mons, chagrined at such an Infringement of their Dignity, have resented the Proposal; from which the Friends of America are led to hope, that the present Session may discover some Signs of Penitence in the *Parent*, for the Distresses she has brought on her *Children*".

January 31, 1769.

"In respect to Public Affairs, we cannot but be of the Opinion, that altho' many Things are adverse to America, yet the Tide is turned in her Favour, by the Idea of raising Taxes on your Side daily *decreasing* here, amongst all Parties; and we think that no Minister will again attempt the Taxing of you, as we believe they are heartily sick of the late Act, and want only to save the Honour of P———t, to get rid of it.—The most sanguine of their Friends agree, that it is *improper*, and *uncommercial*; and that had a Petition come over from your Merchants, on the Principle of *Inexpediency*, instead of that from your Assembly, denying the *Right*, it would have been, ere now, repealed.—The Ministry at the same Time declare, that they will oppose a Repeal as long as America shall think that their *Threats* are to oblige a Compliance; however, we hope a little Patience will bring it about, every Thing being done, that is in the Power of your Friends here, to effect it, and as speedy as the Nature of the Case will admit."

February 4, 1769.

"Indeed the Face of Politics wears a melancholy Aspect at present, and what will be the Issue, Heaven alone can tell. While the *Colonies* are in an Uproar about their Liberties, the People here are enraged, almost to a Degree of Desperation, at seeing their Rights infringed in the Person of Mr. Wilkes, who was Yesterday expelled the House of Commons by a Majority of 103. Nothing so much alarms the Merchants here, as your Resolutions to import no more Goods, which will have a more salutary Influence, than all the Mob Triumphs in the World."

February 6, 1769.

"The Doors of the House of Commons are now shut against every Body but Members.—Whilst the Legislature hath many important Matters to attend to, which require immediate Discussion, the Commons were employed all last Week, Night and Day (for they sat every Day 'til Two, Three or Four in the Morning) on Mr. Wilkes's Affair; and on Saturday (the Fourth) he was expelled between Two and Three in the Morning. He avowed the prefatory Remarks to Lord Weymouth's Letter, which is the first Reason assigned in the following Resolution for his Expulsion, which is copied from their Journals, viz.

"That John Wilkes, Esq; a Member of this House, who hath, at the Bar of this House, confessed himself to be the Author and Publisher of what this House has resolved to be an insolent, scandalous and seditious Libel, and who has been convicted in the Court of King's Bench, of having printed and published a seditious Libel, and Three obscene and impious Libels, and, by the Judgment of the said Court, has been sentenced to undergo Twenty-Two Months Imprisonment, and is now in Execution under the said Judgment, be expelled this House.

"This Resolution was carried, upon a Division, by 219 to 137, and a new Writ is issued for electing another Member in his Room. But as they passed no Vote of Disqualification, he will doubtless be re chosen, and in that Case this Business will be, in Part, to do over again; so far I mean, as respects the Propriety of his sitting in the House.

"George Grenville was among those who voted against his Expulsion; observing, that upon the first Point, respecting Lord Weymouth, it was an Offence against a private Man, and was cognizable and punishable by the common Law; and that with regard to the other Two, he was now suffering the Judgment of the Court of King's Bench; that he wished lenitive Measures to be followed, in order to quiet the Minds of the Public, and to render him of no Consequence; and that Wilkes himself was so sensible of this, that he wished for nothing more ardently than Persecution, and would be disappointed, if he had it not.

"Thus this Matter stands at present. Wilkes hath since published a most extraordinary Address to the Freeholders of Middlesex, a Copy of which I send you. He seems now to be absolutely desperate, and resolved either to bring down upon his Head the whole Vengeance of the Legislature, or to bully the Ministry into an Accommodation with him.—We shall see how it will terminate."

To the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of
MIDDLESEX.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Proceedings of Yesterday in the House of Commons, fill me with the deepest Concern, and I can truly say, much more on your Account, than my own. I cannot be deprived of the Glory of having been chosen a Representative in Parliament for the first County in England; but I feel with anguish of Heart, that the present Ministry have found Means to suspend for some Time the Plan of Usefulness to my Constituents, and Service to this Kingdom, which I had meditated. What adds however the most to my Grief, is, the melancholy Reflection, that by my Expulsion, the Ministry have thus openly shewn, that they entertain no Scruple of violating the sacred Rights of the People, even in the most important Case, that of having a Deputy nominated by themselves to the great Council of the Nation. They have, in the Instance of Yesterday, robbed a very respectable Part of this Kingdom of their noblest Inheritance, of their Share in the legislative Power. No Set of Men in this Country have hitherto ventured so grossly to abuse the Trust reposed in them, nor to give so fatal a Stab to the Vitals of our Country. The threatning Aspect of all our public Affairs, does not present any Thing equally alarming, except in the late Instance of Ruffians hired to be your Assassins, and the Murderers of the Constitution at our last County Election, whom public Justice, and an honest English Jury, have hitherto in vain sentenced to Death. I think with Horror on what we may in future dread for the Liberties of all the Commons of Great-Britain, from so despotic an Administration, if our gracious Sovereign should much longer continue to them the Power of the State.

