

July 28. General Paoli pays his Respects at Court, and at the same Time is much cared for by the Minority. — This shews that a Foreigner may live in England esteemed by both Parties, but declaring for neither.

Richard Oliver, Esq; Alderman of Billingsgate-Ward, in the Room of the late Lord Mayor, is also crone Member of Parliament for this City, without Opposition.

July 30. Lords North and Hillsborough had a long Conference last Friday with his Majesty relative to American Affairs.

July 31. It is certain that some vigorous Measures have been resolved upon to bring the Bostonians to Reason, and that Commodore Gambiez has Orders to carry a Naval Force before Boston, to try what Effect their Appearance will produce before the next Meeting of Parliament, which will certainly fit some Time in November, for the Dispatch of Business.

August 2. Some Letters from Constantinople mention that it is the general Opinion, the Fate of the Grand Vizir, if not that of the Sultan himself, depends upon the Success of the first Engagement between the Turkish and Russian Fleets, as should their Navy be once beaten, there are little Hopes of saving the Imperial City from the Plunder of the Enemy.

Extra of a Letter from Portsmouth, July 23.

"I imagine you have already heard of the melancholy News of his Majesty's Dock-Yard being willfully set on Fire by some incendiary Villains, who took the Opportunity to execute their wicked Design whilst the People were at Port-Down Fair, as there were several Cartridges of Powder found at the End of the long Store-House, now in Flames. The combustible Matter must have been laid in the Evening, as the Smoke was perceived by several at a great Distance from Porcheffer, and as far as the Mother-Bank. The Men on board the Custom-House Cutter saw a great Smoke (through a Spy-Glass) in Four different Places in the Dock-Yard, about Three o'Clock in the Morning; they took it to be a Ship breaming it: It was not discovered till near about 5 o'Clock, which was by the Centinel near the Place, who perceived it to burst out vehemently thro' the Roof. The Damage, according to a near Estimation, is about 160 Cables of different Sorts; all the Boatwains and Carpenters Stores in good Conditions; also 300 Tons of Hemp, and the like Number of Barrels of Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine; sloop and marine Cloathing missing or lost; the laying and spinning Houses, long Store Houses, new Hemp-House, Block, Carpenters-Shop, Glaziers, Braziers, and Plumbers-Shops; the large Mast-House near the Academy, the Capital Masts laid therein, with about Half of the Sails in the Store-Houses, are entirely consumed. A Servant-Maid in the Dock-Yard, who was looking out of a Window about Four o'Clock, was perceived by some Persons, who accosted her with saying, you had better go to Bed than rise, for soon you will have a fine Light to get up by, and then went off, saying to themselves, it is almost Time to give an Alarm. Our good Friends now may rejoice, as they have succeeded in this. And I now believe (as well as others) that it was set on fire Ten Years ago this Month, in like Manner, though the Conflagration was then not half so large as now. It is a dismal Sight to behold; and more so as the Common was near meeting the same Fate: If that had happened, the next would have been the Gun-Wharf, and then the Garrison (which is not well garrisoned, though it is the Key of our Isle) the strongest in the Kingdom. God send the Perpetrators may meet the Reward they justly deserve for so diabolical an Execution.

Three Things make it more than probable the Fire at Portsmouth was a designed one. The First is, that it was exactly at low Water. A Second, that more Foreigners had been there of late, than ever were known before. And a Third, that Col. Faucett had a Suspicion of the Kind some Weeks since, and wrote accordingly, when his Intelligence was unnoticed.

