Degree of G—. I have often read and examined with Care that famous Paper. I know that it is in every Part founded on the strongest Evidence of Facts. I find Zeal of Duty and Respect to the Person of the King, although it arraigns, in the severest Manner, the Conduct of his Majesty's then Ministers, and brings very heavy Charges home to them. I am persuaded they were well grounded, because every one of those Ministers has since been removed. No one Instance of Falsehood has yet been pointed out in that pretended Libel, nor was the Word *false* in the Information before this Court. I am therefore perfectly easy under every Imputation respecting a Paper, in which Truth has guided the Pen of the Writer, whoever he was, in every single Line; and it is this Circumstance which has drawn on me, as the supposed Author, all the Cruelties of Ministerial Vengeance.

"As to the other Charge against me, for the Publication of a Poem, which has given just Offence, I will assert that such an Idea never entered my Mind. I blush again at the Recollection that it has been at any Time, and in any Way brought to the Public Eye, and drawn from the Obscurity in which it remained under my Roof. Twelve Copies of a small Part of it had been printed in my House, at my own Private Press. I had carefully locked them up, and I never gave one to the most intimate Friend. Go———t, after the Affair of the North Briton, bribed one of my Servants to rob me of the Copy, which was produced in the House of Peers, and afterwards before this Honourable Court. The Nation was justly offended, but not with me, for it was evident that I had not been guilty of the least Offence to the Public. I pray God to forgive, as I do, the Jury, who have found me guilty of publishing a Poem, I concealed with Care, and which is not even yet published, if any precise Meaning can be affixed to any Word in our Language.

"But, my Lords, neither of the Two Verdicts could have been found against me, if the Records had not been materially altered, without my Consent, and, as I am informed, contrary to L--. On the Evening only before the Two Trials, ——— caused the Records to be altered at his own House, against the Consent of my Solicitor, and without my Knowledge, for a dangerous Illness, arising from an Affair of Honour, detained me at that Time abroad. The Alterations were of the utmost Importance, and I was in Consequence tried the very next Day on Two new Charges, of which I could know nothing. I will venture to declare this Proceeding un———nal. I am advised that it is i—l, and that it renders both the Verdicts absolutely void.

"I have stood forth, my Lords, in Support of the Laws, against the arbitrary Acts of Ministers. This Court of Justice, in a solemn Appeal, respecting *General Warrants*, shewed their Sense of my Conduct. I shall continue to reverence the wise and mild System of English Laws, and this excellent Constitution. I have been much misrepresented, but under every Species of Persecution, I will remain firm and friendly to the Monarchy, dutiful and affectionate to the illustrious Prince, who wears the Crown, and to the whole Brunswic Line.

"As to all nice, intricate Points of Law, I am sensible how narrow and circumscribed my Ideas are, but I have experienced the deep Knowledge, and great Abilities of my Counsel. With them I rest the legal Part of my Defence, submitting every Point to the Judgment of this Honourable Court, and to the Laws of England."

NEW-YORK, *June* 13.

Dear SIR, *Detroit, May* 11, 1768.

You'll be much surprized to find, by the following Paragraph of a Letter, wrote to me by an Officer at Michilimakinac, the 24th of February last, that the formerly very famous and much esteemed Major Robert Rogers, is now capable of such horrid Villainy:—The Letter is as follows.

Dear SIR,

"I now take this Opportunity to congratulate you on your Escape from Murder and Plunder; Major Rogers, that experienced Chief to all Manner of Wickedness and Treachery, had formed a deep and horrid Plot to kill me, send Captain Spicemaker, and Lieut. Christie, Prisoners to the Indian Country, plunder this Garrison. and put all the Soldiers to Death, who were not in the Plot, and who would not comply with his Silence; this was to be executed by a numerous Party of Indians, some Soldiers, and French Inhabitants, that had consented to it: He then, with the Indians, and what Part of the Troops that would follow him, were immediately to set off to surprize the Garrison of Detroit, and give it up to Plunder to his Followers, for their Service, and then proceed to Old France (via New Orleans.) As he was pretty well convinced of the Abilities and Watchfulness of the Commander, and other Officers of Detroit, and doubting his being able to take it by Surprize, he had pitch'd upon some Pieces of Brass Cannon for laying a regular Siege to it. He is now in heavy Irons, with an Accomplice, and as there are many King's Evidences, no Part of this Account can be doubted."