Permit me, Gentlemen, to renew to you the Assurances of inviolable Attachment to your Service, and the Cause of Liberty, to which my Life is dedicated. My Courage is not appalled, nor my Spirit in the least abated. I will carry with me to the Grave an unshaken Fidelity and ardent Affection to you, and to this Country, an invincible Hatred and Opposition to its Enemies. I hope still to give you further Proofs of my Sentiments by my parliamentary Conduct. I flatter myself that the Relation between us, which subsisted Yesterday, although now dissolved by the Violence of arbitrary Ministers, will, in a short Time, again take Place. Every Mark of your Regard I shall value in a high Degree, and I trust that my Conduct will convince you, that I am not quite unworthy of the Choice, which I have now the Honour of humbly soliciting.

I am strongly influenced on this Occasion by a particular Reason, which strikes me very forcibly, and I believe will have the greatest Weight with you. It is, that by a Second Choice of me, for this County, you, Gentlemen, the independent Freeholders, will assert the clear Right you derive from the Constitution, of naming your own Representatives. If Ministers can once usurp the Power of declaring who *shall not* be your Representative, the next Step is very easy, and will follow speedily. It is that of telling you, whom you *shall* send to Parliament, and then the boasted Constitution of England will be entirely torn up by the Roots. The Parliaments of Great-Britain will become not only as insignificant as those of France, a meer State Engine of Government, but a grievous Burthen and infinite Mischief to the Nation. The present great Crisis affords the Opportunity of asserting your most valuable Privileges, and of shewing yourselves superior to the insolent Mandates of a Minister, who has the Presumption to treat Englishmen as Slaves.

The Rights of this free Kingdom, Gentlemen, have been frequently violated in my Person. You have now in me the Opportunity of vindicating them, and I hope, without the Reproach of Vanity, I may add, that my Firmness in the Support of our common Liberty, under Circumstances equally perilous and intricate, has secured me your Confidence, and will be considered by you as a Proof that you may again safely honour me with this fresh Testimony of your Esteem, the chusing me a Second Time the Representative of my native County in Parliament.

I am, Gentlemen,
with true Regard and Gratitude,
your most obedient, and
affectionate humble Servant,

KING'S-BENCH Prison,
Saturday Feb. 4, 1769. JOHN WILKES.

The other Accounts we have, relative to American Affairs, are in general, That tho' there be no immediate Prospect of Redress, yet that the wished for Period, it is thought, is nearer than many imagine; for it is observed, the Opinion, which had but too much prevailed, of raising Taxes on America, seems given up by many, from a Persuasion of its being erroneous, and by others, as a Measure that will not answer the intended Purpose—That, therefore, altho' there be no Probability of P——t reversing the *Declaratory Act*, it is not likely that any M——r will hereafter attempt to make Use of it to the Purposes of Charles Townshend; and that *that* Burthen, it is believed, will soon be removed.

That the present Opposition to the *immediate* Repeal of the late Revenue Act, arises from the Offence taken at its being *insisted* on, with *Threats*, from this Side, which is considered, by some of our *zealous* Friends in P——t, as an improper Measure, and inclines them less to countenance an *immediate* Redress, tho' they have it warmly at Heart to be done in, what they call, "a due Time." That, however, it is thought, it will be effected; and that the Continuation of a prudent and temperate Conduct, will be the most sure Means of accelerating it. That nothing has added to the Difficulty of this Work, more than the Merchants of one Province having *sent* their Orders *conditionally*, at the same Time that their near Neighbours determined to have their Goods at all Events.———That *this*, with Advices from respectable Characters on this Continent, that a considerable Part of it cannot long subsist without Supplies from England, had very much decreased the Fears of many in that Respect, and raised in others the Opinion, that if such a Trial of Strength is ever to be made, it may be as well done now, as at any other Time, especially as it is imagined that our Markets are so overstocked with Goods, that giving us Time to consume them, will ultimately be advantageous to England.

By Captain Buckley, from Gibraltar, we learn, that the Emperor of Morocco was going with an Army of 100,000 Men against Mazegon, a Settlement belonging to the Portuguese, on the Coast of Barbary, and that he intended to storm it on the 6th of last Month; that all the English Consuls on the Barbary Coast were arrived at Gibraltar, at which Place 6 or 8 Sail of New-England Vessels had been lying some Time, as the Trade with the Moors is entirely stopped till Matters are settled with the English; that 6 or 8 Sail of English Vessels were lately lost in a Gale of Wind, at Magadore, but he does not know to what Ports they belonged; and that Captain Waddel, in a Sloop from New-York, arrived at Gibraltar in 39 Days.—Captain Buckley, on the 16th Instant, in Lat. 28 : 12, Lon. 61 : 30, spoke a Snow with Passengers for Pensacola, all well, but he could not learn the Master's Name.