ANNAPOLIS, OCTOBER 4

At a Special Court held here on Monday last, John Basswell and Francis Chance were tried, for breaking open the Dwelling House of Daniel of St. Thomas Jesner, Esq; and stealing from thence, Plate, and sundry other Articles to a considerable Value, of which they were both found guilty, and the next Day received Sentence of Death.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Lieutenant-General and Chief Governor in and over the Province of Maryland, The humble ADDRESS of the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency, WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Upper House of Assembly, return your Excellency Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session. It was very obliging in your Excellency to be influenced by such Considerations to meet the General Assembly at this Season, when it is most convenient and agreeable to us to attend the publick Business; and your Assurance that the Sanction of your Authority shall, with the utmost Alacrity and Satisfaction, be given to all such Regulations as may be thought most conducive to the Prosperity of this Province, demands our grateful Acknowledgments. Permit us, Sir, to assure you, that we shall, on our Part, give due Attention to all Matters that may come before us, and contribute every Thing in our Power, to bring the Business of this Session to a happy Conclusion.

September 26, 1770. CHARLES HAMMOND, President.

To which his EXCELLENCY was pleased to return the following ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly, YOUR Approbation of the Considerations which influenced my Conduct in meeting the General Assembly at this Season, give me the greatest Satisfaction. Nor do I the least doubt your giving the utmost Attention to the Business of the Session, or your Inclinations to bring the same to an happy Conclusion. ROBERT EDEN.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY ROBERT EDEN, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland, The humble ADDRESS of the House of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency, WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland, in General Assembly convened, return your Excellency our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session, and the Assurance you have been pleased to give us, that the Sanction of your Authority shall be given with the utmost Alacrity and Satisfaction, to all Regulations most conducive to the Prosperity of the Province.

We have already appointed a Time for taking into Consideration the several Matters recommended to us by your Excellency, and are not without Hopes that the Result of our Deliberations on these, and all other Matters which may come before us, will merit your Approbation, and evince our firm Attachment to the publick Good. EDWARD TILGHMAN, Speaker.

To which his EXCELLENCY was pleased to return the following ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly, MY sincere Thanks are due to you for your obliging Address. Your immediate Attention to fix a Time for considering the Matters recommended to you, shews the Zeal of your Inclinations for dispatching the publick Business. ROBERT EDEN.

TO THE PUBLICK.

Annapolis, October 1, 1770. A WELL regulated Theatre has been allowed by Men of liberal Sentiments, in all Ages, and in all Countries, where the polite Arts have been cherished, to be a noble Institution; calculated, according to Addison, for the Improvement and Refinement of human Society; to be the most rational Entertainment an enlarged Mind can enjoy; and of the utmost Utility to the Commonwealth, by polishing the Manners, and forming the Taste of the People.

The Encouragement that the Ladies and Gentlemen of Maryland have always given to Theatrical Representations, and the Approbation that has attended the Performances of the American Company, though under every Disadvantage from the Situation, Size, and awkward Construction of the House, induce Mr. Douglas to imagine, that if a commodious Theatre was erected in a convenient Part of the City of Annapolis, a decent Company, and he flatters himself his Friends are not too partial when they pronounce the present to be such, might, for about Six Weeks every Year, including the Autumnal Provincial Court and Races, be resorted to by sufficient Audiences, to stimulate them to a grateful Exertion of their Faculties for the Entertainment of the Publick, whose Favours this Season they acknowledge to have been infinitely superior to their Expectations.

But as the Expence of building a Theatre would be more than the Company could possibly pay out of the Receipts of One Season, after deducting the incidental nightly Charge, and allowing the Performers a moderate Support; Mr. Douglas, urged by a Number of his Friends, begs Leave to solicit the Assistance of the Publick to a Scheme, which will enable him effectually to carry the Design into Execution, and at the same Time will not be very disadvantageous to the Ladies and Gentlemen, whose publick Spirit, and Taste for the rational Entertainments of the Stage, may lead them to patronise the Undertaking.

It is proposed, then, to deliver to any Lady or Gentleman, subscribing Five Pounds or upwards, the Value of their respective Sums in Tickets; One Half of which will be admitted the first Season, and the Remainder the Season following: The Money to be deposited with William Paca and Samuel Chase, Esqrs. of the City of Annapolis, and the Land conveyed to them in Trust for the Subscribers, until the House is built, and this Proposal be fully complied with on the Part of the Company.

