"The chief Merit with you, *Gentlemen*, I know to be a sacred Love of Liberty, and of those generous Principles, which at first gave, and have since secured to this Nation, the great Charter of Freedom. I will yield to none of my Countrymen in this noble Zeal, which have always characterized *Englishmen*. I may appeal to my whole Conduct, both in and out of Parliament, for the Demonstration, that such Principles are deeply rooted in my Heart, and that I have steadily pursued the Interests of my Country, without Regard to the powerful Enemies I created, or the manifest Dangers in which I must thence necessarily be involved, and that I have fulfilled the Duties of a good Subject.

"The Two important Questions of Public Liberty, respecting *General Warrants*, and the *Seizure of Papers*, may perhaps, place me among those, who have deserved well of Mankind, by an undaunted Firmness, Perseverance, and Probity: These are the Virtues which your Ancestors never failed to exert in the same national Cause of Liberty, and the World will see renewed in their Descendants on every great Call of Freedom and our Country.

"The Nature and Dignity of the Trust, *Gentlemen*, which I now solicit, strike me very forcibly. I feel the warmest Zeal for your Interests, and Affection for your Service. I am conscious how unequal my Abilities are, yet Fidelity and Integrity shall in some Measure compensate that Deficiency, and I will endeavour, through Life, to merit the Continuance of your Approbation, the most precious Reward to which I aspire. If I am honoured with so near a Relation to you, it will be my Ambition to be useful, to dedicate myself to your Service, and to discharge with Spirit and Assiduity, the various and important Duties of the distinguished Station, in which I may be placed by the Favour of you, *Gentlemen*, the Livery of *London*. I am, with the utmost Respect,

GENTLEMEN,
your most faithful,
and obedient
humble Servant,
JOHN WILKES.

LONDON,
March 10, 1768.

The Captains MAYNARD and RICHARDSON may be hourly expected, as they left the Downs with Captain FROST.

*** *The Blanks and Prizes for the* Maryland LIBERTY LOTTERY, *are ready for the Wheels, and the Time appointed for Drawing being near at Hand, those who incline to become Adventurers, are requested to be speedy in their Application.*

TO THE PRINTERS.

As a Mistake appears in your last Gazette, in publishing our Races, we desire you will publish them from the Account herewith sent. We are,
Your humble Servants,
May 7, 1768. The MANAGERS of the *Upper-Marlborough* RACES.

On Tuesday, the 3d Inst. a Match for 50 Guineas was run for, over the *Upper-Marlborough* Course, One Four Mile Heat, carrying 9 Stone, by a grey Filly, called *Britannia*, got by *Briton*, belonging to his Excellency the Governor, and a black Colt, call'd *Gimcrack*, got by *Ariel*, belonging to *Notley Young*, Esq; and won by the latter.——Odds Two to One on *Gimcrack*, the Filly being lame.

Wednesday, 4. The following Horses started for the Subscription Purse of 100 Pounds, *viz.*

			1st H.	2d H.
Dr. *Hamilton*'s Horse, *Figure*,	Wt. 10 St.		1	1
Francis Thornton's do.	*Merryman*,	do. do.	2	2
Sam. Galloway's do.	*Selim*,	do. do.	3	3
Mr. *Thomas*'s *Buckskin*, 5 Yrs. old,	8 st. 10 lb.		4	dis.

Odds at Starting, Three to One *Selim* against the Field; Five to One the Field against *Figure*; Five to Four *Merryman* would be distanced in the Heats; and even Bets *Buckskin* would be distanced the first Heat.——*Figure* took the Lead from the Post, and won the Heats with great Ease.——'Tis remarkable that the last Heat was run in 8 Minutes and 52 Seconds. The Ground, by a fair Measurement, is full Four Miles.

Thursday, 5. A Purse of 25 Pounds was run for, by

Mr. *M'Gill*'s bay Colt, *Nonpareil*,	Wt. 8 stone, -	1
Mr. *Bullen*'s brown Horse, *Liberty* *,	aged, 10 st. -	2
Dr. *Hamilton*'s bay Filly, *Primrose*,	8 stone, -	dis.
Mr. *Digges*'s Mare, *Moll Row*,	6 Yrs. old, 9 st. 6 lb.	dis.

Bets in Favour of *Nonpareil*, who won the Heat with Ease, and received the Money—*Liberty* not starting the Second Heat.

* *Formerly* TRYALL.

TO THE PRINTERS.

