

Here it was observed, that these Papers, which were produced, referred only to the Two last of the Three Propositions into which Mr. Dowdeswell's Motion was divided. No Papers relative to the previous Claims of Spain appeared. When the Ministers were desired by Mr. Cornwall to explain why they came not to comply with the first Propositions; they answered, that, after a diligent Search in the proper Offices, they could find no such Papers, and that therefore, if any Claims, previous to the taking of Falkland's Island, had been made by Spain, they must have been made verbally, and could not be laid before the House.

The Minority finding that there was a great Chasm and Mystery in the Correspondence of Mr. Harris with the Spanish Court, began to suspect that some Papers had been kept back, or that the most material Part of the Negotiation had passed through another Channel. These suspicions were raised by this Circumstance—While Mr. Harris, our Envoy at Madrid, was giving our Court an Account of the pacific and amicable Sentiments of Spain, Prince Mafferano held a quite different Language at London; and Mr. Harris was recalled by a Letter from Lord Weymouth. In order to develop the Transactions, which ensued upon the Resignation of Lord Weymouth, and Lord Rochford's Acceptance of his Seals, Mr. Seymour desired Lord North to inform the House whether France had interfered in the Convention, as he was well assured she had. He answered, that she had not interfered as a Mediator. Did she interpose, then, in any Shape? asked Mr. Seymour. That Question I will not answer, replied Lord North; the Word interpose is of too extensive a Signification. Mr. Burke, and some other Members, then got up, and the Result was, that Mr. Seymour moved, That an humble Address should be presented to his Majesty, requesting him to inform the House, whether France had interfered in the Negotiation; and if she had, how far, and in what Manner, she had interfered?

To this Measure the Ministry objected, that, when all the Papers demanded by the former Address had been produced by his Majesty as far as was possible, a fresh Demand would look like a Suspicion of Juggling and Insincerity; that there were no Papers; that the Motion did not call for Papers; that the Measure was unprecedented; that the Ministers had made a sufficient Answer, by declaring, that France had not interfered as a Mediator; that if she had, it was the more honourable for England; that it would be more reasonable to present this Address to the French Ambassador, to the French King, or Ma'am Barre.

The Opposition continued, that, as they were called upon to approve or disapprove the Convention, it was necessary that they should know not only the Terms of it, but also the Steps by which it was obtained; that the Hiatus in the Papers evidently shewed the Existence of some mysterious Transaction; that the Silence of the Ministers, when asked, implied the Interposition of France; that the Family Compact rendered it necessary; that the Thing was known; that, as there was nothing disgraceful in the Affair, they ought, for their own Honour, and the Satisfaction of the Nation, to divulge it, by agreeing to the Motion. It passed in the Negative, there being 172 against 33.

Q U E B E C, March 14.

We hear that a Woman, lately at Service at Point aux Trembles, near Montreal, being desirous to quit her Place, demanded her Wages, but having no written Agreement with her Master, a Neighbour was called to witness the paying her the Sum due; after receiving of which, she set out to seek another Residence, and passing through a Wood, was met by the same Man who had been Witness to her receiving the Money, who, presenting two charged Pistols to her, demanded her to give him her Cash, or he would murder her; whereupon she took the Money out of her Pocket and threw it in the Snow, on one Side of the Road, desiring him to take it rather than her Life; he being over desirous for the Prize, inadvertently laid down his Pistols on the Road, which the Woman immediately seized, and shot him dead on the Spot, but did not retake her Money, till she had alarmed the nearest Neighbours to the Place where the Scene was transacted.

CHARLES-TOWN (South-Carolina) April 11.

Many strange Tales daily arrive, over Land, from North-Carolina, but vary so much, that it is impossible to tell to which we may give most Credit. It is however certain, that all is not quiet in that Province; and that the People cannot be reconciled to being taxed as they are for building the Governor's sumptuous Palace at Newbern, which is thought to stand in so much Danger of being destroyed, that an Intrenchment or a Barricade has lately been thrown up across the Neck of Land on which it stands, in order the better to defend it and the Governor's Life, which it is said has been threatened.

B O S T O N, April 13.

Extra of a Letter from a Gentleman of considerable Note in London, dated February 24, 1771.

"I hope the ill Treatment you have had from our Ministry is drawing to a Period. They are, I believe, heartily sick of the Affair, and so hard pressed by the Opposition, as to be willing to lessen the Number of your Enemies, and of the Objections to your Management. I am so well persuaded that North-America will, within 100 Years, be the Seat of Commerce, Liberty and Power, and the Refuge of the Friends to Liberty, and the Protestant Religion, that, were I not so far advanced in Life, I would come over to you with my Family.

