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At the Court at St. James's, the Twenty-sixth Day of February, 1770.

P R E S E N T

The KING's most Excellent Majesty in Council. HIS Majesty having been pleased to deliver the Custody of the Privy Seal to the Right Honourable George Duke Earl of Halifax, the Oath of Keeper of the Privy Seal was this Day administered to him; and his Lordship took his Place at the Board accordingly.

This Day the Right Honourable Thomas Robinson, Esq; Vice-Chamberlain of his Majesty's Household, was; by his Majesty's Command, sworn of his Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

ANNAPOLIS, MAY 3.

We are credibly informed, that a few Days ago a Ship arrived in Patowmack, and brings certain Advices that a total Repeal of the American Revenue-Act had passed the House of Commons on the 7th of March, after having been very warmly debated in the House for Two Days; and that Col. Luttrell was confirmed in his Seat as Member of Parliament for the County of Middlesex.

We hear the Brig Bayon, Capt. Howard, belonging to Londonderry, but last from St. Kitts, consigned to Mr. John Stevenson, of Baltimore, with a Cargo of Rum, Sugar, &c. is ashore near our Capes. The Cargo, Rigging &c. are saved, but it is uncertain whether the Vessel can be got off.

Extra of a Letter from a Gentleman in London, to his Friend in this Province, dated February 21, 1770.

I was in Hopes to have been able this Day to give you the pleasing Intelligence of a Repeal of the late American Revenue-Act, but now they are vanished, and whatever may be the sanguine Expectations of others, I profess there appears to me but little Prospect of a Repeal taking Place this Session; but that you may judge as well as me, I will give you an Account of this Day's Proceedings in the House of Commons, as well as my Memory will admit.

The American Merchant's Petition, (a Copy of which I don't doubt you have had from other Hands) was set for Consideration this Day; when it came on, Lord N—b, the first Lord of the Treasury, moved and carried it to be put off 'til March the 5th; he said, he was not yet determined upon the Measures that were proper to be taken with America; and that he was by no Means of the same Opinion with those who desired a total Repeal of the Act, tho' he shou'd be always ready to hear and attend to their Reasons for their Opinion, and if it was urged that a ministerial Promise was given for the Repeal by Lord H—b's Circular Letter, he conceived that did by no Means extend to the Duty on Tea: He was urged by several Members to declare that the 5th of March shou'd peremptorily be the Day, but he sat silent, by which it appears to me, that a further Delay is intended, and by what was said by several Members in private to me, it appeared that at present they do not intend to give up the Duty on Tea. Just before this, Lord N—b moved and carried it without Opposition, to address his Majesty to lay before the House, the several Associations with the Names of the Subscribers, that had been entered into in America against the Importation of British Goods, which have been transmitted from thence to the Secretary of State and Board of Trade. The Use to be made of this is yet to be conjectured, but in my Opinion, either Resolutions of the House, or an Act will pass to make such Associations criminal; therefore look about you in Time, and be provided for such a Stroke; I can't say any Thing about such a diabolical Scheme, the very Thought of it is abominable, a Nero or Caligula could not devise a more tyrannical Measure.

The Ministry do not appear to be Friends to America, and they have a decisive Majority in the House of Commons, tho' it is somewhat less than it has been, so that if you expect Relief, you must find it in your own Virtue, Firmness, Unanimity, Frugality, and Attention to Manufactures. But how has it happened in the Name of Wonder, that it shou'd be a disputed Point here at this Time of the Day, what are the American Grievances? The Merchants in their Petition have only mentioned the late Revenue-Act, tho' strongly urged by me and a few others to include all your Grievances. If you expect the Merchants here to exert themselves in your Cause, 'twou'd be very proper for all America to join in one general Plan, to state her Demands fully and clearly to the Merchants, so that they may no longer pretend to doubt what it is you want.

TO THE PRINTERS.

