

The same Day was presented to the above Gentleman, a large Sum of Money contained in a Box, being a Present out of the Country.

A Marriage is now talked of, as speedily to take Place, between his Grace the Duke of Grafton and the Hon. Miss Scudamore Fitzroy, a very handsome young Lady, and at present the greatest Fortune in the Kingdom.

Wednesday came on at Warwick, the Election of a Knight of the Shire for that County; when, we hear, Thomas Skipwith, Esq; was elected without Opposition.

From Warsaw we learn, that the New Confederates of Lenczyce have been defeated near Kutno, by the Russians, and that a great Number of their Recruits have been massacred by the Cossacks. On the other Hand, Prince Sapieha has put himself at the Head of a Party of Confederates in Volhinia, and the Tartars have broke the Russian Chain of Communication. These Troops form a Body of 80,000 Men.—All the Places which the Tartars have visited bear the strongest Marks of the savage Temper of those barbarous People; the Houses have all been pillaged and burnt, and the unhappy Inhabitants either murdered or carried into Slavery.

Thursday came on at the East-India Court, a Question respecting the Justness and Propriety of 900,000l. Deductions which had been made from the annual Account 1768, in the private Committee of Accounts, without the Knowledge of the other Directors;—some alleged, that it had been done with a View of keeping down the Dividend; and others, that it had been done only with a View of preventing Government from squeezing the Company: But it was admitted by all, that it might in the End prove of the most dangerous Consequence to the Company. The Question was simply this, Whether the Company ought to take any Credit for their Fortifications, and other Military Expenses, disbursed on Account of the King's Ships and Troops in making the territorial Acquisitions, or not? It was insisted the Company should either take Credit for the Value of those Acquisitions, whatever they might be estimated at, or State at least such Charges laid out in acquiring them, as Government ought to pay in Case she should take the Acquisitions from the Company. Arguments running hard against the Directors, they took an Opportunity of moving the Question of Adjournment, when most of the principal Proprietors were gone to Dinner, which carried 106 to 85.

April 4. This Day the Hon. House of Commons will meet, pursuant to their last Adjournment before Easter.

We hear from Paris, that the French East-India Company are now negotiating for the Sale of their Charter and Trade with several Bankers, &c. among whom are named Foley, Panchand and Co.

The Forces kept up at present in the Electorate of Hanover, we are told, amount to near 30,000 Men, including Garrisons, but exclusive of a very large Body of Militia.

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

GENTLEMEN,

THE remarkable Series of important Events, in which you have been of late deeply interested, requires that I should state fully to you the Motives of my Conduct. No private Consideration could induce me thus repeatedly to treat the Freeholders of this respectable County to submit to the Inconvenience of so frequent Elections. I am actuated by a higher Principle, by Duty to you, and to my native Country. My sole Motive is, the Hope of establishing, by Perseverance, your Title to a free Election, which our Forefathers transmitted to us, as an hereditary Claim, and our Posterity will demand from us, as the Guardians of their Birthright, of their best Inheritance. I find that after ministerial Power has been without Success exerted in every Form of Corruption, Division, and Intimidation, to defeat your Rights, another Plan is at length adopted, and the vain Hope of our Enemies now is, that you will be tired out by the Contest, by the increasing Expence to which you are compelled. You will however, I am sure, continue to prove to the World, that you are superior to this mean, wretched Attempt, undaunted by Corruption, undivided by Artifice, and undaunted by every Apprehension of future Vengeance.

I cannot conceive any Thing of greater Importance to the Preservation of public Liberty, than the Event of the present Struggle. The Question is, whether the People have an inherent Right to be represented in Parliament by the Man of their free Choice, not disqualified by the Law of the Land. This Question is now again agitated in an enlightened Age, under a Prince of the Brunswick Line, to whom the Exercise of this very Right gave the Sceptre, in Consequence of the glorious Revolution. It is a right Coeval with our Constitution, and stands among the first Principles of our Form of Government, which reserves to the People a Third Part of the legislative Power. It began at the very first faint Dawn of Liberty in our Island, and will survive to the last convulsive Pang of expiring Freedom. It is a Part of the original Compact between the Sovereign of this Nation and the Subject, expressly stated in the BILL of RIGHTS, which declares that in this, as well as in the other Instances enumerated, our Ancestors, as theirs in like Case had usually done, VINDICATED and ASSERTED the true, ANTIEN and INDUBITABLE Rights and Liberties of the People of this Kingdom, which they CLAIMED, DEMANDED and INSISTED UPON, and the whole Legislature enacted, shall stand, remain, and be the Law of this Realm FOR EVER. Parliamentary Authority obliges every Sovereign, at the Coronation, to swear to the Observance of that, and all the other Statutes of this Realm, and this excellent Act declares, that all Officers and Ministers whatsoever, shall serve their Majesties, and their SUCCESSORS, according to the same in ALL TIMES to COME. This Right of the People is no less clear by Reason, than by the positive Statute. There can be no Representation, but when the greater Number to be represented have freely chosen a Person who is legally qualified. A Representation without, or against, the Consent of the Parties, is an Insult to common Sense, an Absurdity scarcely to be paralleled, an Injustice and Insolence not to be forgiven.

