

A Committee of the Town are proceeding in a legal Way, to take the Testimonies of great Numbers respecting what preceded, as also what is relative to the late horrid Massacre—Plenty of Evidence will prove the Soldiery to have been wholly the Aggressors, and that the Inhabitants have been treated by them with an unexampled Barbarity—A Number of Evidences are taken to prove a Firing from the Custom-House at the Time of the Massacre, and a Track is pursuing, which, it is thought, will elucidate the intended Assassination of Mr. Otis; the Firing of the perjured Richardson, after a Message received from thence by the vile Wilmot, by which young Snider was killed, and others wounded: It will then clearly appear, that there never was a more base and abandoned Crew, than has been encouraged and employed by our Revenue and Custom-House Officers.

The Imaginations of People are at Work to form a Conjecture of what the Commissioners and their Partizans can have to write home against us—The Custom-House, their Dwellings, their Property and Persons have been wholly untouched; and what shows the Humanity of this People in the strongest Point of Light, is this, that even their infamous and detested Richardson, and their vile Wilmot, tho' taken and disgraced by Two young Men, immediately after the Fall of young Snider, at the Risk of their own Lives, yet spared the Lives of those Wretches; and the People incensed as they were against them, desisted, and were restrained from making them the immediate Examples of their Vengeance, and only delivered them into the Hands of Justice.

His Honor has been often seen going into the House of James Boutincau, Esq; since the late Massacre, and the Honourable John Robinson a Commissioner always following or being with him; what has been the subject Matter of his Consult with him and the reforming Magistrate, we know not; but it seems Robinson has left behind, all his Prosecutions, criminal and civil, begun and designed against him, having very privately convey'd himself on board Capt. Robinson, who sailed on Friday Morning, for London.

How astonishing must it be to the Sensible of our Nation, that notwithstanding all the Charge and Uneasiness occasioned by the Commissioners and their numerous Train, assisted by an Army and Fleet for 18 Months past, and their Report to Administration of a prejudicial contraband Trade's being carried on in America; it is notorious that not one Article has been seized on the Seas or on Shore, in the least interfering with the Manufactures of Great-Britain.

ANNAPOLIS, APRIL 19.

We hear that a Parcel of Goods has been lately received from Virginia, by a House at Baltimore-Town, which, on Examination, appearing to be imported contrary to the Association of this Province, were immediately delivered up by the Gentlemen to whom they were addressed, and stored by the Committee of Inspection for Baltimore.

On Thursday the 5th Instant, Mr. Robert Christie, of Baltimore-Town, Merchant, was married to Miss Polly Lawson, a young Lady possessed of every Qualification to render the Married State happy.

TO THE PRINTERS.

Baltimore County, April 16, 1770.
A PAMPHLET having lately made its Appearance, addressed to the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel, Baltimore, and Prince-George's Counties, entitled, "The Proceedings of the Committee appointed to examine into the Importation of Goods by the Brigantine Good Intent, Capt. Errington, from London, in February 1770." In Justification of our own Characters, we utterly disclaim that Publication, as being the Proceedings of the Committee, and beg Leave to lay before the Public, such Abstracts of the Proceedings, as we apprehend necessary to set our Conduct on that Occasion in a proper Light, without drawing Conclusions, or casting any ungenerous and unjust Reflections on the Gentlemen concerned in the Importation, who, in our Opinion, acted with Honour and Candour, and without any apparent Design of subverting the Association; and, "Satisfied in our own Consciences, we leave the rest to Fate."

When the Gentlemen from the different Counties, at the Request of the Parties concerned, met at Annapolis, we were of Opinion, that it was our sole Business to enquire, whether the Goods imported were agreeable to the true Intent and Spirit of the Association, or not? And we should have been very well satisfied our Deliberations on that Subject had appeared with a plain Narrative of Facts, agreeable to the State they were left in when the Committee broke up; notwithstanding Messrs. West, Paca, and Mackie were appointed to stay in Town, it was expressly determined that they were only to revise and correct for the Press, what was then wrote, without altering the Sense in any Part.

The following Questions were severally put, and Votes passed on each Cargo:

First, Whether the Goods consigned to the several Gentlemen, were imported agreeable to the true Intent and Meaning of the Association?
Resolved unanimously in the Negative.