The Committee for Queen-Anne request you will publish the following Transaction in your next Paper. Prince-George's County, April 29, 1770.

THE Committee appointed by the Inhabitants of this County, to enquire into the Importation of all Goods to Queen-Anne or the Neighbourhood thereof, at a Meeting this Day had for that Purpose, carefully examined the Invoice and Shop Notes of a Cargo of Goods sent by Mr. Mollison to Mr. Stephen West, in which Cargo the Committee have found the following Articles imported contrary to the General Association for Non-importation, entered into the 22d June last, viz. 2 Boxes of Knives and Forks at 3/2. a ditto at

1/4. 1 Iron Axle-Tree to a Grind-Stone, 1 Piece of Cord, No. 3 3/4. 1 Coil of white Rope, 2 Dozen Cords, 1 Dozen Drum-Lines, and 2 Pieces of Ropes. The Committee likewise examined the Invoice and Shop Notes of a Cargo of Goods sent by Mr. Buchanan to Mr. Singleton Footen, in which were 1 Dozen Iron Thumb-Latches 4/12. 1 Piece Hat-Cape 2/6. and 1 Dozen of Handkerchiefs 10/6. imported contrary to the said Association. Also the Invoice and Shop Notes of a Parcel of Goods sent by James Russell to Doctor Richard Smith, among which were found 1/2 a Ream Writing Paper 7/6. 1/2 a Ream brown Paper 4/6. and 6 Skins of Leather 6/6. imported contrary to the Association: And the Invoice and Shop Notes of a Parcel of Goods shipped by Mr. Buchanan to Mr. William Turner Wacton, among which were found 7 Yards of printed Cotton at 2/6. imported contrary to the Association. And the Committee having given it as their Opinion, that the several Articles above-mentioned should be sent back to London, the Gentlemen interested in said Goods, have promised to deliver them up to be stored by the Committee, that Purpose, which the Committee will take Care to have done, and see that they are sent back to London by the first Ship that sails out of Patowmack, unless the Repeal of the Act of Parliament laying Duties on Tea, Paper, Glass, &c. should in the intervening Time prevent it, in which Case the Committee have given it as their Opinion, that said Goods remain stored, for, as during the Time of 6 Months after such Repeal should happen. The Committee are clearly of Opinion that said Articles were imported through Mistake without any Design to violate the General Agreement

To be sold, in Pursuance of the last Will and Testament of Henry Hall, late of Anne-Arundel County, deceased. DIVERS valuable Tracts of Land, lying in Frederick County, and amongst others, between the Potomack and Three Thousand Acres of Land, called the Plantation, on the Waters of Linganore, near the Stearnson's Copper Works. The Title to these Lands is indisputable. For Terms apply to the Executor who are ready at all Times to treat about the Sale, as will attend at Frederick County June Court for the Purpose.

All Persons having any Claims or Demands against the Deceased, are requested to bring them in; and those who are indebted, are desired to make Payment with all convenient Speed. Constant Attendance is given for adjusting all Claims touching the Personal Estate, by THOMAS WATKINS, J. Acting Executor, and THOMAS H. HALL, J. Executor of the Sale of my deceased Brother's Real Estate in Frederick, and shall use my best Endeavours that the Engagement of his shall remain unperformed. To be paid to pay off and settle with all the Creditors in the Course of the present Year, as far as Effects. I expect there is sufficient to pay off every just Demand that will be made, especially where due by Bond.

JOHN HALL.

To be sold, at a moderate Advance, for ready Money or short Credit.

AN Assortment of Hard-Ware, consisting of Hinges, Locks and Screws, best Gilt, Bath Metal, and Horn Buttons, a great Variety of Shoe Buckles, Knives, Knives, brass Cocks, &c. They may be seen and the Terms of Sale known, by applying at Mr. Meffer's Store, Annapolis.

