and Joiners Work are not yet finished, but can be completed in Four Months, or less, if required.

Likewise a BRIG, of about One Hundred and Ten Tons. She is all completed except the Calking.

Talbot County, March 1, 1768.

AS a regular Intercourse by Sea, betwixt Maryland and Philadelphia, is generally thought a great Convenience to the Trading Gentlemen of both Provinces, by giving them an Opportunity of getting the Commodities of each Place, from each other, with quick Dispatch, and on safer and easier Terms, than they could before; the Subscriber intends to continue his Schooner, the MARYLAND-PACKET, in that Trade, agreeable to his Advertisement of September last. He hopes the Gentlemen of both Provinces will give him the Encouragement, his Desire to serve, and the Convenience he affords them, may merit. He will receive Goods on Freight, for any Part of Maryland, on low Terms, provided the Quantity will be sufficient to defray the Expence. The Vessel will be address'd to Bond and Byrn, Merchants in Philadelphia, who offer their Service to all the Gentlemen of Maryland, who have not an established Correspondency in Philadelphia, and will serve them with the utmost Punctuality, for the usual Commission. Orders to them, will meet with quick Dispatch, if sent to the Care of Col. Fitzhugh, at the Mouth of Patuxent, to John Martin, near Oxford; or by the several Posts. The Schooner is now in Philadelphia, and it is expected she will return, and be there again, by the Middle or last of April.

(3^m) JOHN MARTIN.

March 10, 1768.

COMMITTED to the Jail of Frederick County, a Negro Boy, named Toby, says he belongs to Mr. Benjamin Grymes of Virginia. He is about Twelve Years old.—The owner is desir'd to take him away and pay Charges.

GEORGE SCOTT, Sheriff.

THERE is at the Plantation of Benjamin Eastburn, near Kitockton Creek, in Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a red HEIFER, not mark'd.

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

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, in Annapolis,

WEST-INDIA RUM, by the Hoghead or Gallon; New-England ditto; choice Muscovado Sugar; by the Barrel or less Quantity, very cheap; single and double refined Loaf ditto; Green and Bohea Tea; Coffee; Chocolate; Castile and Philadelphia Soap; Candles; Raisins; Hops; Rozin; Indigo and Fig Blue; Powder and Shot; Weavers Slays; Writing Paper; Ink-Powder, and Window-Glafs, of different Sizes; London Steel; best Flour of Mustard; Osnabrigs, and Irish Linens, &c. &c.

* Also to be sold very cheap, a luffy Country-born Negro Wench, that was bought for a House Wench, but does not answer the Purpose, having been chiefly used to Plantation Business.

(2^m) WILLIAM WILKINS.

W A N T E D,
A PERSON well acquainted with the Business of a COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. Such a one, on Application to the Printer, will be duly encouraged.

JAMES M M O R D I E,
HEREBY informs the Public, that he has open'd TAVERN, on the Dock, at the Sign of the BLUE-BALL, near Charles Carroll's, Esq; where all Gentlemen Travellers, and others, will meet with good Entertainment, both for themselves and Horses. He likewise would be oblig'd to his Friends and Acquaintances, both on the Western and Eastern Shore, for their Custom.

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Port-Tobacco, February 28, 1768.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber, to the highest Bidder, at Fauquier Court-House, in the Colony of Virginia, on Thursday the 28th of April next, if fair, if not, the next fair Day after,

SEVERAL PARCELS of LAND, lying in the said County, viz. The Plantation on which Mr. GEORGE LAMKIN lately dwelt, about Six Miles above the said Court-House, containing 100 Acres, and is conveniently situated for an Inn.—Five Hundred Acres near Goose-Creek, being the Tract on which THOMAS FURR, and several other Tenants, now live. This Land is level, well watered, wooded, and proper either for Farming or Planting, and on it are several small Orchards.—The other Tract contains 292 Acres, and lies in the Fork of Goose-Creek and Chattin-Run, (and very near to the Tract of 500 Acres.) On this a small Plantation is cleared, some Houses built, about 30 Acres of Meadow Ground ready for laying down with Grass-Seed, and about as much more to clear.—About 300 Apple, a few Peach, Cherry and Apricot Trees, are planted out, and a Grist-Mill lately erected.—These Lands were advertis'd to have been sold the 21st of December last, but the Weather proving bad, prevented it.—Should any Person incline to treat for the Whole, before the Day of Sale, they may do it at Port-Tobacco, with

DANIEL JENIFER.

March 8, 1768.

To be LET and entered on the 1st of December next,

THE TENEMENT, whereon Nathaniel Slicer now lives, distant about 8 Miles from George-Town and Bladenburgh. For further Particulars apply to the said Slicer, or

(1^l) DANIEL CARROLL.

February 27, 1768.