YOU have at length obtained the Great *C. D*'s *Imprimatur*. Whether the Surmise, that the *Bystander*'s Letters were objected to as obnoxious, be true or not, you know best.——*C. D.* calls upon him to be very explicit upon the Subject of Pluralities:——"What, upon Compulsion, HAL? If Reasons were as thick as Black-berries, I would not give one upon Compulsion."

I must do Lord *B*—— the Justice to say, that the Moment he heard the Subject of Pluralities would be disagreeable to the People, he superseded his former Instructions, and resolved to provide for his Friend on the Civil List:——A Conduct, which one would think deserves the warmest Returns of public and private Gratitude.——Your Opposition, *C. D.* merits Thanks.——We will not enquire into the Motives:——They will not bear the Light.——They wrong you, who think you his Enemy.——I leave then the Defence of this Branch of the legal Prerogative in your Hands:——In good Hands I leave it.

But lest those ugly Statutes, concerning Supremacy, should frighten you; I would hint to you, that some other ugly Consequences might attend your basely betraying your Trust, and covertly attacking those Rights you are sworn to defend.

The Prejudices of the People were complied with, in asking the Consent of Vestries.——Their Prejudices were complied with by a Resignation, upon not obtaining it.——Can the People desire more? They are not so unconscionable.

May all my Friend's Antagonists act as his has done:——May all my Opponents write as mine have done:——The Courage of the one, and the Wit of the other, are exactly of a Standard:——He needs no greater Triumph: I no greater Reputation; since it is not, I own, without Pleasure, I hear,

Hoc juvat; et melli est, non mentiar:
A grateful Sound, and pleasing to the Ear:

that the Public Voice allows the *Bystander* to have written like a Scholar, and a Gentleman;——his Adversaries in general, and *C. D. in particular*, like Dunces, and Blackguards. *I am Your's,*
A BYSTANDER.

To the PRINTERS *of the* MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Your inserting the following Piece, which made its Appearance in a late English *Paper, will oblige your humble Servant,* A CONSTANT CUSTOMER.

THE Pragmatic Sanction, as it is called, or royal Proclamation, or Law lately made in Spain, must, by all rational Men, be considered as extraordinary in its Nature *.

Every Friend to the natural and social Rights of Mankind, must conceive the strongest Indignation at such tyrannical Proceedings towards a whole People; for, admitting the Jesuits to be Atheists, Traitors, nay Devils incarnate, still they were, as a Community, one of the Members of that national Body Politic, and ought not to have been cut off from it, without being first proved so infectiously tainted, as to warrant, in Justice, such an Amputation.

If a Sovereign can, by the Laws of God, Justice, or Right, dispose of any Body of his People, whom he pleases, without assigning any other Reason, than his Will, upon secret Deliberations, and for Causes known to himself; what Security has any other Part, or even the whole of his People, that he will not do the same by them? And, to tell them they must submit to this being done in Silence, under the Penalty of being treated as guilty of high Treason, and even at Will to abrogate all obstructive Laws for that Purpose, is surely exerting a Power in which no People can acquiesce, 'til every Sentiment of Justice, Right or Humanity becomes obliterated from their Minds.

The Almighty never lodged such a Power in the Hands of any created Being; his Divine Laws, like his Attributes, being to do Justice and love Mercy; and no human Justice can be warrantable that is not manifested to be right. The King of Spain might, with as much Propriety, order his Subjects to turn Mahometans, for Reasons that he reserves within his Breast——with forbidding them, under the Penalty of high Treason, to write, speak, or declaim on the Subject, and with abrogating all obstructive constitutional Laws for that Purpose, by his arbitrary Proclamation; or he might as well confiscate and punish every religious Order, or every civil Community on the like Pleas, and exactly the same Injunctions to the rest of his People concerning his Proceedings.

We all know the Constitution of Spain was originally Gothic, like our own, and we also know, that the present King's Father was preferred to succeed to that Throne conditionally, for the Good of the People, and the entire Preservation of the Spanish Dominions. They had then an acknowledged Right of thinking for themselves, but now they are told it belongs not to them to judge of, or interpret the Sovereign's Commands; which is absolutely reducing them to the Condition of the most abject of Slaves.

These Jesuits have Fathers, Brothers, and Kinsmen of all Degrees, amongst all Ranks of the Spaniards, who are to require no Reasons for their Confiscation and Banishment, while all natural Affection is even demanded to be silently sacrificed.——Think, Oh! my Countrymen, to what Men become subjected when their *Liberties* are lost. Learn to value your own, and teach your Children to do the same, beyond Fortune or even Life. A FRIEND to OPEN JUSTICE.