A N N A P O L I S, MAY 9.

On the First Instant was run for over the Course near Upper-Marlborough, a Purse of FORTY POUNDS, which was won with Ease by William Fitzugh, Esquire's bay Horse Regulus.—And the Day following was run for over the same Course, a Purse of THIRTY POUNDS, which was won by Daniel McCarty's bay Horse Silver.

April 30, 1771.

To be sold at publick Vendue, on Monday the Third Day of June, at the Town of Vienna, in Dorchester County, for ready Money only; and agreeable to the last Will and Testament of John Wheeler, late of said County, deceased.

TWO small Tracts of Land, lying about Two Miles from the abovesaid Town, Wit-work containing Fifty Acres, and Addition to Wit-work Fifty Acres, both Tracts adjoining each other, some small Part of the above Lands is cleared, and has a small Dwelling-House on it, and under a good Fence. The Title is indisputable. If the Day should prove bad, the next good Day.

(ts) GEORGE WHEELER, Executor.

St. Mary's County, May 8, 1771.

To be sold to the highest Bidder, on Monday the 27th of May Instant, at the Landing where the Vessel lies,

A Vessel calculated for a Sloop, belonging to Mr. James Cole, late of Charles County, deceased, now on the Stocks, 48 Feet Keel, 18 Feet Beam, and will carry about Thirty-five Hundred Bushels; she is all framed and raised, ready for planking, and may be finished agreeable to the Mind of the Purchaser; she is allowed by Judges to be as strong and as well put together as any Vessel in the Province; her Timbers are all of the best white Oak, has been all carefully picked and well seasoned. There's ready her Plank, Trunnels, Masts, and every Necessary for finishing of her in the very best Manner; with all her Anchors, Cables, Sail-Cloth, Rigging, Paints, Brushes, and every Article for completing of her fit for sailing; the whole of the Rigging has been imported from London, bought and chosen by an experienced Hand. An Inventory of the whole with the Vessel and the Materials, as they now lay, may be seen at any Time at Mrs. Cole's, on Patowmack, Pomonkey Neck, Charles County; she will be sold very cheap as she now lies, and any reasonable Time of Payment given, on paying Interest, and giving good Security if required.

(3w) IGNATIUS FENWICK, junr.

N. B. There's a good planked House with two Fire-Places at the Yard for the Convenience of the Workmen, and a Blacksmith's Shop very near.

Annapolis, May 5, 1771.

BROKE out of Anne-Arundel County Jail, the

Six following Persons, viz.

Robert Taylor, by Trade a Joiner, about 25 Years of Age, 6 Feet high, is a well looking Fellow, and has short black Hair tied behind: Had on, an old brown Coat, green Jacket, and Russia Drab Breeches.

Thomas Plover and Samuel Berkley, who were both tried this present Provincial Court, the former for Burglary, the latter for Horse-stealing, and found Guilty. Plover is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, has short black Hair, a little pitted with the Small Pox, and is a very ill-looking Fellow: Had on, a dirty dyed Cotton Jacket, and his other Apparel very mean. Berkley is about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, fair Complexion, has a good Countenance, and wears his Hair, which is of a light brown: Had on, a brown Coat, with dirty Leather Breeches.

Nathaniel Read, a Felon left in my Custody by the Sheriff of Cecil County, about 20 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 Inches high, tawny Complexion, and his Apparel excessive mean.

Peter McCarty, about the same Age and Height, has a Mark over his right Eye, and wears a Cap, is a well fet Fellow: Had on, a black Cloth Coat and Breeches, and light coloured Waistcoat.

Timothy Carter, about 20 Years of Age, has a healthy Countenance, is a little pitted with the Small-Pox, wears short brown Hair: Had on, an old blue Coat and Leather Breeches.

Whoever secures the abovementioned Persons, and delivers them to the Subscriber, shall have Five Pounds each, for Taylor, Plover, and Berkley; Forty Shillings for Read, and Twenty Shillings each for the others.

JOHN CLAPHAM, Sheriff.

THE Subscriber being fully empowered to settle and adjust the Accounts of Mr. Joshua Johnson, late of this Province, requests all those who have any Claims against him to bring them in; and all those who are indebted to him to make immediate payment; those who neglect to comply with this Request, will have Suits commenced against them to August Court next; Constant Attendance is given at my Office.

JOHN DAVIDSON.

May 7, 1771.