Secondly, Whether such of the above Goods as are allowed to be imported by the Association, and which

are blended and packed with the Goods prohibited, be permitted to be landed?
Resolved in the Negative.

FOR THE NEGATIVE,

T. Sprigg, Lovvells,
Worthington, Sim,
Weems, J. Sprigg,
Paca, West.

FOR THE AFFIRMATIVE,

Stevenson, Smith,
Plowman, Mackie.

Upon comparing the above Questions that were actually put, with those published in the Pamphlet, and which are inserted below, the Public will be able to form some Judgment of the Candour of the Author: As we agree in the First it is needless to repeat it; the Second is grossly misrepresented, and is as follows:

Secondly, "As to the Articles allowed to be imported, they being blended and packed up with the prohibited Articles, the Landing and storing of which being expressly contradictory to the very Words of the Association, and therefore not practicable upon any fair Construction of it; and the said Committee being fairly convinced, by a Multitude of Proofs and concurring Circumstances, of the ungenerous Principle which apparently actuated Mr. Buchanan, in tramping up old Orders to colour a premeditated Design to subvert the Association."

"Resolved, That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that such Goods ought not to be landed."

Against Landing, as on the Second Question above.

For Landing, as on the Second Question above.
As we are unwilling to deprive the Author of any Merit he may have acquired by the Publication; and his Remarks on the King's Speech to the Parliament; so we are inclinable to overlook the daring Insult offered us in the above Misrepresentation and Attempt to make us appear inconsistent and ridiculous; as well as the contumacious attempt a standing Committee at Annapolis, for Six Weeks after the other was dissolved.

We should have published our Disavowal sooner, but being engaged in Business prevented our doing it 'til now; the same Reason will prevent our replying to any Thing the Author of the above-mentioned Pamphlet, or any other Person, may think proper to publish on the foregoing Subject; and we request, that should the Author choose to continue himself a standing Committee, he may publish his Proceedings in his own Name.

JOHN STEVENSON,
JONATHAN PLOWMAN,
JOHN SMITH,
EBENEZER MACKIE.

* Are Nails, Hoes, Steel, German Cinnabrigs, Brown Rols, Sail-Duck, Matchcoat Blankets, coarse Rugs and Blankets, coarse Woollen Cloths, as, and under Five Shillings Sterling per Yard, Wool-Cards, Gunpowder, Lead and Shot, Grind-Stones, &c. &c. generally so blended and packed up with the other Goods, that they cannot be separated.

† Mr. Mackie, the Person appointed from Baltimore, for the Revision of the Proceedings, left Annapolis in Two Days after the general Committee was broke up, when he apprehended every Thing was ready for Publication, without any material Alteration of the Sense, and that only a fair Copy for the Press remained to be made out.

Just as this Paper was ready for the Press, We were favoured with London Prints to the 5th of February, from which we have extracted the following Intelligence.

L O N D O N,

Jan. 31. We are assured that Yesterday his Grace the Duke of Grafton resigned his Place, as First Lord of the Treasury; which unexpected Resignation must occasion a great Change in the Ministry.

Considerable Bets are laid, that either Sir G—S— will be in the Tower, or the Ministry changed, before the Middle of next Month: Should the former Event take Place, it is expected a Procession of Coaches will attend, such as were never seen in the City of London.

The adjusting the Accounts of — late Paymaster, will, it is said, in a few Days, be the Business of an august Assembly.

Yesterday Morning the Market at Smithfield was as follows, viz. Beef at Twopence Three Farthings per Pound; Mutton from Twopence to Twopence Farthing; Veal from Fourpence Three Farthings to Fivepence; and Pork from Two Shillings and Fourpence to Two Shillings and Sixpence per Stone.

Feb. 1. We have the Pleasure to assure the public, that there is now great Hopes of a thorough Reconciliation between the Mother-Country and her Colonies. Yesterday there was a very full House, and it was expected that they would sit late; the Object of the Debates was, the further Consideration of the State of the Nation.

Accounts are said to be preparing of the Value of Exports to the Continent of North-America, from Christmas 1767, to Christmas 1769, distinguishing each Colony.

