

Prince-George's County, Feb. 20, 1769.

From private Letters, public Prints, &c. brought by Captain Scott, we learn, "That Asia was swimming in Blood—that the Affairs of Europe were in a critical Situation, the Turks, Russians, Poles, &c. actually engaged in Hostilities, which, with the Conduct of France, respecting Corsica, made many apprehend that the War would soon become general:—That the Affairs of America engaged the Attention of the Ministry and Nation, that it was thought they would endeavour to keep out of the War, until they were happily settled:—That the Colonies, and this Province and Town in particular, had been most grossly misrepresented from hence; but that Pens had not been wanting at Home, to set G. B. and the Colonies Characters and Conduct in their true Light: The Ministry had been led to apprehend that this Town had been actually in Arms, and the Province ready for setting up an Independency; that the Transactions of our Town-Meeting was to encourage the same; and the Convention in Boston, an actual Assumption of the Powers of Government.

"That since they had received authentic Accounts of their Proceedings, and seen the Boston Journal of Occurrences, the Prejudices raised by these false and wicked Representations had greatly subsided, and our Friends and Advocates duly increasing; that the Convention was looked upon, and considered by the Judicious as a salutary Measure, calculated to prevent such Proceedings, and a legal Procedure for the Redress of Grievances.—That some Persons among us had represented to Adm.—, that the peaceable Landing of the Troops should be imputed to our Weakness and Fear, rather than our Loyalty and Concern to prevent the Evils of a civil War, which by the Rashness of some might have been precipitated, and that they had nothing now to do but to follow the Blow, and we should be soon ready to submit to every Thing they might think proper to impose, especially if they at the same Time would support and enlarge the American Fund, whereby new Pensions might be granted, new Officers appointed, and present Salaries increased.

"That anonymous Papers had gone from hence to L.— and H.—, scandalizing and abusing the most Respectable among us, which his L.— had sent back to G. B. to enquire into:—That G. B.'s Representations had involved the Ministry, especially the American Secretary, in great Embarrassments, which had led him to order a particular Account of all the pretended Transactions to be sent him, from the Beginning of December before last, supported with proper Vouchers; which plainly shews that G. B. is now put upon the Defensive, but from his known Knack at taking private Depositions, it requires the serious Attention not only of this Town, but as we have no Assembly, of his Majesty's Council, and the whole Province.—That the Friends of the Nation are heartily desirous of having all Debates with us amicably settled; some of whom have advised us, that it is in our Power to get all Things put upon their old Footing, if this will satisfy us; that nothing will more promote this happy Effect than a Continuance of our orderly and legal Behaviour, and strictly adhering to our Agreement respecting the Consumption or Non-Importation of British Manufactures, at the same Time exhibiting to the World, by a constitutional Conduct, that we never can be persuaded by any Ministry to sell, or be inveigled out of our just Rights and Privileges; and that, with the Help of Providence, we will not suffer them to be written from us illegally by any Power upon Earth."

Extra of a Letter from London, dated Nov. 19, 1768.

"Several Officers are spoke of for your Commander in Chief; some who will be asked, it is thought, will decline accepting it; and others, who wish to be appointed, will be overlooked; but it is the general Opinion, that Sir Jeffery will be the Man, and that he will set out very well intrusted.—You may however be assured that an Officer will be appointed, who is entirely free from colonial Prejudices.

"We hear the Opinion of the Twelve Judges concerning your asserted Rights, is to be the previous Step taken towards your intended Regulation: We do not imagine that the Parliament will either enter into a Retraction of all your Letters and Petitions, or into a Correspondence with Messieurs the Speakers, but will give the several Agents, and some of the principal Men of your Province, an Opportunity of explaining and defending their Rights *crum Senatu*.

"We are well acquainted with the Names and Principles of the leading Members of your late Assembly; and we look forward with no small Degree of Expectation and Impatience, to the Time, when your great Orator will defend the assumed Rights of the new World at the Bar of our House of Commons; for from the great Attention paid him on your Continent, we have formed very high Opinions of his Genius and Parts.

"It is whispered about by our knowing Politicians, that considerable Alterations will be made in your Government; that your Town-Meetings will be abolished, and your Tradesmen, &c. obliged to incorporate themselves; that his Majesty will take upon himself the Care of nominating the Council; and that the Commissioners in Chief of the Navy and Army, and the Commissioners of the Customs, will have Seats there.—Your Assemblies, as soon as they are called again, will be required to pass a Bill, before they proceed to other Business, acknowledging, in the fullest Manner, the supreme Authority of the Parliament of Great-Britain."

ANNAPOLIS, FEBRUARY 23.

The Gaspar, MAYNARD, from Maryland, and Genca Gally, HOGG, from Virginia, are arrived at Deal.

Thursday last, GEORGE STEUART, Esq; was sworn in one of his Lordship's Honourable Council of State, in this Province.