In my Case, Gentlemen, the Legislative Power has in no Way interfered. A Resolution of only one Third Part was obtained. The first Expulsion was chiefly grounded on the Pretence of what I had written, relative to the Massacre in these Fields, which I did from the Impression that bloody Scene had made upon me. This I declared afterwards at the Bar of the House of Commons, in pursuance of your Instructions. From thence the first Expulsion avowedly took its rise. I made an Appeal to my Constituents. You approved my Conduct, and unanimously re-elected me. I was then expelled a second Time, and no Reason whatever was assigned. The Day after this Re-election, a Resolution was taken that I was and am incapable of being elected a Member, to serve in this present Parliament, and that the late Election of a Knight of the Shire for the County of Middlesex, is a void Election, but you, Gentlemen, determined for yourselves, and would not surrender your Right of Choice. I still proceeded, Gentlemen, to appeal again to you, and by your Favour, my third Re-election was as unanimous as the former. I was the next Day expelled, with a similar Declaration, that no other Candidate was proposed, and that no Elector gave or tendered his Vote for any other Person. In this last Instance both the Election and Return are declared null and void.

This Contest is now become of the most interesting Nature. It is between the present Administration and all the Electors of Great-Britain. There is nothing personal in it. The Cause is national, and of the first Magnitude. On this Public Ground I will stand firm. No Danger shall deter me from my Duty, and while I continue to be entrusted by you in this important Concern, I shall rely on your Protection and Support. In me you shall find Obedience to your Instructions, Fidelity and indefatigable Zeal for the Maintenance of every Right of this free and brave Nation.

I am, Gentlemen,

With Affection and Regard,

Your obliged and faithful humble Servant,

King's-Bench Prison, Thursday JOHN WILKES.

MARCH 23, 1769.

A N N A P O L I S, JUNE 8.

The General Assembly of this Province, which stood prorogued to Tuesday the 27th Day of June, was, on Friday last, by his Excellency the Governor in Council, further prorogued to Thursday the 27th Day of July next.

On Monday Afternoon arrived here in good Health, in the Ship LORD BALTIMORE, Capt. MITCHEL, his Excellency ROBERT EDEN, Esq; our Governor, with his Lady and Family; on the Ship's coming to an Anchor, off the City, the fired Seven Guns, which were returned by an equal Number, but on his Excellency's coming on Shore, in the Evening, he was met by all the Members of the Council then in Town, and a great Number of other Gentlemen, under a Discharge of all the Cannon on the Battery.—And, on Tuesday Morning about 10 o'Clock, his Excellency went up to the Council-House, attended by his Lordship's Honourable Council, where his Excellency's Commission was opened and published, after which, he was pleased to issue the following Proclamation.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

ROBERT EDEN, ESQUIRE, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS FREDERICK, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, by his Commission under his Great Seal at Arms, bearing Date at London, the first Day of August, Anno Domini, 1768, has, with the Approbation of his most sacred Majesty, been pleased to constitute and appoint me the said ROBERT EDEN, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over this his Lordship's Province of Maryland; which Commission was this Day published in the Presence and Hearing of the Members of his Lordship's Honourable Council, and others the King's Subjects, his Lordship's Tenants, in this Province, at the City of Annapolis. I have, therefore, by and with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, thought fit to issue this my Proclamation, notifying the same to all Sheriffs, Magistrates, and others his Lordship's Officers in this Province; and I do further will and direct, that all Officers, both Civil and Military, execute and discharge the several Trusts and Duties, in them reposed and enjoined by the present respective Commissions, to them granted, until such Time as my further Pleasure and Directions shall be signified therein. And I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province, to make this my Proclamation public in their Counties in the usual Manner, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

GIVEN at the City of Annapolis, this 6th Day of June, in the 9th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of Great-Britain, &c. King; and in the 19th Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Anno Domini, 1769.

Sign'd by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Con.

GOD save the KING.