Feb. 2. A Hint was thrown out on Wednesday Night, that if the Question then depending was carried

against the Ministry, it must of Course be attended with a Dissolution of Parliament.

Wednesday his Grace the Duke of Grafton accepted the Office of Lord Privy Seal, in the Room of the Earl of Bristol, made Groom of the Stole.

Charles Townsend, Esq; is appointed a Lord of the Treasury.

The Question debated on Wednesday was, Whether a Man who was qualified by the Laws of the Land to be a Member, was ineligible to sit?

On the Division on the above Question, the Numbers were 226 and 186. Among the latter, there were upwards of 30 who were not in the former Division; and that the Minority may be justly said to be increased about 35 or 36 within these few Days.

The following Particulars are well authenticated:—On Monday after the Levee the Duke of Grafton had a private Conference, when he told a great Perfonage, that "as he found the great Strength of the increasing Minority in the Lower House, he thought it most natural as well as adviseable, to nominate a Premier there, in the Scene of Action; as he found, by daily Experience, that that was the fittest Place for a Prime Minister, and that there was no doing any Thing without it, as in the Cases of Walpole, Pelham, and Pitt; and that he saw it was impracticable to stem the Tide of Opposition from above. He assured the great Perfonage at the same Time, that he would continue to support the Measures of Administration with all his Interest, though he should decline taking the Lead any longer, for the Reason above mentioned."

Notwithstanding the Resignation of the Duke of Grafton, we are well informed, that every Thing else is to remain for the present as before; that the same System of Measures is to be pursued, in the Support of which, and of nearly the same Men, a great Perfonage has engaged for the co-operating Assistance of all his Friends "in the World."—The Expression of the—

Sir Joseph Yorke was walking in Monf. de Cornethy Garden at the Hague, when the News of his Brother's Death came to him. He concealed it from his Excellency, who is Minister from the Elector Palatine, and only said "I have no good News from England."

Private Enquiries are making into the real Value of all the Church Lands, Chapters, &c. throughout England and Ireland.

Feb. 5. Friday the Right Hon. Welbore Ellis, kissed his Majesty's Hand, for the Office of Joint Vice-Treasurer of Ireland, in the Room of the Right Hon. George Grenville, resigned.

Also the Hon. Charles James Fox, kissed his Majesty's Hand, on being appointed a Lord of the Admiralty.

Saturday Morning several of the Colony Agents had a Conference with the Earl of Hillsborough, at his Lordship's House in Berkeley-Square. It is said his Lordship will be continued in Office, whatever Removes may take Place in other Departments.

Yesterday the Duke of Northumberland, the Marquis of Rockingham, the Marquis of Granby, Earl Chatham, Shelburne, and Coventry, Lords Camden and Milton, Right Hon. George Grenville, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, &c. dined with Earl Temple at his House in Pall-Mall.

It is talked, that certain Persons are much divided in Opinion, whether they shall again offer the great Seal to Lord C— or not. At the same Time, the Friends of the Noble Lord differ very much in their Sentiments as to the Propriety of his Acceptance of it if it should be offered.

St. Mary's County, March 29, 1770.
To be sold, is the highest Bidder, on Tuesday the 1st Day of May, at the Plantation of the late Rev. Chesley, Esq;

A PARCEL of likely NEGROES; a Variety of valuable Household Furniture; a considerable Quantity of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep. The above to be sold for ready Money, Bills of Exchange, or Crop Tobacco.

(2w) ANN CHESLEY, Executrix,
WILLIAM FITZHUGH, Executor.

April 6, 1770.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Subscriber has purchased some Lands from a certain Harding of Baltimore County, and has paid the Part of the Money, but still has Two Notes of Five Pounds each, on Conditions that he the said Harding is not able to comply with; together with other deficiencies on said Lands, so that it is supposed they will be little or none due. I therefore forewarn Persons from taking Assignments on said Bonds any Rate, for I will not pay them; and, if any taken Assignments on any of them, they are desired to look to the said Harding for their Money, as I determined to pay none until the Affair is adjusted.
JOHN CRETTEN

THERE is at the Plantation of David Caden, Frederick County, taken up as a Stray, a fine brown MARE, with a Bell on, about Four Years old, paces, trots, and has no perceivable Brand.

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