Copies of this Address will be circulated in the different Counties, and as soon as a sufficient Sum, not exceeding £. 600, is subscribed, the Tickets will be made out, signed by Mr. Douglas, and delivered; when it is hoped the Money will be paid, that Materials may be collected in Time, and an Engagement entered into with a Builder, to complete the Theatre for the next Season.

SUBSCRIPTIONS to be taken in at Mr. Colin Campbell's Store, at the Printing-Office, at Mr. Cornelius Garretson's, and at Mr. Whitcross's.

Annapolis, October 3, 1770. THE Commissioners for the Sale of his Lordship's Manors and Reserved Lands, hereby give Notice, that they will attend at the Revenue-Office in Annapolis, on Wednesday the 24th Instant, at Ten o'Clock, to dispose of, to the best Bidder, the remaining unfold Part of Kent Manor.

And, on the Day following, will be sold, at the same Hour, the remaining unfold Part of his Lordship's Manor in Queen-Anne's County. The Conditions of Sale, Instructions to the Commissioners, &c. may be seen, as has been already frequently advertised, by applying to

JOHN CLAPHAM, Cl. Com.

Dorchester County, Vienna, September 22, 1770. To be sold, on the 10th Day of October next, at the Dwelling-House of Mr. John Wheeler, late of Dorchester County, deceased, agreeable to his last Will and Testament,

ALL the Household Furniture, Goods and Chattels, also some Plate, Horfes and Cattle, a Bay Schooner of about 40 Tuns Burthen, well found and fitted, for the Bay Trade, or to any of the West-India Islands, also a Tract of Land lying about Two Miles off the Town of Vienna, called Wetwork, patented for One Hundred and Fifty Acres, the Soil is extremely good, either for Tobacco or Corn. The Sale to continue until all are sold. At same Time all Persons who have Claims against said Estate, are requested to bring them in, properly attested, that they may be adjudged and paid. Likewise all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to settle their respective Accounts immediately, for which Purpose the Subscriber will attend at the Town of Vienna, at the above said Time, in order to settle all Accounts. Likewise all Persons indebted by Bond, Note, or otherwise, to Self and Company, for Dealings in the Store at Oxford, and at Vienna, to make Payment as soon as possible, for which Purpose the Subscriber will attend at Talbot and Dorchester New-Courts next, and as there has been great Indulgence given, knowing the Inconvenience of crossing the Bay, I hope all Persons will settle their Accounts at that Time, which will much oblige,

Their most humble Servant, GEORGE WHEELER, Executor. To be sold, on reasonable Terms, and may be entered on immediately.

A NEW double Forge with Four Fires and Two Hammers, a Grift-Mill and Saw-Mill, with Dwelling-Houses, Smith's Shop, Stables, Three Horse Teams, Four Waggon, and other Utensils, all in good Order. — There are belonging to and adjoining said Works, Eleven Hundred Acres of well timbered Land, on which there is a great Convenience of making about Thirty Acres of Bottom Meadow: And about Four Miles from said Works, there are Three hundred Acres of good timbered Land, on which there is a large Body of excellent Iron Ore. The Forge and Mills are situated on a never failing Stream of Water on the Head of Nanticoke River, within Two Miles and an half of a Landing on said River, which leadeth into Chesapeake Bay, and within Fourteen Miles of a Landing on Broad-kills Creek, which leadeth into Delaware Bay; as also within Five Miles of Two Furnaces. The Works are in an excellent Part of the Country for a Store, and very convenient to be supplied with Pig Metal from the Two neighbouring Furnaces, or any Part of Chesapeake Bay, being so near a Landing on a River proceeding out of that Bay. — The Stream of Water which said Works are on, is sufficient to carry a Furnace also for Eight or Nine Months in the Year; therefore very convenient for any Purchaser inclined to build a Furnace, as it will be attended with no other Expence but barely erecting it; with many other Conveniences too tedious to mention. — Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms, by applying to Dr. Bennet for Mr. William Buchanan in Baltimore Town, or to John and Samuel Shankland, on the Premises. 1770-71

To be sold by Auction, On Monday the 15th Instant, at Alexandria in Virginia, to the highest Bidder, THE Schooner GEORGE, Burthen 3000 Bushels, built at Alexandria, in May 1757. Her Stores and Materials are good. She has Two Suits of Sails, One of which have been used about Three Months only. For further Particulars apply to Capt. Thomas Dent, at Piscataway.

