your Affections, but convince them of the Folly, as well as Futility, of every Attempt to oppress you.

" By some of the public Prints lately received from your Parts, I find Religion brought at last into the Dispute, in order, no Doubt, either to promote, or encrease your Divisions, in conformity to the trite Adage, *Divide & Impera*; for what other End can Men possibly aim at by the Introduction of religious Controversy at this Juncture. Believe me, my Friend, there are few Provinces amongst you where an *Æschines* may not be found. The Answer of the *Delphian* Oracle to *Philip* of *Macedon* is, on this Occasion, worthy of Observation. *Make Coin thy Weapon, and thou'lt conquer all.* The Success answered his Expectation, for by bribing their Orators to promote their Divisions, *Greece* may be said more properly to have been bought, than conquer'd. How disgraceful to the Authors are such Disputes at this alarming Crisis, and how little do these Men imitate the Conduct of *Themistocles* and *Aristides* before the Battle of *Salamin*, who, tho' at the greatest personal Enmity with each other, when the Liberties of their Country were in such imminent Danger, became immediately reconcil'd, and nobly sacrificed their private Resentment to the Public Good.

" It gives me Concern too to find, from some late Exportations from hence, the least Design of one Province taking any ungenerous Advantage of the Distresses of another, and furnishing thereby an Example, which if follow'd by others, might be fatal to the Liberties of all *America*. What have those Men to answer for, who wou'd run the Risk of sacrificing, not only the Welfare of themselves and Children, but of even Millions yet unborn, for the momentary Gratification of their own selfish and sordid Passions? Let not this however betray you into any future unseasonable Distrust, so as to thwart the general Good, since it is your own Faults if you are not all happy, and which Nothing but your Disunion and the most imprudent Measures can prevent; and I still hope that the prophetic Spirit of those Persons who have foreto'd your Destruction from the Schism that will prevail in the mercantile Body, will be soon put to Silence. The noble Sacrifice this respectable Body of Men so readily made in the Affair of the Stamp-Act is a sufficient Proof of their Public Virtue, and as their Conduct upon that Occasion was crowned with all the Success they cou'd have wished, there is little Reason to apprehend they will at present adopt any other.

" But whatever may be the future Proceedings of the Merchants with you, the People ought to enter immediately into the strictest Associations for the Encouragement of Oeconomy and Industry, to discourage by every lawful Means in their Power the Importation of *European* Manufactures, and to distinguish with —— those Persons who wou'd endeavour to derive private Advantages from public Calamity, either by advancing the Prices of their Commodities, or by a Continuance of their Imports. These Associations too, in order to be effectual, ought to extend to the Importations of one Province into another, respecting the particular Species of Goods to be enumerated, for Reasons too obvious to need mentioning.

" At the same Time likewise you make a Sacrifice of your own Pride and Vanity, by appearing as much as possible in homespun Manufacture, there seems a Necessity of inspiring the softer Sex with an equal Spirit of Patriotism, by making them fully sensible what they owe on this Occasion to their Country, themselves, and their Children, and by laying before them the many Examples of heroic Virtue and Magnanimity recorded of their Sex by Historians in all Ages. It seems indeed somewhat surprising, that whilst our Heroines of this Island are displaying their Love of Liberty by the most generous Subscriptions to the Assistance of that illustrious Stranger *Paoli*, so little of the same Spirit appears in the Fair in *America*, where every virtuous and generous Motive that ought to engage the Attention of the human Heart, calls for their utmost Assistance. We find at present very little Alteration in the Demand for Tea, Silks, Ribbons, Lace, and every other expensive Article of Female Vanity, tho' that for the coarsest Woollens seems considerably abated. My Concern for a People whom I have long known, and whose Loyalty to the illustrious House of *Hanover* hath never yet been tainted, increases my Anxiety for your Welfare; and there is little Reason to doubt of your obtaining a full Redress of all your Grievances by an Adoption of prudent Measures, and avoiding every kind of Riot and Tumult, by a due Support of, and Obedience to the Civil Power, and by maintaining with a decent and manly Firmness those civil and religious Rights deliver'd down to you by your Fore-Fathers, and of which you are only the Depositaries, or Trustees of, to Posterity."

" Be as one Man,———Concord Success insures—
" There's not an honest Heart but what is yours."

The SPEECH *of his* EXCELLENCY *the Right Honourable* NORBORNE *Baron de* BOTETOURT, *his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same, to the General Assembly, convened at the Capitol on Monday the 8th Day of May*, 1769.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

THE King having been graciously pleased to appoint me to the high Office of his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of this his antient and loyal Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, I lost no Time in repairing to my Government, in order to enter as soon as possible upon the Execution of the important Trust committed to my Charge; and give me Leave to assure you, that it is with the greatest Satisfaction, I have now, in Obedience to his Majesty's Command, the Honour to meet you in General Assembly.