At Capt. Madden's, in Prince-William County, in Virginia, on Tuesday the 12th of April next, will be sold, on Terms to be agreed on at the Day of Sale,

SEVERAL Thousand Acres of LAND, known by the Name of BRENTON; the whole will be laid off into Lots of 200 Acres, or otherwise, as may suit the Purchasers. It pays no Quit-Rents, and is, without Exception, equal to any Tract of that Extent, in Virginia. To any Person or Persons, inclinable to purchase Part, or the Whole, it will be requisite to pay One Third of the Money down, on receiving Deeds: For One Third Three Years, and the last Six Years, Credit will be allowed, with or without Interest, as may be agreed on. The Subscriber will be chiefly on the Land from this Date, and will treat with any one before the Day of Sale, for any Part or Parcel of the same. A good Title can be made to any Purchaser.

ROBERT BRENT.

Patuxent Iron-Works, March 1, 1768.

WE once more request all such as are indebted to the Estate of Richard Snowden, late of Patuxent Iron-Works, deceased, either on Mortgage, Bill of Sale, Bond, Note, or Open Account, to make immediate Payment, as no longer Credit can possibly be given: Therefore, all such as do not comply with the above Requisition, may expect we shall proceed in such Manner, (without respect to Persons) as will compel them.—And, as we would make it as easy as in our Power, will take any kind of Country Produce in Payment of the above-mentioned Debts.

ELIZABETH SNOWDEN,
THOMAS, SAMUEL,
and
JOHN SNOWDEN, } Executors.

P. S. We also desire all Persons indebted to us, of a Year or more standing, to make Payment, or at least come and settle their Accounts, to prevent such Steps as would be disagreeable to them, as will as to

THO^s. SAM^l and JOHN SNOWDEN.

Elk-Ridge Landing, Nov. 1767.

STRAY'D from the Stables of the Subscriber, a Dun or Mouse coloured HORSE, about 13 Hands high, paces slow, trots and gallops, has a Star and Snip, and several Saddle Marks, and some White on one of his hind Feet, has never been dock'd, and has no perceivable Brand. Whoever takes up said Horse, and brings him to the Subscriber, shall have Fifteen Shillings, paid by (3^m) JOSHUA GRIFFITH.

* * The Horse was bred at the Head of South-River, in Anne-Arundel County.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

STOLEN out of the Subscriber's STABLE, in York-Town, last Night, a large dark brown GELDING, about 15 Hands high, a natural Pacer, with a large Star in his Forehead, long Neck, and holds his Head very high. Also a black GELDING with a bald Face, Four white Legs, paces, trots, and hand gallops, very sprightly, and of a good Carriage, the Property of Mr. John Ord. The Thief's Name is JAMES BIGGAR; he was Twice whipt in Carlisle, for Horse-Stealing, was in Prison in Maryland, and North-Carolina; he is about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, fair Complexion, wears his Hair, has an old Blanket-Coat, an old blue Coat, old striped Jacket, red Plush Breeches, and Leggings.—Whoever takes up the Thief and Horses, and brings them to the Subscriber, or to Mr. Swearingham's in Frederick-Town, shall have the above Reward, or Four Pounds for each Horse.

(7^m) JAMES SMITH.

* * The Thief and Horses were seen, on Saturday Night, at Tarney-Town, and on Sunday crossed Manskaff.

Bladenburgh, March 12, 1768.

