

much in Professions. Let me, however, beg Leave to assure you, that I will do my best Endeavours to discharge the Duties of the important Office of Sheriff, and that, as I never had, so I never shall have, any other Object in standing forth upon the publick Stage, but the Peace, the Prosperity, the Honour and Independence of the City of London."

A great Personage is said to have declared, that he will, on no Account, admit the popular Patriot into his Presence, but that, when he comes in his magisterial Capacity, upon any publick Occasion, he must expect to be received only by the Lord in Waiting.

The Prophecy of the Earl of Chatham seems now verifying apace. When speaking of the Conduct of the present Ministry, he said, "You have made Mr. Wilkes your Master; you will soon make him Sheriff for London and Middlesex, and afterwards Lord Mayor."

The two following Toasts are now drank: "May the Sheriff's white Wand triumph over the Ministers black Rod."

May patriotic Principles be never let out on ministerial Interest."

A considerable Merchant, we hear, has lost 7000 l. by the Event of Monday's Election.

A Gentleman, who is a Lieutenant on Board the Russian Admiral, in the Levant, writes, that there are no less than 3000 able Seamen from England and Ireland, on board the Muscovite Fleet, and that Admiral Elphinstons First Lieutenant is a Snetland Man born.

ANNAPOLIS, September 12.

Last Week died, in Prince George's County, Mr. Thomas Stonestreet, a Native of this Country, aged, beyond all Doubt, 98, but, more probably, as appears from Circumstances, 105 or 106. He was a sociable, benevolent and agreeable Man; having lived and died with a very fair Character, and in much Esteem for many good Qualities.

Lately died, at his House in Prince George's County, George Scott, Esq; Farmer of the Quit-Rents in Frederick County, and Deputy Commissary of Prince George's County.

Mr. William Turner Wootton is appointed Deputy Commissary in the Room of George Scott, Esq; deceased.

On Monday last the new Theatre in West-street was opened with the ROMAN FATHER and MAYOR OF GARRAT, to a numerous and brilliant Audience, who exprell'd the greatest Satisfaction not only at the Performance, but with the House, which is thought to be as elegant and commodious, for its Size, as any Theatre in America.

The following Prologue and Epilogue were spoken by Mr. Douglasi and Mrs. Henry.

OCCASIONAL PROLOGUE.

TO call forth Genius, bid fair Science bloom, Whilom envelop'd in Cimmerian Gloom; The Mind, by Ignorance enthral'd, to free From the hard Bonds of rude Barbarity; For this, at first, was form'd, for this, the Stage. Still claims th' Indulgence of a polish'd Age.

In antient Greece, in distant Aera, long From some rude Cart, his Dramas Theopis sung; And Athens saw revolve full many an Age, Ere Buskias, Scenes, and all the Pomp o' th' Stage Grave Aeschylus taught; and with well-earn'd Applause, First fix'd the System of Dramatic Laws.

Long too had Rome, for Arms and Arts renown'd, Extended far her Empire's narrow Bound, Ere she beheld her Theatres arise With Towers and Columns reaching to the Skies. Thus has true Taste, like the revolving Sun, From East to West in even Tenor run:

Now on these Shores the Goddess stands confest, And reigns supreme in ev'ry gen'rous Breast, Nobly excited by the Thirst of Fame, To emulate the Greek, and Roman Name. View yonder Stadthouse rising from the Ground, Whilst private Buildings multiply around: Sacred to Shakespeare! this your Structure see, For which each Actor thanks you thus—by Me.

Here solemn TRAGEDY, imperial Queen! In awful and majestic State is seen; An unfeath'd Dagger in her Zone she wears, And in her Hand her regal Sceptre bears: 'Tis Her's each manly Feeling of the Heart, Each soft Sensation, to awake by Art; To teach the lab'ring Breast to heave the Sigh, When Lovers suffer, or when Heroes die.

Here too, behold, with soft bewitching Smiles, Gay COMEDY the yielding Heart beguiles: 'Tis Her's, with gentle Force and happy Pow'rs, To wing with Joy your gayer lighter Hours; Oh, may she often here these Arts diffuse, And You, receiving from our sportive Muse Pleasing Instruction, mix'd with soft Delight, Retire improv'd on each succeeding Night: So shall ye chase that Demon, Spleen, away, And all shall catch good Humour at a Play.