* *Vide Magazine for May 1767.*

May 10, 1768.

To be SOLD, at the House of Arthur Charlton, *in* Frederick-Town, Frederick *County, on Thursday the 23d of* June,

ABOUT Seventeen Hundred Acres of very good LAND, in *Frederick* County, between Captain *Evan Shelby*'s, and Mr. *Isaac Baker*'s, and near *Conococheque*. There are several Settlements on the Land: Either of the above Persons will show the Land, and a Plan of it will be left with Mr. *Bowles*, at *Frederick-Town*. The Land will be sold in Parcels, as may suit the Purchasers, and Credit given for the Purchase-Money, on Security and Interest.——I have several other valuable Tracts of Land in *Maryland*, and some in *Virginia*, which I will sell, lease, or rent. For Particulars, apply to the Subscriber, at *Upper-Marlborough*.
(t) STEPHEN WEST.

May 9, 1768.

ON the 30th Instant, will be run for, at *Pig-Point*, a SUBSCRIPTION PURSE of TWENTY POUNDS Currency, free for any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, the best of Three Heats, Three Times round the Ground to each Heat; Four Years old, to carry Eight Stone; Five Years old, Nine Stone; Six Years old, and upwards, Ten Stone, Saddle and Bridle included; the Horse winning Two Heats, and saving his Distance the Third, to be entitled to the Purse.

On the Day following, will be run for, over the same Course, the Entrance Money of both Days, with what other Money may be made up; on the same Conditions as the first Day's Race; the winning Horse the first Day only excepted. Twenty Minutes will be allowed for Rubbing, between each Heat. The Horses to be entered the Saturday before the Race, with Mr. *Richard Wells*, and to pay Twenty Shillings for the First Day, and Fifteen Shillings for the Second Day, if a Subscriber, if a Non-Subscriber, to pay Thirty Shillings Entrance, for the First Day, and Twenty Shillings for the Second Day; or, if entered at the Pole, to pay double Entrance. All Disputes that may arise, to be determined by Judges appointed for that Purpose.——The Horses to start between the Hours of One and Two o'Clock.

*** Three reputed Horses to start, or no Race.

BENEDICT, *May 2, 1768.*

THE Subscriber intending to GREAT-BRITAIN very shortly, requests all Persons indebted to him, or himself and Company, (especially those who are indebted considerable Sums for Dealings in the Wholesale Way) to be speedy in their Payments, which may save them much Trouble, and will greatly oblige him.——All those who are indebted upon open Accounts, and cannot conveniently pay at this Time, are requested to come in, and settle their Accounts, by Bonds, Notes, or otherways, to prevent Disputes that often occur at settling open Accounts in the Absence of one of the contracting Parties.

All Persons having Claims against the Subscriber, are desired to bring them in, to be adjusted and paid.——The STORE at BENEDICT, is to be continued, and regularly supplied, as usual, under the Management of Mr. ROBERT YOUNG, who hath lately received a large and general Assortment of EAST-INDIA and EUROPEAN GOODS, imported from LONDON and GLASGOW; and will be sold Wholesale or Retail, on very reasonable Terms, for Cash, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco. Mr. YOUNG has also for Sale, WEST-INDIA Rum and Sugar—best VIRGINIA inspected Pork, and a few Pipes, Hogsheads, and Quarter Casks of genuine MADEIRA Wine, of the NEW-YORK Quality, of Vintage 1766, and is now selling at the very low Price of Forty-five Pounds Currency *per* Pipe, ready Money, and filled up when delivered: The Price of Hogsheads and Quarter-Casks, in Proportion; *viz.* 22*l.* 10*s.* and 11*l.* 5*s.* He will shortly have Wine of same Quality, of last Vintage, which will be sold for ready Money, or Bills of Exchange, as imported, at Cost and Charges.——A Cargo of best Stove-dry'd small white SALT, is daily expected, which will be sold cheap, if taken from the Ship's Side, at BENEDICT.