Lately died at his House in Prince-George's County, Major FRANCIS WARING, Chief Justice, and one of the Representatives of said County. In him, the Public have lost a useful Member to Society, and his Death is greatly lamented by a numerous Acquaintance.

AS *William Berry*, Son of *Jeremiah*, has simply called on me, to prove what I asserted on the 23d of December last, I now acquaint that young Gentleman, that the Signers to the Certificate below, went before Mr. *Loudens* to prove what they certify, when the said *Loudens* refused to swear them, and said he had no Right to do it, without an Authority from a higher Power; therefore hope the following State of the Matter will prove satisfactory to the Public (and if not so, to that young Gentleman)—request the Favour he would call on me in a more legal Manner than he has hitherto done, for, I shall be able to prove, by many others, besides those to the Certificates, more than are here certified; which, I confess, as nothing is dearer to a Man than his Reputation, gives me some Uneasiness, as it would every generous Breat, when they find themselves obliged to darken the Character of another, in a public Manner, before they can vindicate themselves against any scandalous Aspersions that may be thrown out against them, which is the Case, at present, between said *Berry* and myself, who has openly belov'd on me, the scandalous Epithet of a *Liar* and *Deceiver*: Which of our Characters it would be most applicable to, I leave to those who are best acquainted with us, and to the Public, after they have read the following impartial State of the Affair which occasioned it.

Some little Time before the Vestry was to meet, to nominate Persons for Inspectors, I was informed, some of the Gentlemen, in *Bladenburg*, intended to recommend Mr. *John Beall*, Joiner, and that the Puth would be made against me, which afterwards proved to be the Case: I thought, notwithstanding I had been recommended, as below, some Years ago, and had continued in the Nomination ever since, it might be necessary to be guarded against any Insinuations that might be thrown against me, therefore wrote a recommendatory Letter, in order to get Subscribers to it; a Copy of which is inserted below; and the next Day, being that on which the Reverend Mr. *Adijon* preached at his Upper Chapel, which was Two Days before the Vestry were to meet: Amongst a Number of others, I presented the Letter to *William Berry*, which he read, and said it was a high Recommendation, and signed it; then asked, if there was no other Person present, which had not signed; several answered, they had not; upon which the said *Berry* said, sure every Person would sign, for he looked on me the preferable to any Person he knew, for an Inspector, and said, he was surprised those Gentlemen should oppose me, in Favour of *John Beall*, who could no ways be qualified for that Office. *Berry* not reading the Letter aloud, those who had not subscribed, said, they did not know what it was he wanted them to subscribe to, upon which I took the Letter out of *Berry's* Hand, and standing at his Feet, read the Letter aloud, and then declared, that Messrs. *Richard Henderson*, *Robert Dick*, and *Andrew Leitck*, were the Persons that opposed me, in Favour of *John Beall*; upon which those who had not signed, desired their Names might be subscribed, and were several in Number, and the said *Berry* was the Person who subscribed their Names. *Berry*, the next Day, having some Business with his Excellency the Governor, on his Way to *Annapolis*, met *John Beall*, who, he says, told him he had been with the Governor, and had his Grant for to be Inspector, in case he was chosen by the Vestry: This turned the Scale with *Berry*; but with what View I cannot undertake to say. Some Time after, the said *Berry* was at Mr. *Dick's* Store, in *Bladenburg*, and, after some Discourse between him and the young Gentleman belonging to that Store, he hatched a Lie, telling them, I had imposed on him, by telling him I was most agreeable to all the Gentlemen in the Town; on which those young Men said to him, did not you read *Andrew Beall's* Recommendation, that positively mentions some of the Gentlemen, in *Bladenburg*, is in Favour of *John Beall*? *Berry* answered, he did not read it, he took my Word for it, and, as I had told him a Lie, and deceived him, he would sign *John Beall's* Recommendation to the Governor, and assigns this for his Reason.

Some Days after, I was informed what Declarations *Berry* had made, upon which I wrote to him to meet me at *Bladenburg*, and clear up the Point to my Satisfaction, otherwise, he might depend on it, I would put him in the public Gazette; accordingly he met me at Mr. *Dick's* Store, where he acknowledged before those young Men, Mr. *Dick* and Mr. *Deakins*, that he did read the recommendatory Letter, which before he had told those young Men he had not read: After we had talked over the Matter, I went out of the Store, and *Berry* followed me, and desired to speak with me, telling me, he had never met with any Thing that gave him so much Uneasiness as that of receiving my Letter, and that he never slept the whole Night; which, I make no Doubt of, was the Truth, (for once) knowing himself to be in a bad Box either Way: However, he told me he had not signed *John Beall's* Recommendation, nor given any Thing from under his Hand, neither would he do it: However, *Richard Henderson* had wrote down what *Berry* had said, and gave it to *John Beall*, who made Use of it to show the People (as he rode about to get Subscribers) that I was a Deceiver; this, and the like, were the Steps taken to prevent my being appointed Inspector. *Berry* finding this was done, and knowing there was Proof against him, and imagining, I suppose, I would not be as good as my Word, notwithstanding what he had said, he condescended to sign *John Beall's* Recommendation, and gave, from under his Hand, to the Governor, I had deceived him, as above; for the Truth of which, I refer the Readers to the Certificates below.