With Capt. Mitchel came in Passengers, Mr. Smith, his Excellency's Secretary, and Dr. Shuttleworth, having had a Passage of Eight Weeks.

Capt. Craymer left the Downs the 16th of April, before which, Advice had been received, that John Wilkes, Esq; had been elected a Fourth Time a Representative in Parliament, for the County of Middlesex.

Arrived in Patuxent, from London, the Captains Lewis, Sewell, and Linch: With the latter came Passenger, Mr. Charles Peale, of this City, Limner.

To be SOLD, by the SUBSCRIBER, at Bladenburgh, on Saturday the 17th Day of June next,

A VERY good BILLIARD-TABLE, at the House formerly the Property of Mr. Thomas Chittam, deceased, which is now occupied by Mr. Church. The Tacks and Balls are all very good.

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WALTER WILLIAMS.

JAMES DICK & STEWART, Have just imported, in the Betsey, Capt. Hanrick, from London, and the Patuxent, Capt. Luke, from Glasgow, and have for Sale at their Stores, in Annapolis, and London-Town,

A GENERAL Assortment of EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS.

Likewise, Spermaceti Candles, Mould and Dip Tallow ditto, by the Box; Castile and Hard Soap, by the Box; Lintfeed Oil, by the Barrel; Window Glass, 12 by 10, 11 by 10, and 10 by 8, by the Half Box; Madeira Wine, by the Pipe, Hoghead, or Quarter Cask; West-India Rum, by the Hoghead; single and double refined Sugar; coarse Salt; Pork, and Beef, by the Barrel.

Also, Sail-Duck; Anchors; Oakum; all Sorts of Ship Chandlery; and all Sizes of Cordage, made at Newington Rope-Walk, where Orders are completed with in the most speedy Manner. (5w)

FOR THE BENEFIT OF MRS. BURDETT.

On TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, Will be presented, a TRAGEDY, call'd, THE ODOSIUS; OR, THE FORCE OF LOVE. To which will be added, a FARCE, call'd, THE DEVIL TO PAY.

S C H E M E OF A LOTTERY

For raising SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS, for completing and finishing the REFORM'D CALVINIST Church, and building a SCHOOL-HOUSE, in Sharpburg, in Frederick County, Maryland.—To consist of Two Thousand Tickets, at Two Dollars each: Five Hundred and Fifty-seven of which will be fortunate, without any Deduction, viz.

Table with 2 columns: Prize amount and number of tickets. 1 Prize of 200 Dollars, is 200 Dollars. 2 - 100 - - 200. 3 - 50 - - 150. 4 - 25 - - 100. 20 - 15 - - 300. 50 - 10 - - 500. 475 - 4 - - 1900.

Prizes, 557 First drawn Blank, - 25 Blanks, 1443 Last drawn Blank, - 25 600S raised.

2000 Tickets, 2 Dollars each, 4000 Dollars.

By the above Scheme, there are little more than Two Blanks and an Half to a Prize, and the Profits retained, are Fifteen per Cent. on the whole.—The Drawing will begin at Sharpburg, as soon as the Tickets are disposed of, (on Fourteen Days previous Notice, at least, to be given in the Maryland Gazette) in Presence of Five of the Managers at least, and as many of the Adventurers as shall think proper to attend. The Drawing, it is hoped, will be in Six Months, at farthest, as a great Number of the Tickets are already engaged.

The Managers are, Messieurs George Stricker, Christian Orndorff, Joseph Smith, William Goal, Abraham Lingjeller, Jobu Stull, Michael Fochler, George Dagen, and Benjamin Spyer, who are to give Bond, and be on Oath for the faithful Discharge of their Trust.

A List of the Prizes to be published in the Maryland Gazette, as soon as the Drawing is finished, and the Prizes to be paid off, without any Deduction.—Prizes not demanded within Six Months from the Publication aforesaid, to be deemed as generously given for the Use intended, and applied accordingly.

The Value of Seven Shillings and Sixpence, in Pennsylvania Currency, will be received in lieu of each Dollar, in the Sale of Tickets, and the said Currency to be accepted in Payment of the Prizes drawn by the fortunate Adventurers.

TICKETS to be had of any of the Managers, and at the Printing-Office, in Annapolis.

St. Mary's County, May 29, 1769. To be SOLD by the Subscriber, for Cash, or good London Bills of Exchange, at 30 Days Sight, at the House of Zachariah Bond, junior, upon Monday the 19th of June,

TWO valuable Tracts of LAND, the one lying in Charles County, call'd BIRD'S CREEK, containing about 500 Acres. The other in St. Mary's County, call'd LUCKLAND, containing 200 Acres.—The former of those Tracts is an exceeding rich Soil, with a great Plenty of all Kinds of Timber; and on which Land there is a remarkable pleasant Prospect of the Rivers Patowmack and Wicomico. Luckland, as it is adjacent to, will be sold with the other Tract. The Soil is very little inferior to that of the other, and produces as fine small Grain as any Part of the Country affords.