The Subscriber hath for Sale a choice Parcel of coarse GOODS, just imported in the SHARPE, Capt. BRUCE, from GLASGOW: They amount to 576*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* Prime Cost, clear of Charges; are well bought, as may be seen by the Prices and Quality of the Goods, and will be sold a Bargain, for ready Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco:——They consist of the following Articles, *viz.* Mens, Youths, and Boys Castor and Felt Hats, KENDAL Cottons, Osnabrigs, Harns, and Tweel Sacking,—3-4 7-8 and 4-4 IRISH Linens, 9-8 brown and white IRISH Sheetings, SCOTS Dowlas, and Printed Cotton Cloth; 3-4 FYFE, and 7-8 GLASGOW Checks, 3-4 and 7-8 strip'd Hollands and Bed-Ticks, Buckrams, Linen Handkerchiefs, Aprons of Lawn, Needle-work'd, Tartans, Writing-Paper, and Osnabrig Thread:——SCOTS Plaiding, Mens Yarn and Plaid Hose, Mens and Youths Leather Breeches, Bearskins, Duffils, Kerseys, and low-priced Broad-Cloths, of various Colours, with Shalloons, Buttons and Twist, to suit them all.——Mens Saddles, Bridles and Surcingles, Pewter Plates, Dishes, Basons, and hard Metal Spoons; Twelve Dozen best SCOTS Snuff, Four Casks 8d. and 10d. Nails, and a good Assortment of small HARD WARE, too numerous to particularize.——If the Purchaser of this Parcel should want any additional Articles, he will be supplied with them from the General Assortment in Mr. YOUNG's Store, on the same Terms on which he buys the Parcel.
(tf) THOMAS CAMPBELL.

TO BE SOLD,
A HOUSE, OUT-HOUSES, and LOT, near the Town-Gate, in this City. For Terms apply to WILLIAM CURRIE, Cabinet-Maker, and Stucco-Worker.

May 7, 1768.

WHEREAS I have often advertis'd about 600 Acres of LAND, lying in *Anne-Arundel* County, within 10 Miles of the City of *Annapolis*, to be sold by Public Vendue, in order to pay my just Debts: The Quality of the above Land, with a State of the Improvements and other Conveniencies thereon, were fully described in this Paper, in the Months of *January* and *February* last. And, as I have had it hinted to me that my Right to the above Premises, might be disputed, I desire such as doubt, to enquire for the Truth where it can only be found, at the proper Offices, whose Doors are always open: And I hereby declare that I will take Advantage of any Person who shall secrete any Paper or Papers relating to the above Premises, or otherwise prejudice me by promoting Falsehoods concerning the same.—My Land will be set up, at Public Vendue, on Tuesday next, the 17th Instant, and sold to the highest Bidder. JOHN WILMOT.

THIS is to give Notice to all Persons, that JOHN ROWR, of FREDERICK County, by Bond, agreed to convey unto GEORGE FRENCH, all the vacant Land that should be found upon a Warrant of Re-survey, on a Tract of Land, called NANCY'S CONTENTMENT, lying in said County, which Bond has since been assigned over to me the Subscriber: I therefore hereby forbid all Persons from purchasing the same.
(3w) JACOB FRENCH.

May 8, 1768.

WHEREAS ELEANOR, the Wife of me, the Subscriber, has eloped from my Bed and Board: These are therefore to forewarn all Persons not to trust her on my Account, as I will not pay any Debts of her contracting after this Date. As witness my Hand. VACHEL WHITE.

At SCHOOLFIELD, PRINCE-GEORGE'*s County,*

RANGER

WILL COVER at FORTY SHILLINGS Currency, and Two and Six-Pence to the Keeper.

Any Person who will bring 100 Bushels of Oats, and Fifty of Bran, or even a lesser Quantity, to SELBY's Landing, shall receive Two Shillings for the Oats, if good, and Eight-pence for the Bran, if not musty.

*** If not brought soon, it may possibly not be wanted.

EIGHT POUNDS REWARD.

May 2, 1768.