RAN away last Night from the Subscriber, living near Patapsco Ferry, in Anne-Arundel County, a Convict-Servant Man, named Thomas Williams, about Twenty-two Years of Age, Five Feet Five Inches high, square made: Had on, when he went away, a Felt Hat, Cotton Cap, an Iron Collar, Osnabrig Shirt, a blue Cloth Coat, and Green Jacket, both Coat and Jacket trimmed with white Metal Buttons, Leather Breeches, old coarse Yarn Stockings, and Negro Shoes.

Whoever takes up and secures the said Runaway, so that his Master gets him again, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, paid by

(wz) JOSEPH JACOBS.

W A N T E D

A DISCREET sober Man, who is well qualified to teach Arithmetick, and who writes good Hand: Such an one will meet with good Encouragement, by applying to the Printer hereof.

THERE is at the Plantation of James Durr living near the Lower Falls of Patowmack River, taken up as a stray, a black Gelding, about Fourteen Hands high, trots and gallops, brand on the near Shoulder thus DS has a Star and small Spot on his hind Foot a little white, has a Star on his Back, is trimmed with a ridge mane which has some white Hairs in it, supposed to be castrated by a Collar.

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

May 1, 1771.

Just imported in the Galloway, Captain Bismoprick from London, and to be sold by the Subscriber Wholesale or Retail, at their Store, in Church Street, Annapolis,

A Genteel, and well assorted Cargo of European and India Goods, suitable to each Season, among which are a great Variety of fashionable Silks and Millenary.

(tf) THOMAS HARWOOD, JOHN BRICE.

N. B. Thomas Harwood has imported in the late Ship, a large Assortment of Goods, for Queen Anne on Patuxent, which he expects will be ready to open by the Middle of next Week.

Publick Notice

BEING desirous to get my Affairs adjusted and settled in the most expeditious Manner, I do earnestly request a Meeting of all my Creditors at this Place on Thursday the 16th of May next, at which Time will be exposed for Sale to the highest Bidder, all the last Year's Crop of Corn, Wheat and Tobacco, with the Lands in Prince William and Fauquier, as before advertised. Likewise the Lot at the said Falls, live Stock, Household Furniture and a Number of other valuable Articles.

Messrs. Blackburn and Elzey, the present Trustees, have promised to attend the said Meeting, and will be ready to concur and relinquish any Claims they may have in the Estate on a general Compromise taking Place.

(wz) JOHN BALLENDINE.

DONOR H. JERNINGHAM informs the Publick, that he continues in calculation the Year round, and takes in another Set on Monday the 13th Day of May.

(wz) THERE is at the Plantation of Stephen Johnson, living on Diamond Ridge, in Baltimore County, Maryland, taken up as a Stray, a red Bull about 4 Years old, both Ears cropt, and a hole in the right.

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

Baltimore, February 22, 1771.

On Saturday the 15th Day of June next, will be exposed to publick Sale, at the House of Mr. John L. near the Market-Howe, Baltimore-Town, at 10 o'Clock in the Afternoon.

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land situate in Baltimore County, and from 6 to 15 Miles Distance from Baltimore-Town, on the great Roads to York and Frederick-Towns, conveniently situated for Church, Meeting, Mill, and Manse, and all good Lands fit for farming; such Tracts as have Tenants will be parcelled out, that the Tenants may have an Opportunity of purchasing. To be sold for Sterling Cash, Bills of Credit, at the Current Exchange, or in good Bills payable in London.

North-Carolina, containing and laid out for 945 Acres

Jones's Farm, adjacent thereto, 50

Carolina Felix, 646

Batchelors Choice, thereunto adjacent, 100

Drunkard's Hall, 300

Part of Spicer's Inheritance, within One Mile of Baltimore-Town, having some Improvements thereon, 77

Stuartsylvania, on the River Patapsco, opposite to Fell's-Point, which is adjoining to Baltimore-Town, and contains 24

Point Look-out, near to Stuartsylvania, and opposite to Fell's-Point, 12

The Lands were the Property of Mr. J. RICHARDS, and by him conveyed to me in Trust, for the Use of himself and Creditors. The Lands may be viewed, and the Title examined, on applying to

(ts) DANIEL CHAMBERLAIN.

St. Mary's County, April 15, 1771.

THE Subscriber intending to leave this Province in a short Time, all Persons who have any just Claims against him, are desired to bring them in, that they may be paid; and those indebted to him, by Bill, Bond, Note, or otherwise, are requested to make immediate Payment.

ALEXANDER URQUHART.

N. B. I have a Parcel of choice Country both Negroes, consisting of Men, Women and Children, to be sold for ready Cash, Sterling or current Money, or good Bills of Exchange on London or Glasgow.

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