Charles County, September 23, 1770. THE Report set out by One Matthew Sanders, in the Publick Papers, dated September the 20th 1770, concerning my going over to Virginia, and taking his Negro Fellow off his Plantation, is false, and I can by several creditable Witnesses prove it false, for I never was on his Plantation in my Life, neither do I know where he lives, only by Information. John Sanders, the Father of this arch Youth Matthew, ran away to Virginia, and left me Security for him, for Four Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, which I was obliged to pay; I should have given him up to Court before he ran away, but this cunning young Fellow, promised me if I would stand Security for his Father 'til next Court, he would see I should not suffer; upon this Promise I made myself content, which I found out when too late, this Promise was only to give his Father Time to make his Escape. He ran away in Court Week, and carried his Negro Fellow and the rest of his Effects, and when he got to Virginia, he made over this Negro and the Rest of his Effects to this Son Matthew of his, in some blind Manner I do suppose, to defraud his Creditors, and to keep them amongst them. After they ran away, I got the best Advice I could, and they advised me to follow him, and bring him or his Effects back, which I did, and took his Negro Fellow which he carried with him, when he ran away, and would have brought him or the said John Sanders back; but this honest Son of his was at his Fathers House, and agreed to join as Security in a Bond with his Father, to see the Tobacco paid. Now in order to show a little more Craft, he forewarned all Persons from taking any Assignment of the said Bond. I do intend to assign the Bond in the Clerks Office against the next Court, in order to get the Tobacco as soon as I can. 1770-71

BENNET HANSON CLEMENTS. THERE is at the Plantation of Peter Pickens, living near Cotocton Mountain, taken up as a Stray, a small gray Mare, about 13 Hands high, with some black Spots about her, and branded on each Shoulder thus M and on the off Buttock M but not plain. The Owner may have her again, on proving Property and paying Charges.

NOTICE is here given that the 27th Infant, Pocket, on the plain Silver Watch and Compass Seal, Bristol. Her Number is 1770. Whoever will buy or sell, at Richmond, have Four Dollars.

LEFT at the house of Mr. John Blue Frize Drab Clerk on the left Side is requested to return to the County Clerk will hear of some other

STRAYED or SOLD a sorry, Horse Face, shod before, lops, has no Brand large Ears. If taken Shillings and Six pence Fifteen Miles from Pistole Reward, at home, paid by

SIXTEEN DROKE out of Night the 22nd Henry Kennelly, and about 5 Feet 7 Inch brown Coat, Chest Crutch is about 5 Had on, a blue Beeches. Whoever and brings them to shall have the above each, and reasonable

CRAN away from Head of Rock-C reported last August, and of September, viz. 10 Inches high, name other about 4 Inches mark'd on the Face 20 and 30 Years old, Feet 5 Inches high, Age, and much more 3 Inches lower, about both well made, and Years of Age, name Women and Boy his Man and Two Women Jacket; the other Country made Jack Shirts and Trousers, them had a blue Clout one of the Women the other left her Caps and Breach-Clo striped white on the but not quite like the Two red Cotton K probably may have seen up said Slaves, and shall have, if taken within above Ten Miles, the Law allows.

THERE is at Son of Thomas as a Stray, a white Hands and a half high, has Shoes on his and gallops. The Owner may have her again, on proving Property and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Ford, in Charles County, about Six taken up as a Stray Hands high, yellow when taken up, but her near Thigh. The Owner may have her again, on proving Property and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Elk-Ridge, Horse, about 5 Year on the near Shoulder Shoes on his fore-timmed. The Owner may have her again, on proving Property and paying Charges.