It has been maliciously and industriously spread, to the Prejudice of my Character, that I have made Use of Persons Names, without having any Authority to do so: I say they are Liars, whoever they be that reported it, and are hereby called on to prove their Allegations. I have been told by Gentlemen of Veracity, who signed *John Beall's* Recommendation to the Governor, that many Things were said to my Prejudice, which occasioned them to sign, which they have since found to be absolute Falstities.

ANDREW BEALL.

"WE, the Subscribers, understanding Mr. *John Beall*, Joiner, having a Recommendation from some particular Gentlemen in *Bladenburg*, which we look upon have not more than an equal Right with Planters, to recommend an Inspector; and, as we are desirous of having a Man independent and free, do therefore, as the present Vestry may not be acquainted with the Recommendation Mr. *Andrew Beall* formerly had, now recommend and prefer the said Mr. *Andrew Beall* as an Inspector for *Bladenburg*, before any Person whatever, except the present Inspectors.

"WE, the Subscribers, do hereby certify, that we saw Mr. *William Berry* looking over the original Recommendation, of which the above is a true Copy; after which he said, it was a high Recommendation, and then sign'd it; after which he asked, if there was no other Person present, who had not subscribed. Several answered they had not; upon which Mr. *William Berry* said, sure every Person would subscribe; for, he look'd on Mr. *Andrew Beall* to be preferable to any Person he knew, for an Inspector, or Words to that Effect; and said, he was surpris'd those Gentlemen should oppose him in Favour of *John Beall*, who could not be qualified for an Inspector: Upon which the People said, they did not know what it was he wanted them to sign; when Mr. *Andrew Beall* took the Paper out of *Berry's* Hand, and standing at *Berry's* Feet, (as he was then sitting) read the Letter aloud; after which he declared Messieurs *Richard Henderson*, *Robert Dick*, and *Andrew Leitck*, were the Persons that opposed him in Favour of *John Beall*; upon which those who had not signed, desired their Names might be subscribed, which were several in Number, and Mr. *William Berry* was the Person that wrote their Names. This we will make Oath to, if required.

(Signed) "ZACHARIAH SCOTT,
"SHADRACH LANHAM,
"AQUILA WHEELER,
"THOMAS CRAFTFORD.

"*Thomas Craftford* further declares, that some Time after the above was transacted, he happened in Company with Mr. *William Berry*, and the said *Berry* told him, notwithstanding what he had said, he still preferred Mr. *Andrew Beall*."

BY AUTHORITY,
At the NEW THEATRE in ANNAPOLIS,
BY THE NEW
AMERICAN COMPANY OF COMEDIANS,
OR SATURDAY next, being the 25th Instant,
WILL BE PRESENTED, THE

BEGGAR'S OPERA.

Capt. Macbeth, by Mr. VERLING,
Peacum, by Mr. DARBLY,
Locket, by Mr. PARKER,
Fitch, by Mr. GODWIN,
Robin of Bagshot, and *Drawer*, by Mr. MALONE,
Jenny Truitcher, by Mr. PAGE,
Crook-finger'd Jack, by Mr. WALKER,
Matt of the Mint, by Mr. GODWIN,
Den Budge, by Mr. BURDETT,
Nimbling Ned, by Mr. JEFFERSON,
Biggar, and *Player*, by Mr. PARKER, and
Mr. BURDETT.
Mrs. *Peacum*, and *Lucy Locket*, by Mrs. WALKER,
[Being her first Appearance in them Characters.]
Diana Trapes, and Mrs. *Vixen*, by Mrs. JONES,
Mrs. *Slamekin*, by Mrs. WALKER,
Mrs. *Coaxer*, by Mrs. BURDETT,
Jenny Diver, by Mrs. MALONE,
Molly Brazon, by Mr. WALKER,
And the Part of *Polly*, by Mrs. PARKER.

In *the Third*, will be introduced a Hornpipe by Mr. GODWIN, in the Character of *Filch*, and *Frisquers* in *Chains*.

End of the Opera, a Dance by the Characters.
To which will be added a Farce, called THE BRAVE IRISHMAN.
Captain O'Blunder, by Mr. MALONE.

* * TICKETS to be had at Mr. KNAFF's, near the Town-Gate, and at the Bar of the Theatre.
LOWER BOXES, 7s. 6d.—PIT, and UPPER BOXES, 5s.—The Doors to be opened at Four, and the Play to begin precisely at Six o'Clock.