N. B. A very genteel new Sulkie with complete Harness, to be sold cheap at the same Place. (17)

To be sold on the 21st Day of May, A LOT lying upon Patowmack River, in the Town of Alexandria, with a very good Dwelling-House upon it that has Two Fire Places; and another Room, with a Fire Place, and Garden. Short Credit will be given, with Bond on good Security.

SARAH JOHNSTON, Executrix, GEORGE JOHNSTON, Executor.

JUST IMPORTED, In the Brig Venus, Capt. John Cattell, from England,

A PARCEL of healthy Indented Servants and Redemptioners, (Men and Women) among whom are the following-Tradesmen: Shoemakers, Coopers, Weavers, Sawyers, and Tailors; the Times are to be disposed of on board said Vessel of Baltimore-Town, by JOHN STEVENSON (3w)

THERE is at the Plantation of Jacob Neff, junr. near Daniel Arnold's Mill, taken up as Stray, a small gray HORSE, Twelve Hands high about Ten Years old, branded on the off Buttoc thus +.

The Owner may have him again, on proving Property and paying Charges

COMMITTED to Anne-Arundel County Jail, as a Runaway, Negro, Caesar who says he belongs to Isaac Bowen, of Calvert County. His Master is desired to take him away and pay Charges. JOHN CLAPHAM, Sheriff.

We hear that the P—t will break up on Tuesday the 25th of March.

We hear that a certain great Personage is determined for the Future to be his own Minister himself.

It is asserted for Fact, by those whose Situation in Life gives them the best Opportunity to be acquainted with such Matters, that without some healing Measures are speedily adopted, our whole American Trade will be inevitably lost.

It is said, that his Grace the Duke of Grafton has, since his Resignation of the Post of First Lord of the Treasury, actually refused a Pension of 4000l. per Annum, which his Majesty most graciously offered him, as a Mark of his great Regard for his Grace, and the high Estimation in which he held his Merit and Services.

Letters from Madrid affirm, that Orders have been given to fit out Sixteen Ships of the Line with the utmost Expedition, and that the Land Forces are to be considerably augmented; from which Circumstances it is conjectured his Catholic Majesty will oppose the Russian Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The natural Army of any German Elector is under 20,000 Men. When they exceed that Number, it either falls heavy on their Subjects, or they must be subsidized by some great Power. The King of Prussia has now above 220,000 Men—is not subsidized—and therefore must employ them soon, or be ruined by their Expence.

We are informed, that Orders are dispatched to the recruiting Parties in the different Parts of England, with Instructions for advancing the Bounty-Money, in order to excite the Country People with a greater Emulation to enlist.

It is thought that nothing lessened the Credit of the M—y, in the Opinion of the Public, so much as their Behaviour to Lord Camden.

We hear that the Seals are not yet disposed of, notwithstanding it has been so often affirmed in the Papers.

Feb. 16. This Day his Majesty will go in State to the House of Peers, to give the Royal Assent to the Land-Tax Bill, for the ensuing Year; the Bill to punish Mutiny and Desertion, the Bill for regulating Marines, when on Shore; and to such other Bills as are ready.

The Levee which Lord North had at the Cockpit Yesterday, was the greatest that has been there this Winter; the Number of Noblemen and Gentlemen's Carriages that attended, were near 200.

It is said a certain Nobleman has employed a Number of Clerks for a Month past, who have worked Night and Day in adjusting his Accounts, which were much confused, previous to his laying them before the Barons of the Exchequer.

It should seem by a late Publication, that the scheming Baronet is truly and well-beloved;—how well beloved he may be is doubtful; but that he is not truly, appears from an Advertisement to apprehend him, which appeared a few Days since.

It is beyond a Doubt that a Reconciliation has taken Place between a beautiful but unfortunate young Lady of Quality and her Husband, the Nobleman who caused her Indiscretion is certainly Mad.

Upwards of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds worth of Goods are now ready to ship for North America, which all lay stored up in this City, 'til the final Conclusion of the American Affairs are finished in a certain august Assembly, which we sincerely hope will terminate in favour of all Parties concerned.