You, Gentlemen, who know intimately the true Interests of the Colony, are the best Judges of the Measures necessary to be pursued for its Advantage and Prosperity; and the frequent Experience his Majesty has had of your Zeal and Wisdom, leaves no Room in the Royal Breast to doubt that you will give me all such Advice and Assistance as may enable me to promote and render permanent the Happiness of *Virginia*; a steady Pursuit of which is the first and great Command of my Royal Master, who entertains the most paternal Affection for all his Subjects in every Part of his Dominions, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, and makes the general Happiness of them all equally the Object of his Royal Care and Attention.

For my own Part, however conscious I may be of Want of Ability, I shall not doubt, through your Counsel and Support, to be enabled to do my Duty as becomes a faithful Servant to the best of Sovereigns, and a most sincere Friend to the Welfare of this Colony. It is to these Principles I am to trust for Success in my Administration, and I hope by my Actions to merit your Confidence and Affection.

It is with great Satisfaction I have the Honour to acquaint you, that her Majesty was last *November* happily delivered of a Princess, and that both are well.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I HAVE nothing to ask, but that you consider well, and follow exactly, without Passion or Prejudice, the real Interests of those you have the Honour to represent; they are most certainly consistent with the Prosperity of *Great-Britain*, and so they will for ever be found, when pursued with Temper and Moderation.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

IT is a peculiar Felicity to me, and a great Addition to the many Honours I have received from my Royal Master, that I have it in Command from his Majesty to declare and communicate, what will be so honourable to this Colony, and must therefore be so agreeable to you, his gracious Intention, that for the future his Chief Governors of *Virginia* shall reside within their Government.

To his EXCELLENCY *the Right Honourable* NORBORNE *Baron de* BOTETOURT, *his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same.*

The humble ADDRESS *of the* COUNCIL.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

WE his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the COUNCIL of this his most antient Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.

And as every Event that adds to the domestic Happiness of the best of Sovereigns, must give the sincerest Joy to all his Subjects, we beg Leave to rejoice with your Lordship on the safe Delivery of the Queen, and the Birth of another Princess.

Our Minds are filled with the most lively Sentiments of Gratitude to his Majesty, for his great Goodness in appointing a Governor in Chief to reside among us.

The Arrival of your Lordship in that Capacity has diffused a general Joy through the whole Country; and we flatter ourselves, from your Lordship's Experience, and great Knowledge in the true Principles of Government, that when the Annals of these Times shall be handed down to Posterity, they will here begin a new Æra; your Lordship's Administration will be distinguished by the Love of Order, the steady and impartial Distribution of Justice, and the Constitution will be fixed on the solid Basis of public Liberty.

Permit us, my Lord, to indulge this pleasing Hope, and to assure your Excellency, in the strongest Manner, of our unshaken Fidelity to his Majesty, and our firm Attachment to his sacred Person and Government; on the Support of which, we are fully convinced, the Safety and Prosperity of this Colony will entirely depend.

To which his EXCELLENCY *was pleased to return the following* ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN of the COUNCIL,

IT is impossible to be more pleased and obliged than I am by every Word in your most affectionate Address.

I rejoice in your Ideas; and will report to my Royal Master, that his Council of Virginia *will yield to none of his Subjects, in Loyalty and Devotion to his sacred Person and Government.*

Annapolis, May 9, 1769.

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

LOST or STOLEN from the House of Mrs. *Sarah Bullen*, during the Races, a plain Silver WATCH, with a Silver chased Face, and a Steel Chain, to which was a small blue Seal, and a Brass Key, (the Maker's Name and Number unknown) Whoever brings the said Watch to *Benjamin Mackall*, 4th, at Mrs. *Sarah Bullen's*, shall receive the above Reward, and no Questions asked.

May 15, 1769.

THE Subscriber desires all Persons who have any Demands against him, to meet him on the Second Monday in *August*, at *Piscataway-Town*, where they will be thankfully paid; on the Second Tuesday, at *Port-Tobacco*, in *Charles* County; and the Third Monday, at *Alexandria*, in *Fairfax* County, *Virginia*. Likeways, all those that are indebted to him, are desired to pay on those Days, as nothing but Death will prevent his Attendance. JOHN POSEY.

Boston, April 14, 1769.

THE Honourable the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, observing that Ships and Vessels frequently incur Forfeitures, and their Owners become subject to heavy Penalties, thro' the Misconduct or Negligence of the Masters and Seamen; and particularly by the Masters not making true Reports of their Cargoes, which they sometimes pretend they are not able to do, from the Manner that they take in their Loading at Foreign Ports: And at other Times they pretend that the Seamen take on board private Ventures, and secrete the same from their Knowledge, so as to be landed clandestinely upon their Arrival without Payment of Duty.