Extract of a Letter from London, dated February 1.

"The House of Commons have concurred with the House of Lords in sundry Resolves, censuring the Conduct of the Bostonians, and in an Address, to have the Authors of any Treason that may have been committed at Boston, brought over here for Trial. And this seems all that will be done for America, 'til some fresh Matters are furnished from thence."

Extract of a Letter from London, dated February 6.

"The Report of the Resolutions regarding America, having been deferred 'til next Wednesday, on Account of Mr. Wilkes's Affairs being brought into Parliament, I shall send you them a few Days hence.

"Thus much I can now say of them, that they tend to enforce all the Laws of Trade and Revenue, and there is not the least Prospect of the Acts being repealed.

"Wilkes was expell'd the House last Saturday, but its confidently said he will be rechosen for Middlesex."

Extract of a Letter from London, dated February 1.

"Things draw towards a Crisis; the Ministry intimed by all moderate Men—The Minority increasing fast—The City of London meet this Week to give Instructions to their Members—Many other Counties probably will follow the Example, and, I hope, moderate and constitutional Measures will prevail, probably not without some further Struggles. The Proceedings relating to America will be taken Notice of."

Extract of a Letter from Gibraltar, February 3.

"An Order has been lately transmitted from the Secretary of State's Office, to the Governor of this Place, and Minorca, and all the Consuls in Portugal, Spain, and Italy, to inform themselves of all the American Vessels that call at their respective Ports, the Cargoes they bring, and those they return with, and to report those Particulars to the said Office."

ANNA-POLIS, *April* 6.

At Mr. VERLING'*s Benefit, on Saturday next, will be performed* Solos *on the* Violin *and* Harpsicord, *with several Tunes on the* Musical Glasses, *by Mr.* L'Argent.

THE MANAGERS of the LOTTERY, for raising the Sum of Six Hundred Dollars, to finish the Market-House, and Town-Hall, in *Frederick-Town*, *Frederick* County, give Notice, That they will certainly begin drawing the same, on Wednesday the 3d Day of *May* next. Those Gentlemen, who were so obliging as to assist in the Sale of Tickets, are requested to make Returns as speedily as possible.

To be SOLD, very reasonable, and now lying in the DOCK *of* ANNAPOLIS,

THE HULL of a new deck'd BOAT, with Spars, and a well seasoned White Oak Frame, 26 Feet Keel, 10½ Feet Beam, 3 Feet 9 Inches Hold, in the Clear. She has been on the Stocks upwards of 13 Months, and will make a good Packet Boat.

For further Particulars, apply to
FRANCIS FAIRBROTHER.

THE Subscriber takes this Method to inform his Acquaintances in particular, and the Public in general, that he has supplied himself with every Requisite fit for the Accommodation of Gentlemen Travellers, and others, who think proper to favour him with their Commands, as they may depend on being used in the most civil Manner, as he shall always be emulous to please: And he further informs, that he has a good Plot of Grass, for Horses, near his House, it being the same wherein Mr. *John Inch* formerly lived, near the Battery in *Annapolis*.

(tf) BERIAH MAYBERRY.

N. B. He has one of the completest Boats belonging to *Annapolis*, burthen about 600 Bushels, sails fast, well found, and is calculated for Passengers. She may be had on the shortest Notice.

Queen-Anne's County, *March* 11, 1769.

WHEREAS *William Sledmore Morgan*, of *Talbot* County, in the Province of *Maryland*, Planter, died intestate: And, forasmuch, as that Administration of the Goods and Chattles of said *Morgan*, to *Richard Morgan*, Son of the said deceased, an Infant, under the Age of Seventeen Years, of Right ought to be committed; but, forasmuch, as the said *Richard Morgan*, because of his Age, aforesaid, cannot take the said Administration upon him, Therefore, I hereby give Notice, that on the Eighth Day of this present Month of *March*, was granted unto me, (during the Minority of said Infant) full Power and Authority, to administer, all and singular, the Goods, Chattles, and Credits, of the said deceased. As I am unacquainted with the Relations and Creditors of the said deceased, I take this Method to request Two of the nearest of Kin, and Two of the greatest Creditors, to attend at Dr. *Lodman Elbert's* Dwelling-House, on the First Day of *May* next, in order to sign the Inventory, as the Law directs. Those who have any Demands against the said Estate, are desired to bring them in, that they may be settled, by

JOSEPH SMYTH, Administrator.