I herewith inclose you another Letter to me, on the same Subject, thinking that these Accounts from the Gentlemen on the Spot, may be more satisfactory to you than Hearsay.

SIR, *Michilimakinac, Feb.* 24, 1768.

"At this Season you'll be surprized to see an Express from this; it is with the joyful News of Michilimakinac preserved, or the Plot discovered, a dismal Treachery carried on by its late Commandant, to massacre the Garrison, especially those who should oppose him in making his Escape; to head the rest with the Indians in his Interest, plunder this, and march against Detroit afterwards; make the best of his Way to Capt. Hopkins, on the Mississippi, who he had invited with a few Men last Spring, to deliver this Fort to him on his Arrival; making Interest, in his Confinement, with a Frenchman here to join him, and to get Capt. Spicemaker, and me, massacred, or taken by the Indians, before he was to attempt any Thing, was the Means of this Discovery:——We sent him to Rogers, to know what he was to do for him for so great an Undertaking; he went, and returned to us with the Villain's Note of Hand, for 100 Pounds Sterling, per Year, for [illegible] Years."

ANNAPOLIS, JUNE 5.

Yesterday Evening his Excellency our Governor, after passing the Laws made this Session, [the Titles of which will be inserted in our next] prorogued the General Assembly of this Province, to Tuesday the 4th of *October* next.

Last Sunday departed this Life, in the 79th Year of his Age, the Honble. BENJAMIN TASKER, Esq; President of the Council.——We can't repress our Inclination to pay some Tribute to the Memory of this most worthy Gentleman, tho' we are sensible that our Expressions of Regard for him, will be anticipated by every Reader in MARYLAND; for, as the Sphere in which he moved, made him universally known, so did his natural Affability and Philanthropy, engage the Esteem of all. His Temperance, Equanimity, Politeness, and Humanity, were so conspicuous, that these Qualities were seldom celebrated, without the Illustration of his Example, and that Complacency and Benignity of Disposition, which recommended him to the Regard and Esteem of others, in a peculiar Manner endear'd him in his nearest and most tender Connexions.

On the Evening of Friday last, Mr. THOMAS RICHARDSON, late of this City, Merchant, was instantly kill'd by a Flash of Lightning, which melted his Watch, Shoe, and Knee Buckles.—He was sitting in a Room at Mr. ADAIR's, in BALTIMORE-TOWN, with another Person, at a small Distance, who was struck down, but soon recovered. The Damage done to the House, is inconsiderable, except in the Roof.—Mr. RICHARDSON was a young Man, in the Prime of Life, and possess'd many good Qualities, which justly entitled him to the Esteem of a numerous Acquaintance.

**** Articles of News omitted this Week, shall be inserted in our next.*

To be SOLD, *or* LET,

TWO LOTS of LAND in the Center of *Frederick-Town, Cæcil* County, *Maryland:* On them is a very good Three Story House 45 by 20 Feet; the First or Ground Story is of Brick and Stone, and in it is an excellent Kitchen and dry Cellar; the Second has Two very good Rooms, with Fire Places, a Ten Feet Passage and Stair-Case leading to the Third Story, on which is Three very genteel Rooms, Two of them have Fire-Places.—One on the Second Floor is neatly papered, the other, at present, is fitted with Shelves, *&c.* for a Store or Shop.—This House has a delightful healthy Situation, with a pleasant Prospect of *Sassafras* River, and adjoining to *George-Town.*—There is also on said Lots, a Frame House, 25 by 20 Feet, a good Stable and Garden, well paled in.—To make it more convenient to a Purchaser or Tenant, a Lot well fenced with Cedar Posts and Plank, containing about an Acre of Land, capable of producing fine Hay, and a few Acres of Land for Pasture may be had.———As this Tenement has been for many Years a well accustomed Store and Tavern, its Situation for either renders it very valuable, and from its Nearness to *Sassafras* Ferry, which is a great Thoroughfare, a Person properly qualified for the Tavern or Innkeeping Business, might be of Service to the Public and himself.