RAN away last Night from the Subscriber, living in *Frederick* County, about Seven Miles from *Bladensburg*, one WILLIAM SCOTT, an Overseer, a Country-born fellow, full-faced well made Man, about Twenty-two Years of Age, Five Feet Eight or Nine Inches high: Had on, and took with him, the following Cloaths, *viz.* a *German* Serge Coat, of a red and white Colour, a Nankeen Jacket, a Pair of Breeches of the same of his Coat, a Pair of black Worsted Stockings, a Pair of Thread ditto, a red spotted Silk Handkerchief, a Linen ditto, a good Castor Hat, and sundry other Things. It is supposed he took away with him a Convict Fellow, a likely well made Man, named WILLIAM ABBUTT, an Englishman, about Twenty-six Years of Age, Five Feet Eight Inches high, wears his own Hair, of a brownish Colour, tied behind: Had on, and took with him when he went away, a *German* Serge Coat, of a Leaden Colour, white Fustian Jacket, a Pair of Osnabrig Trowsers, Two *Holland* Shirts, and Two Pair of Yarn Stockings. They also took a dark bay Horse, about Fourteen and an Half Hands high, in very good Order, and well made, branded on the near Shoulder, G. P, and on the Buttock, O, also on the off-Shoulder, I, and on the Buttock, A, has a Star in his Forehead, Bob Tail, fretted with Traces on the Sides, and is about Seven Years old; also a bay Mare, about Thirteen Hands Three Inches high, branded on the near Shoulder, I, and on the Buttock, A, about Five Years old, an old Saddle, with a good blue fringed Housing, a Pair of Leather Bags, and a Broad-Sword. Whoever takes up the said Fellows, and brings them to the Subscriber, shall have Three Pounds Currency for each, and Twenty Shillings for each of the Creatures, paid by JOHN ADAMSON.

N. B. It is supposed they will change both their Names, and Cloaths.

May 5, 1768.

THE Partnership of STEWART & RICHARDSON, being now expired, all Persons indebted to them, are desired to be as speedy as possible in discharging their Debts, and such who are indebted by open Account, and cannot conveniently discharge the same, are requested to settle by Bond or Note immediately; for which Purpose, due Attendance will be given, at their late Store, in *Annapolis*, by *Anthony Stewart*, with whom all Persons are desired to settle.
STEWART & RICHARDSON.

Alexandria, April 23, 1768.

Pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Mr. George Johnston, *deceased, will be exposed to Public SALE, on Monday the 18th of* July *next, on the Premises,*

THREE Lots of LAND, situate in the Town of *Alexandria*, with a good Dwelling-House on them, upwards of 100 Feet long, and Six Fire Places below Stairs: Also another Dwelling-House, 36 Feet long, with Two Fire Places, a Meat-House, Milk-House, Stable, Office, and other necessary Houses, with a good Garden; the Whole enclosed with Pales and Brick: They front the River, and are defended from it by a Stone Wall, to which Boats and other small Vessels come, at a moderate Tide. At the same Time, will be sold, a very elegant Silver Tea-Pot, Milk-Pot, and Stand. Long Time will be allowed the Purchaser, upon paying down Part of the Money, and giving Bond, with good Security, to
SARAH JOHNSTON, Executrix,
(w2) GEORGE JOHNSTON, Executor.

Loudoun County, Virginia, April 29, 1768.

FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *Loudoun* County, near *Rocky-Run* Chapel, Two *English* Convict Servant Men, both Blacksmiths, *viz.*

JOHN BENHAM, about 28 Years of Age, a slender made Fellow, stoops in his Shoulders, and has a very hoarse Voice, wears his own short Hair, is about 5 Feet 5 or 6 Inches high: Had on, when he went away, an Osnabrig Shirt, a short Cotton Jacket, Cotton Breeches, coarse Stockings, and Country Shoes or Pumps.

JOHN MILLER, a short well-set Fellow, wears his own short Hair, has a large Scar in his Forehead, is about 5 Feet 2 or 3 Inches high, and about 28 Years of Age, he talks very much, and is very deceitful: Had on, when he went away, a grey Bearskin Jacket and Breeches, an Osnabrig Shirt, no Stockings, and Country Shoes. They may both perhaps change their Dress, as they took with them Osnabrig Trowsers, and other Cloaths. They took with them, a Negro Lad, named *Jack*, about 18 Years of Age, a short well-set Fellow, has lost the greatest part of his Toes with the Frost, is a very brisk lively Fellow, and remarkably black. They stole out of my Stable, Two Horses, one a bay, about 14 Hands high, shod before, has a Star in his Forehead, hanging Mane and Switch Tail, Brand not known; the other a large sorrel Horse, shod all round, has a Star in his Forehead, and goes well: The Negro Boy took with him, a small grey Horse, about 12 Hands high, with a Bob Tail.

Whoever takes up said Servants, and Negro, and brings them to my House, in *Loudoun* County, near *Rocky-Run* Chapel, shall receive the above Reward, and if taken apart, Five Pounds Reward for each.
(w2) WILLIAM CARR LANE.

*** It is supposed they have black'd themselves, as there was some Coal and Tallow found in a Kettle of theirs.