Annapolis, March 30, 1769.

THE Subscriber having taken out Letters of Administration, on the Estate of her late Husband, *Thomas Williamson*, of this City, deceased, requests all the Creditors of the deceased, to give her Notice of their several Claims, that she may thereby be enabled to ascertain the Amount of the whole Debts, and give the Preference, in the first Payment, to those, who, by Law, are entitled to the same. All Persons indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make speedy Payment. She requests the Indulgence of the several Creditors, that they will give her Time, as it is her Intention to complete the Administration as soon as she possibly can.

ELEANOR WILLIAMSON, Administratrix.

STOLEN, or STRAYED, in *October* last, from the Plantation of the Subscriber, living near the Great Falls of *Patowmack*, a bay GELDING, about 14 Hands high, with a blaze Face, branded on the near Buttock, MO, tho' imperfect, and one, or both of his hind Feet white; he has been used to the Draught, is about Six Years old, and paces. Whoever delivers the said Gelding to the Subscriber, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward.

(w6) ARCHIBALD ORME.

LONDON,

THIS is to give Notice to all who
That I, FRANCIS BRERWOO
in the Fields; in the County of Mid
did, by my Letter of Attorney, bea
about *July* the 6th, 1765, constitute a
HUNT, of *Philadelphia*, Merchant,
Attorney, with full Powers to sue fo
ceive Possession of, my real Estate,
Manor, in *Baltimore* County, in *Ma*
to me, as Heir at Law to the same,
Rents and Profits thereof; as likewi
cover, and receive all Sums of Mone
to the personal Estate of my late
BRERWOOD, senior, Esquire, and
LIAM BRERWOOD, deceased——N
certified, that I have, this Day, revo
ter of Attorney, and every Article,
therein contained, and that the sam
made void and null, which being c
Lord Mayor of LONDON, is record
Office, for the Register of Deeds, in
now accordingly published, that n
any Way indebted to me, may be
and, that they may have no further
action with the said JOHN HUNT, o
I shall not allow of the same.

Witness my Hand, FRA.

JOLLY RO

A FINE Country-bred Horse, i
high, will cover this Season
ber's, for FORTY SHILLINGS, an
PENCE to the Keeper. The Money
the Mares are taken away. For
Foal will be insured. Good Pastu
for Two Shillings and Sixpence *per*
JO

P E A C O

STANDS, this Season, at Mr.
and will cover MARES at T
they are not pastured, if pastured
Mares to be received, unless the
them. (w

RAN away, on the 2d Inst. fro
at *Annapolis*, a Sailor, named
25 Years of Age, Five Feet Eight I
his own brown Hair, is pitted wit
carbuncled Face, and looks pleasan
he went away, an old green Jacket

Whoever apprehends the above
cures him, so that the Subscribe
shall have Two Pistoles Reward,
(3w)

Baltimore-Town

RAN away from the Subscribers,
Servant Men, *viz.* JOHN O
Years of Age, 5 Feet high, by Trad
Maker, and has short brown curl'd
took with him when he went away, O
Swanskin Jacket, spotted with red, a
with Brass Buttons, a Broad-Cloth
light Colour, a Pair of blue Breec
Stockings, One of a yellowish Colour
a coarse grey, a Pair of Country
Brass Buckles. He may have several
much given to Liquor, and when dr
relsome.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD, about
ches high, Nineteen Years of Age, b
Maker, of a dark Complexion, blac
curl'd Hair, stoops a little in his Wal
Toes: Had on and took with him, w
a brown Bearskin Surtout Coat, boun
row Binding, a coarse brown close-bo
under the Arms with light grey,
Waistcoat, a Pair of black Stocking
of light blue Stockings, Country-m
coarse Felt Hat, with a Slit in the C
took an *English* Crown Piece of Quee

Whoever takes up said Servants,
gence to *Jacob Myers*, in said Town,
may have them again, shall receive
Shillings, if in, or near Town, a
Twelve Miles from home, and if o
Five Pounds for each, paid by
(tf) JACOB MYERS & B

*** The said *John Owings* can w
and may probably forge a Pass.

TAKEN up, near *Swan-Point*,
by *Stephen Glanville*, a small
15 Feet long, and about 3 Feet wid
One old Paddle, One short Oar,
fast to her Stem, about Six Feet lo
wise a Case-Bottle in her, with so

The Owner may have said Batto
perty, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation
living near *Hanson's* Ferry,
ver, in *Frederick* County, a black
and an Half Hands high, paces nat
the near Shoulder, I, and on the
Nine Years old.

The Owner may have him again
perty and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation o
taken up as a Stray, a bay
Hands high, branded on the off S
tock, thus, SM, a blaze Face, hi
hind Leg white, with a very rough

The Owner may have him again
perty, and paying Charges.