N. B. Those Two Plantations have each Plenty of House-rooms, for securing Grain, Tobacco, &c. in; and on the largest is a Sixty Foot Barn, with Wings. (ts) THOMAS KEY.

STRAYD from the Subscriber, living in Annapolis, Two Horses, one a gray, upwards of 14 Hands high, branded, I believe, with P L, on the near Shoulder, and R W, on the near Buttock; is trimmed as a Chair Horse, and shod before.—The other a sorrel Horse, about 14 Hands high, branded with a P on the near Shoulder, and P on the near Buttock, as well as I can recollect. The first Horse is a natural Pacer; the other paces and gallops well, and is shod all round.—Whoever brings them to me, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward. R. GHISELIN.

TAKE this Opportunity of Thanks, to all my good Customers, for these several Years past, and the Preference of their Customs, have just imported in the Betsey, from London, a large Assortment of EAST-INDIA GOODS, suitable for our Friends that will still continue towards me, may depend upon being the lowest Rates, and the best Store, where I take the greatest Pains, and shall ever gratefully acknowledge.—Also may be had Wine, Salt, Molasses, Loaf Sugar, &c. (w3) NAT

George-Town, Patowmack, Little Regard being paid to our Friends and Customers, of course-keeping at this Place, and being under a Necessity of settling Accounts, and calling in our Debts, requested that all Persons indebted to me, should discharge the same; and that all such Persons, may call and settle their Accounts speedily put into the Hands of the said Mr. James. We have yet on Hand, a small Parcel of dry Goods, which will be sold for ready Money, Wheat or Hemp, to sell the best Continuum Rum, Retail (2m) JAMES

AN away from the Elk-Ridge, a Servant Man, named THOMAS, 25 Years of Age, near 5 Feet 8 Inches high, light coloured Eyebrows, the White of his Eyes; he has a pert and haughty in his Address; he wears a new Felt Hat, a blue Broad-cloth Coat, a fine Linen Shirt, with white Flannel, a fine Linen Handkerchief, Osnabrig Trowler, Skin Pumps, with plain Copper Buttons, apprehends the said Runaway, and shall have, if taken Ten Miles off Thirty Shillings; if Twenty Miles off Thirty Shillings, Three Pounds; if Thirty Miles off, Five Pounds Reward (Law allows) and reasonable Charges. (w4)

COMMITTED to St. Mary's, away, a Negro Boy, about 12 Years of Age, and says he is called himself WILL, and says he was taken from the said Runaway, and pay Charges.

COMMITTED to Calvert County, a Man who calls himself JOHN, says he belongs to Caleb Dorsey, and to take him away, and pay Charges. JOHN W.

Fredrick County, THERE is at the Plantation living on the muddy Branch, taken up as a Stray, a black Mare, 13 Hands high, has some near Eye, and on the near Side no perceivable Brand.—Whoever takes her again, on proving Property, shall have a Reward of Five Pounds.

By Virtue of a Commission to us, Court of Chancery, will be exposed for Sale, on Monday the 7th Day of August, A TRACT of LAND, call'd containing, by Patent, 100 Acres, (One Hundred whereof is a Tract of Land, call'd SELSER, about Eleven or Twelve Miles from the Road from thence to York-Town. The Soil is excellent for Farming, and Plenty of Water thereon. Any Person inclining to purchase, may apply to Mr. John Wilmot, or Mr. Benjamin Edwards, Conditions of Sale, will be made known by DAN SAM JON JAM

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To be SOLD, by the SUBSCRIBER, to the highest Bidder, on August next,

THREE improved Lots of Land, were heretofore advertised as a Tract of Land containing one Mile and an Half of the said nature Enlarged. As the Land improvements, are well known, and they are here. Should any Person have any of the Lots or Land, be for Sale, they may know the (ts)

WILLIAM CABINET and CHAIR-MAKER, N. B. a little below the City of Annapolis,

TAKEs this Method to construct in the most neat manner, viz. Desks, Book-Cases, Card, Chamber, Parlour, Arm, Parlour and Chamber Clock-Cases, Couches, Dumestie-Boards and Bedsteads. Those Ladies and Gentlemen please to favour him with their Order on having their Work Expedition.