And several Ships and Vessels seized for the Commission of Offences of this kind having been released in Consequence of such Representations from the Owners: The Commissioners think it necessary to advertise, for the Information of all Persons whom it may concern, That upon the Detection and Discovery of any such Offences in future, the same will be prosecuted as the Law directs; so that it behoves the Owners to suppress the Custom of suffering the Seamen to take in private Ventures; and also to admonish the Masters to be punctual in taking an Account of their Cargoes, and to pay a strict Regard to their Oaths in reporting the same, as well at the Ports of their first Arrival, as the Ports of Entry in *North-America*. *By Order of the Commissioners,*

ROBERT REEVES, Secretary.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
Mr. DARBY.

On TUESDAY, the 23d of MAY,
Will be presented, the celebrated COMEDY *of*, THE
WAY TO KEEP HIM.

To which will be added, a FARCE, *call'd*,
THE MOCK DOCTOR.

*** The Ladies and Gentlemen who choose to honour Mr. DARBY with their Company at the Representation of the above COMEDY, may be assured of each Performer's being PERFECT in their Parts.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
MRS. PARKER.

On SATURDAY, the 27th Instant,
Will be performed, the TRAGEDY *of the*
EARL OF ESSEX.

With a Musical ENTERTAINMENT, *called*, THE
CHAPLET.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
MRS. JONES.

On TUESDAY, the 30th of MAY,
Will be presented, a COMEDY, (never perform'd here) *call'd*,
SHE WOU'D, AND SHE WOU'D NOT;
OR, THE
KIND IMPOSTOR.

With a FARCE, *and other* Entertainments, *which will be expressed in the Bills of the Day.*

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
MRS. WALKER.

On SATURDAY, the 3d of JUNE,
Will be presented, a TRAGEDY, *call'd*,
THEODOSIUS;
OR, THE
FORCE OF LOVE.

To which will be added, a Comedy *of Three Acts, call'd*
CATHARINE AND PETRUCHIO.

Taken from SHAKESPEARE's *taming of the* SHREW—*With Alterations and Additions, by* David Garrick, *Esq*

Baltimore-Town, May 13, 1769.

THE Subscriber having full Power to settle Accounts with all such Persons as are indebted to *John Stewart*, and *John Stewart* and *Campbell*, of *London*, Merchants, for Balances due on Accounts Current, for Dealings with Capt. *Alexander Stewart*, and *Stewart* and *Lux*, for Servants, and with Mr. *William Lux*, for Goods sold at *Elk-Ridge* Landing, gives this public Notice, once for all, that Suits will be commenced on all Accounts that remain open at the End of Six Weeks, from the Date hereof.——I, or Mr. *Walter Dent*, for me, will give constant Attendance at *Elk-Ridge* Landing, for the Purpose of settling the Accounts. WILLIAM RUSSELL.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in *St. Mary's* County, near *Leonard-Town*, the 24th Day of *March* last, a likely Country-born Negro Man, named JACOB, about 5 Feet 6 or 7 Inches high, 21 Years of Age, is of a smiling Countenance, and stutters a little sometimes: He has lived in *Baltimore* County for Four Years past, and it is supposed he will make up towards *Baltimore*, or *Frederick* County, as he has some Relations at Mr. *Bennett Neal's*, in *Frederick*: Had on a Fearnothing Jacket, of Two Colours, a blue double-breasted Under-Jacket, Cotton Breeches, Tow Shirt, Country Shoes and Stockings, a Felt Hat, and brown Wig.

Whoever takes up said Slave, and delivers him to me, shall receive Eight Dollars Reward, paid by PHILIP COMBS.

SUPPLEM

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Servant Man, named WILLI
bout Forty Years of Age, near Five
high, has long brown Hair, a do
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Felt Hat, old Cotton Jacket, one
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and old coarse Shoes.———Whoeve
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To be sold, by Public Vendue, on the Pr
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PART of a Tract of Land, lyi
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George-Town, Frederick Count
ON Tuesday, the 30th of *May*
for, near this Town, a SUBSCI
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any Horse, Mare, or Gelding,
Three Heats, (Two Miles each He
Years old, every Horse, &c. to c
Four Pounds, Bridle and Saddle inc
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N. B. They have Goods to the
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Cash, Bills of Exchange, or short
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WILL cover this Season, at M
Elk-Ridge, a very fine DR
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He is full Seventeen Hands high,
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A VALUABLE Tract of L
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Rooms on a Floor, and a Stone
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Kitchen, with a Stone Chimney; M
Corn-House; Negro-Quarter; an
good Barn, 54 by 24 Feet, with a
24 Feet Square. There is upward
Land clear'd, all fresh and good
Meadow made, all under a good
much more Land very suitable
Meadow.———Also a Lot in *Leesb*
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