JUST IMPORTED,
In the Lord CAMDEN, Capt. JOHN JOHNSTON, from LONDON, and to be sold by the Subscribers, at the Store kept by THOMAS HARWOOD, 3d, in Church-Street, Annapolis,

A WELL assorted CARGO of EUROPEAN and INDIA GOODS; amongst which are a great Choice of fashionable SILKS; such as Pink, and white flowered Tissues; blue and white ditto; Straw and Purple Luteffring; Rose-Branch ditto; Pink Satin; Stripp'd ditto; Straw, and green robin'd ditto; white ditto; white Serge Desoys, white Sattins; Pink-ground Brocades; white ground ditto; Pink, and white flowered Satin; Sky-blue ditto; and Sky-blue and black Ducapes.—Those Silks were well chose and bought, and may be had at a low Advance. THO. HARWOOD, 3d, and

(tf) JOHN BRICE.

To be SOLD, on the second Thursday in April next, on the Premises, to the highest Bidder, on reasonable Credit,

THREE Thousand Acres of exceeding rich level LAND, in Frederick County, in Virginia, about 15 Miles from Winchester, and convenient to several Merchant Mills, where there is a high Price given for Wheat. The said Land will be laid off in such Lots as may best suit the Purchasers.
(ts) LEWIS BURWELL.

PRIVATE CHARITY will be perform'd in the Assembly Room at Marlborough, on Wednesday the 26th next, by a Number of the best Hand Instrumenters; the first Violin by Mr. TICKETS, at 7s. 6d. each, to be had of Messieurs Major *Jeseph Sim*, Messieurs *John Hepburn, Jun.* and *Christopher*, will have the Application of the Money to the intended Charity.

MR. ROBERT BRENT having compos'd of last February, at the Town of Dumfries, a Compositiōn with several other Effects, to be sold for their use, Mr. GEORGE BRENT, his Father, gave up his Tract of *William County*, called *Brent-Town*, to be sold, and the Money (after Mr. Brent's Creditors giving him a final account of their Accounts) on Account of the being also specified in the said Compositiōn, such other of the said Robert's Creditors might be included therein provided their Assent thereto, within Two Months after said; and we the Subscribers, as well for the Premises, for the Uses aforesaid, as for the several Things relative thereto, Persons, who are desirous of entering into a Compositiōn, immediately to make therewith. We also desire the severer meet in the Town of Dumfries, on the next April, to consult on proper Measures for disposing of the said Lands to tage. We also beg Leave to inform we do not propose to postpone the Town Lands, longer than the 4th of that they will then be disposed off either all together, or in Lots, as was able to the Purchasers.—It will a at the Time of Sale, whether the I for ready Money, or on Credit, HE believe the latter. JO

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STOLEN, or STRAY'D, from a white HORSE, about 13 months old, branded on the near Shoulder on the near Buttock, with the Letter Switch Tail, his fore Feet are black and gallops.—Whoever takes and brings him to the Subscriber will receive TWENTY SHILLINGS, p

THERE is at the Plantation in Frederick County, near J. ken up as a Stray, a middle-sized horse some flea-bitten Spots, about 14 and gallops: She is about 9 or 10 has no perceivable Brand or Flea a small Bell tied on with a Stirrup The Owner may have her again perty, and paying Charges.

TAKEN up a-drift at the Mouth of the Potomac, in the Month of January last, by a Negro, Hammond, a new BATTOE, about 16 with Stern Sheets, and a Ring-Bolt The Owner may have her again perty, and paying Charges.

At the House of Mr. BENJAMIN BROCKENBROUGH, on Wednesday the 29th of March, Afternoon, will be RAISED

THE BAY HORSE RACE THE Property of Dr. HAMILTON, a very fat, fresh, healthy, and active RANGER hath as much Spirit, and superior in Strength, to any in this Province. He was got by MERRY ANDREW, Grand Dam was got by the DAM of W was got by the GODOLPHIN AR BOLD GALLOWAY. MERRY A OLD FOX, Dam by HAUTOY. FLYING CHILDERS, Dam by GR Three named Stallions won 1000 Plates, as may be seen in the Equ Terms of this Raffle, are to be For at Four Guineas a Chance, and Persons that take in the Subscripti Money. He that wins this valuable said Horse to cover Two Mares for one this, and the other next Season 25 Miles of Upper-Marlborough. ing, and will run at Annapolis, Stone.—If the Subscription run at Annapolis, he will cover Tenth of May, at Two Guineas covered by him last Season, that be covered at one Guinea each.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are taken in *Thomas B. Hodgkins*; at *Upper-Benjamin Brookes*; at *Nottingham Butler*, Merchant; and at *Wells and Magruder*, Merchant.— * * This Horse may cover 100 to begin early.