To You, our Friends, rais'd by whose bounteous Hands This rude, and yet unpolish'd, Fabrick stands; Great is the Debt of Gratitude We owe, Great are the Bounties You may yet bestow: This Debt to pay shall be our constant Aim, Whilst future Favours shall increase your Claim; The Heart, that truly feels a Favour done, Hastes not, impatient to repay it soon. Be ours the pleasing Task, each Night to learn The happy Art your Plaudits how to earn: Be't Yours with Candor—Yes—it rests with you, Not to withhold your Praise—should Praise be due.

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OCCASIONAL EPILOGUE.

WELL, now that 'tis over—the Ice fairly broken, The Epilogue must be, by me, they say, spoken; At a Loss, I must own, I am for a Beginning; Which Divines say but seldom the Case is in sinning;

And a Sinner I am, for no Woman ere breathing Turn'd Acrech, but strait she was reckon'd a Heathen! And how then, in Conscience, can I, a forlorn One, Be thought any other, for i' Faith, I was born One.

'Twas but lately in France (the politest of Nations Where the Actresses all have the best Educations) Allowed, that a Christian Funeral's befitting An Actor, this great Stage of Life on his quitting; To our Sins (if they're such) we hope you will be kinder, And to the Fair Actres, it really you find her Deserving of Favour, give due Commendation (The Heav'n she aspires to) instead of Damnation.

But to come to the Point; suppose me just enter'd, And excuse the Digression on which I have ventur'd; Yet before I say more—let me look on your Faces—And learn from your Smiles, ye Wits, Critics, and Graces, That you of your Bounty have not yet repented, And—with our Endeavours to please you contented, For the unfinished State of our House make Allowance, Seeing we, of the Time we've had, have not been Truants.

To correct what is wrong, to add what is deficient In the House; and ourselves, if we can, more proficient To render, in this our theatrical Calling, Is a Determination united we're all in. Of our Obligations, I know 'tis expected That I should say something—I have been directed To tell you—as how—it shall be our Endeavour And Ambition to merit your Favours for ever— With more to that Purpose.—But left I should tire ye, Excuse me till some other Night I desire ye.

For Epilogue, so much—yet ere I dismiss it, You'd think me full proud, if I did not solicit, Fair Ladies and Gentlemen, from you some Token, That you're not displeas'd with what I have spoken On Behalf of us all.—Your Applause must declare it, Then grant it to me—and the others shall share it.

The Letters signed Apogoni Maltix, Bryan O' Shurlock, and Philonous, are received, as also the Lines signed Clericus. Advertisements omitted this Week will be inserted in our next.

By Order of the JOCKEY CLUB. ANNAPOLIS RACES

On TUESDAY, September 24. PURSE OF ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS, to be run for only by Horse, Mare, or Gelding, belonging to the Members of the Jockey Club; Heats 4 Miles each. Four Years old to carry 7 Stone, 5 Years 7 Stone 10lb. 6 Years 8 Stone 7lb. Aged 9 Stone.

On WEDNESDAY 25. A SUBSCRIPTION PURSE OF FIFTY POUNDS, give and take; Heats 3 Miles; Horses aged, 14 Hands high, to carry 9 Stone; for every Year under to carry Half a Stone less; and Half a Stone more or less to be allowed for Horses over or under 14 Hands.

On THURSDAY 26. LADIES SUBSCRIPTION PURSE, which, with the Entrance Money added thereto, is expected will amount to FIFTY POUNDS. Heats 3 Miles each; Weights as First Day.

On FRIDAY 27. A PURSE OF FIFTY POUNDS, free for any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, to carry 9 Stone. Heats 4 Miles. The winning Horse each Day is excluded starting for any of the other Plates.

Subscribers of Three Pounds or upwards, may enter free for each, or all of the Three last Days Plates. Non-Subscribers to pay Two Guineas Entrance each Day.

The Horses intended to run for the Two last Days Sport, must be entered with the Clerk of the Course, on Saturday the 21st Instant, any Time before Twelve at Noon; and the Horses for the give andtake Plate, must be entered and measured between the Hours of Three and Six in the Afternoon of the same Day, or pay, should they start for any of those Plates, double Entrance at the Post, if the Property of a Non-Subscriber, Three Pounds.