OSTENTATION (as yet) not being in universal Disesteem, the Subscriber takes this Method of advertising those it may be thought best to have in Hand the following Articles, which he will sell for Cash, or Exchange them for Wheat, Corn, Tar, Pipe Hhd. or Barrel Staves (the last of which must be Two Feet Nine Inches long) any Sort of Pine Plank, from Inch, to Two Inches thick, not under Eleven Inches broad, and not less than Eleven Feet long, but the longer, the better, especially for that above Inch thick; to be clear of Mill-Dew and Sap, and as free from Knots as Possible. Yard, Yard and 1/2, and Ell wide Warrington, and Irish Sheeting, 1/2, 3/4, and Yard-wide Irish Linen, coarse and fine Calicoes, Silk Handkerchiefs, white Jeans, dyed ditto, white Draw-Boys, Corded Dimities, coarse and fine Crape, Broad Cloths, German Serges, Wilton Cloths, Corded ditto, Duroys, Sagathies, Camblets, Narrow Broad, Buckram, Beaver Coating, Duffels, Frizes, Druggets, Half-Thicks, Kerseys, Calimancoes, Tamies, Shalloons, Russia Drabs, Womens Red Cloaks, many Sorts of Womens Bonnets and Hatts, Cotton, and Silk & Cotton Gowns, Pepper, Salt-Petre, Nutmegs, Cloves, Mace, Ginger, Allspice, Indico, Fig Blue, White Lead, Copperas, Alum, Mens fine Hatts, of many Qualities, Boys, Youths, and Mens Felt Hatts, Mens Saddles, Womens ditto, Bridles, Saddle Clothes, Girths, Stirrup Leathers, Surcingle, Mens and Womens Whips, Plain and Fringed Housings, Cruppers, Horse Collars, Sean Twine, Sail ditto, brown and coloured Thread, Ounce Thread, white and whited Thread, Gartering, Cruils, Buttons, Mohair and Silk Twist, Cloth coloured, and coloured Sewing Silk, Silk Thread, and Cotton Laces, Silk Ferriting, many Sorts of Riband, Linen Handkerchiefs of various Prices, Cotton ditto, 1/2, 3/4, and Yard 1/2 Check, Boys, Womens, and Mens Worsted Stockings, Boys, Womens, and Mens Thread ditto, Womens Cotton ditto, White Inkle, Filling, Holland Tape, Broad ditto, Bobbin, Nontopretty, Worsted Binding of many sorts, Pipes, Hair Sisters, Lawn ditto, Writing Paper, Blank Books, Ink Powder, Palteboard, Pocket Books, Cap Paper, many sorts of fashionable Fans, Cap Wires, Skeleton Wires, Stock Tape, Flat Jacket Buttons, Womens Kid Gloves, many sorts of Mens Gloves, Womens coloured Lamb Gloves, Boys and Girls Gloves, many sorts of Pins, Common and Whitechapple Needles, Wax Necklaces of many Sorts, a large Assortment of Table Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, Penknives, Couteau Knives, Gardners Knives, Razors, Scissars, Buckles, Knee Buckles, Stock Buckles, Sleeve Buttons, Jews Harps, Temple Spectacles, all sorts of Hinges, Hang Locks, and Stock Cupboard Locks, Cheat Locks, Box Irons and Heaters, Carpenters Compasses, Socket Chisells, 1/2 Inch, 3/4 Inch, and Inch and Quarter Augers, Hand, Whip, and Cross Cut Saw flat and half Round Files, half Round Rasps, Farriers ditto, Brass Rings, Brass Candlesticks, Iron ditto, Japanned ditto, Scrubbing Brushes, Curry-Combs and Brushes, Shoe Brushes, Extinguishers, Coopers Axes and Adzes, Metal Buttons, Womens, and Taylors Thimbles, Taylors and Sheep Shears, Awl Blades, Shoe Tacks, Shoe Pinchers and Nippers, Box Combs, Horn ditto, Ivory ditto, Paint Brushes, Tar ditto, Plain Irons, Shoe Knives, Tomahawks, Claw Hammers of many Sizes, Carpenters Rules, Lancets, Fire Shovels and Tongs, Narrow and Broad Hoes, Snuffers, Comb and Buckle Brushes, Bung-Borers, Coopers Howels, Desk Furniture, 2^o, 10^o, 3^o, 6^o, Scupper, Hob, and Pump Nails, Looking Glaives, Rat Traps, Moule ditto, Silk Purfes, Gimblets, Tap-Borers, Hunting Horns, Lamp Black, best Irish Glue, Leather and Paper Ink Pots, Garden Spades, Mortars and Pestles, Whip and Cross Cut Saws, Chasing Dishes, Steel Scythes, Mops, Paper Trunks, Suckles, Frying Pans, Slaten in Frames, Wool and Cotton Cards, Dutch Ovens, Iron Pots, Grinding Stones, Glaives for Ships, Window Glafs, Ships Compasses, Chebire Cheese, Mens Shoes, Womens Leather and Calimanco Shoes, Glaifs Decanters, Tumblers, Ale and Wine Glaives, Salts, Cruits, Fowling Pieces, Gun Locks, Osnabrigs, Rugs, Blankets, Plaiding, Rum, Muscovado and Loaf Sugar, Cotton-Wool, Coffee, Tea, Melafes, Sweet, Lintfeed, and Train Oil, Pewter Measures, from Half a Pint to a Gallon, Hard Metal and Common Pewter Plates, Pewter Dishes, Pewter Basons of many Sizes, Pewter Spoons, Be-Metal Skillets, Tea Kettles, Warming Pans, Tin Sugar Boxes; Horn Lanthorns, Pewter Poringers, Flint Tea Cups and Saucers, with many other Sorts of Stone-Ware, Tin Milk Pans, Cullenders, Pepper Boxes, and many sorts of Tin-Ware, Shoe Thread, Castile Soap, Bed Ticking, Bed Cords, Traces, Leading Lines. He also makes all Sorts of standing and running Rigging, and on short Notice, can furnish a Set of Rigging for any sized Vessel, built in these Parts; he has also on Hand many Hundred Tons of fine Liverpool Salt.

CHRISTOPHER LOWNDES.

March 22, 1768.

JUST IMPORTED, in the LORD CAMBEN, Captain JOHN JOHNSTON, and to be sold by the Subscriber, at his Store, in Church-Street, ANNAPOLIS.

A N ASSORTMENT of EUROPEAN and INDIAN GOODS.

THO^s. HARWOOD, 2^d.

March 10, 1768.

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of THOMAS SAPPINGTON, deceased, are desired to make immediate Payment; and those that have any just Claims against said Estate, are requested to bring them in, that they may be adjudged and settled by

(7^m) FRANCES SAPPINGTON, Administratrix.

J O H N S H U T E,

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.

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