A Correspondent assures us, that the Patriot in the King's Bench has had no less than Six Suits of rich Cloaths presented to him in the Space of a Fortnight past, by Persons who chuse to be incog.

This Day the Decision of a very important Question comes on in a great Assembly.

The Question whether the present V—oy of I—d should continue in his Station, we hear was lately debated in the P—y C—l, when the late Premier urged, "that though they might fix on a Person of greater Abilities, they never could have a Servant that would more implicitly obey the Dictums of M—y." This Argument prevailed, and he is to be further continued in Office.

Feb. 21. Monday Night, in a great political Society, the Question relative to the Expulsion and Incapacity of a certain popular Gentleman was finally determined: The Numbers, on the last Division were 237 to 159, Majority 78; so that the Expulsion, and the Incapacity of that Gentleman to be elected during the present P—t, are now declared to be legal and constitutional.

Feb. 23. In a late Conference between a great Personage and a late popular Commander, on the Subject of his political Principles, which have been lately altered, the former was so extremely pathetic in lamenting the Loss of so valuable a Servant, and expressed so much personal Regard for him, that it drew Tears from both Parties.

We hear some Accounts are received from America, backed by some considerable Persons in the several Colonies, requesting the Mother-Country for Leave of a free Trade.

BALTIMORE-TOWN

ON the Second Wednesday run for, over the Course of Eighty POUNDS any Horse, Mare, or Gelding Four Years old to carry Seven Stone Ten Pounds: Seven Pounds; Aged Nine

On Thursday a Purse of Money, free for any Horse, winning Horse, Mare, or Day (excepted) the same Distance

On Friday a Purse of Two Money, free for any Horse, exceeding Four Years old the Horse, Mare, or Gelding (excepted) the Two Mile Heat

excepted) Three Horses, Mare, each Day or no Race. Proposed To be entered with Five Pounds for the First Day

Second, and Twenty-five Shillings the Monday before the Race

The Purse each Day to be divided into Two Heats. The Winner of the whole Race shall be deemed the Winner of the whole Race, and the Ages of the Horses, Mares, &c. on each Day, properly at Mr. Little.

TO THE PUBLIC

THE known Destruction of the Potowmack River, as a Navigation, being severely felt by the Inhabitants of Prince-George's County, induces them to offer a Lottery, for raising the Sum necessary for clearing and making the River navigable at least to Queen-Anne Bridge, to the Chesapeake, and as much higher as the State hereby in

consist of one Thousand Tickets, each, Three Hundred of which without any Deduction, will

Prize of 100 Dollars 2 50
2 25
10 15
10 10
75 4
200 3

Prizes 300
Blanks 700

1000 Tickets at 2 Dollars

By the above Scheme the Half Blanks to a Prize, and Thirty per Cent. on the whole begin at Queen-Anne Town

are disposed of, (previous to the giving in the Maryland Gazette of the Managers at least, a venturers as shall think proper Drawing, it is hoped, will furnish, as a great Number ready engaged.

The Managers are, Messrs. Dicket, junr. Edward Hall, of Benjamin, Thomas Boyd, of Watkins, Thomas Harwood, junr. who are to give Bond and faithful Discharge of their Trust

A List of the Prizes to be published in the Gazette, as soon as the Prizes to be paid off, Prizes not demanded within Publication aforesaid, to be given for the Use intended, and Any Money passing current received in the Sale of the Tickets accepted in Payment of the fortunate Adventurers.

THERE is at the Plantation of Allen's-Fresh, in Charles-Stray, a dark bay Gelding, or 9 Years old, branded on high imperfectly, with Two white Hairs on the off Side of his Colour on his Legs, &c. where. The Owner may have him again, on proving Property and paying

It is reported, that lately with Lord Chb that he should think stand up in Defence