For Terms apply to M. EARLE, near J. M'DUFF's, or JOSEPH EARLE, at *Frederick-Town.* (tf)

Upper-Marlborough, Maryland, June 6, 1768.

THE Subscriber's State of Health not permitting him to continue the Business of Public-House-keeping, he will let, for a Term of Years, the House he now lives in, with many Conveniencies about it. The Dwelling-House has Four handsome Rooms, and a large Passage on the lower, and Five Rooms and a Passage on the upper Floor; the Garden is spacious and under an exceeding good Inclosure. There are belonging to the Tenement, a Kitchen, Stable, Milk, Meat, Corn, Chaise, and Store-Houses, all in good Order, a large Yard adjoining, under Posts and Rails, with a good Well in it, and a Billiard-Room and Table. The many Advantages attending the Situation of the above, being well known, make it less necessary to be particular. There will be let, with the above, Five Acres of exceeding fine Meadow, under a good Inclosure of Posts and Rails, and a Pasture. If the Subscriber meets not with an agreeable Offer in a short Time, he will be willing to take in a Partner, well qualified to keep a Tavern, whilst he carries on his other Business at his Mill, where he intends to reside. (tf) JOHN SCOTT.

MARK HOWARD,

HOSIER, *from* DUBLIN,

HAS opened a Manufactory in *Baltimore-Town*, at the Sign of the *Blue Stocking*, in *Gay-Street*, near the Market-House, where he makes and sells all Sorts of Stockings, Breeches Patterns, Gloves, Mitts, Caps, and all Sorts of Goods in the Hosiery Way. As he manufactures all his own Goods, on the best Terms, he is enabled, and determined, to sell them at the most reasonable Rates: And, as he is a new Beginner, he hopes the Quality of his Goods will merit Encouragement from those who please to employ him.

*** He will also take in Work, which he engages to perform in the best Manner, and to return with the utmost Dispatch. He likewise buys Cotton, Thread, and Worsted, provided they are good in their kind.

Baltimore-Town, June 21, 1768.

THE Brigantine MATTY, Capt. CALEB BIRCH, is hourly expected from the Coast of *Africa*, with a

CARGO of CHOICE SLAVES.

They will be disposed off, at *Annapolis*, and timely Notice will be given of her Arrival, and the Day of Sale,

JOHN STEVENSON,
JOHN ASHBURNER.

June 20, 1768.

PURSUANT to an Act of Assembly of this Province, on Tuesday the 11th of *October* next, will be sold, on the Premises, by Way of Vendue, to the highest Bidder, altogether, or in Parcels, as may suit the Purchasers, THREE THOUSAND ACRES of LAND, lying on *Broad-Creek*, in *Somerset* and *Worcester* Counties, near the Iron-Works of Messieurs LIGHTFOOT and Company. There are Mills on the Land, with other Improvements, and Plenty of Timber, chiefly Pine. A Plat of the Whole, specifying the Improvements, together with a Copy of Part of the above-mentioned Act, expressing the Terms of Sale more at large, and the Commissioners Powers, may be seen at the House of JAMES WINDSOR, on, or near the Premises, any Time between the First of *September* and the Day of Sale. Conveyances will be executed immediately after the Sale, and Twelve Months Credit for the Money allowed, if desired, the Purchaser or Purchasers giving Bond, on Interest, with such Security as shall be approved of, by the Commissioners.

WILLIAM ALLEN,
(w8) LEVIN GALE,
HENRY STEELE.

THIS is to give Notice to the Public, that the Subscriber keeps a good Boat, as a Packet, from *Broad-Creek*, on *Kent-Island*, to *Annapolis*, and from *Annapolis* to *Broad-Creek*, and will carry Passengers that are not Subscribers to his Packet, on Packet Days, at the following Rates: A single Man at 3 *s.* 9 *d.* Man and Horse at 5 *s.* And at other Times, a single Man at 5 *s.* a Man and Horse at 10 *s.* and from *Annapolis* to *Kent-Island*, 7 *s.* 6 *d.*———All those who think proper to favour him with their Custom, shall be faithfully served, by *Their humble Servant*,

(tf) CHARLES BASNETT.

June 12, 1768.

BROKE a-drift from the Sloop BALTIMORE, WILLIAM DUNLOP Commander, in the Night, off against *Sandy-Point*, in the Bay, above *Annapolis*, Three Ships MASTS, and one large BOOM, all hew'd into Eight Squares.———Whoever takes them up, and brings them to the Subscriber, in *Baltimore-Town*, shall have a Reward of Twenty Shillings, and if but one, Ten Shillings, paid by

(4w) WILLIAM DUNLOP.

London-Town, June 22, 1768.

RAN away last Night, from the Subscriber, a Convict Servant Man, named MICHAEL CONAWAY, an *Irishman*, and speaks much in that Dialect: He is a little short Fellow, about 5 Feet high, has black curled Hair, and had on, when he went away, a white Fearnought Jacket, with broad white Metal Buttons, a Cotton Under-Jacket, a Pair of Cotton Breeches, much wore and tattered, tho' mended in several Places, an old slouch'd Felt Hat, Osnabrig Shirt, and a Pair of tolerable good Negro Shoes.

Whoever takes up and secures said Servant, shall receive a Reward of TWENTY SHILLINGS; and, if brought home, reasonable Charges, paid by

WILLIAM BROWN.

*** He has with him an old rusty Bayonet, which he pulled out of his Bosom, when a Negro Fellow attempted to bring him home.

Bladensburgh, May 31, 1768.

RAN away, last Night, from the Ship *Keith*, an indented Servant Man, belonging to the Subscriber, named WILLIAM STEWART, just imported in the said Ship. He is an *Irishman*, about 38 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 or 9 Inches high: Had on, when he went away, a brown Cloth Coat, with white Lining, a brown or blue Jacket, Buckskin Breeches, white Thread Stockings, and a ruffled Shirt. He is of a dark Complexion, has black Hair, tied behind, a little mixed with grey; he has little or no Beard, is bow-legged, and has One or Two small Moles on his right Cheek. Whoever brings said Servant to the Subscriber, at *Bladensburgh*, shall receive a Reward of THREE POUNDS, paid by

(w4) ROBERT DICK.

June 21, 1768.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living near the Mouth of *Magothy* River, in *Anne-Arundel* County, on the 13th Instant, a Convict Servant Man, named JAMES GROVES, about 30 Years of Age, thin Visage, dark Complexion, black Hair, tied behind, and one of his Legs crooked: Had on, when he went away, a Fearnothing Jacket, an Osnabrig Shirt, a Pair of Crocus Trowsers, and Negro Shoes.

Whoever takes up said Servant, and brings him home, shall have FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, paid by

(tf) ANNE PETTIBONE.

Prince-George's County, *June* 11, 1768.

RAN away from the Subscriber, a small Negro Man, named REGISTER, by Trade a Blacksmith.———Whoever takes up said Negro, and secures him in any Jail, or brings him to the Subscriber, living near *Piscataway*, shall have Five Dollars Reward, paid by (w3) WILLIAM BARKER.

May 30, 1768.

RAN away last Night from the Subscriber, living in *Frederick* County, near Mr. *James Brookes*, a Convict Servant Man, named WILLIAM BAKER, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, has black Hair about 5 Inches long, thin Beard, slim made, dark Complexion, and a remarkable black Mole on his left Cheek: Had on and took with him when he went away, an old Felt Hat, with a Hole in the Crown of it, Osnabrig Shirt, Check ditto, dark Kersey Jacket, with large Horn Buttons, strip'd Flannel ditto, without Sleeves, Country Linen Trowsers, Crocus ditto, white Yarn Stockings, and old Shoes.

Whoever apprehends the said Servant, and brings him home, shall receive FORTY SHILLINGS Reward, paid by RICHARD MORGAN.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Clement Hill*, in *Prince-George's* County, near *Upper-Marlborough*, taken up as a Stray, a black HORSE, about 13 and an Half Hands high, has a Blaze in his Face, all his Feet are white, but he has no Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving Property, and paying Charges. (5w)