Subscribers to the Plates, and the Gentlemen who have Horses to start for the Jockey Club Purse, are desired to enter them the same Day, that Lists may be made out and published.—Certificates of their Ages must be then produced.

The Races are to be run on the Course adjoining to the City; and the Horses are to start each Day precisely at Eleven o'Clock. The winning Horse each Day, to pay a Guinea to the Clerk of the Course for Weights, and Scales.—Judges to be appointed by the Stewards.

N. B. Next Year no Horse, &c. will be allowed to enter or run for any of the Plates, that stands at any House, the Owner of which is not a Subscriber of Three Pounds or upwards.

+++ There will be Balls at the Assembly House, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Race Week.—Tickets for Gentlemen at a Dollar each (without which they cannot possibly be admitted, as Money will not be taken at the Door) are to be had of Mrs. Howard at the Coffee-House.

Pursuant to the Will and Testament of Mr. Thomas Sappington, deceased, will be sold to the highest Bidder, on the Premises, on Monday the 14th of October next, at 12 o'Clock,

PART of a Tract of Land, called Sappington's Sweep, containing about 900 Acres, lying and being in Anne-Arundel County, near Potomac Iron-Works.

(w4) FRANCES SAPPINGTON, Executrix.

Sept. 3, 1771. Large and neat Assortment of Fall Goods. Also double Gloucestershire and Cheshire Cheeses and London double and single refined Loaf Sugar, (w4) JAMES CHRISTIE, junr.

To be chartered for London, Liverpool, Bristol or Glasgow, the Ship Duke of York, William Waud, Master, now lying at Baltimore, will carry about 300 Hogheads of Tobacco. For Terms apply to (w3) JOHN STEVENSON.

BOLTING CLOTHS. A COMPLETE Assortment of superfine, fine, middling and coarse, lately imported, and will be sold as low as on the Continent, by John Carson in Gay-street, Baltimore-Town.

Those who are not complete Judges as to the Quality of Cloths, may depend on being suited with such will answer the End intended, both as to Quantity and Quality, with Directions, if wanted, how to affix their Orders by Letter from distant Parts are supplied with Care and Dispatch.

Also a few Pair of Co'sgn Millstones. (w12)

GEORGE-TOWN (Frederick County) RACES. To be run for, near George-Town, on Thursday the 10th Day of October, a Purse of Twenty-Five Pounds, free for any Horse, Mare or Gelding; Two Mile Heats. Four Years old to carry 7 Stone 10lb. Six Years old 8 Stone 7lb. and aged 9 Stone.

On the Day following will be ran for, over the farm Ground, a Purse of Fifteen Pounds, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, the winning Horse the First Day excepted; Two Mile Heats; Weight for Size. A Horse of 14 Hands to carry 8 Stone, to rise and fall according to the Rules of Racing. The Horses to be entered with Joseph Belt the preceding Day of each Race. To pay for the First Day, Entrance 25 Shillings, for the Second Day 15 Shillings, or double Entrance at the Post. Three Horses to start, or no Race. If the Weather proves bad, the Races will be put off till the next fair Day. To start by Two o'Clock. Proper Judges will be appointed to measure the Horses, and to determine any Disputes that may arise. The Money to be paid down. (w3)

WANTED. A CLERK in the PREROGATIVE-OFFICE apply to ELIE VALLETTE, Register.

Charles County, August 26, 1771. WHEREAS a certain Thomas Browning, of Kent County, Maryland, agreed with me a few Years ago, for a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, lying in said County, known by the Name of Beltsen, containing 500 Acres. I now have said Browning's Bond for a considerable Sum of Money due me for said Land, and he hath my Bond to acknowledge the Land to him, on Payment of the Sum due me. I ever have been ready to comply with my Agreement, and now am, provided Mr. Browning applies within 30 Days from the Date hereof. If Mr. Browning doth not apply to me within the Time herein limited, I am determined to dispose of said Land, and make a good Title to the Purchaser. (w6) BOLES TYER BALTHROP.

September 9, 1771. WHEREAS my Wife, Elizabeth Osborn, has eloped from my Bed and Board, I do hereby forewarn all Persons from trusting her, as I will pay no Debts of her contracting from the Date hereof. WALTER OSBORN.

Frederick County, September 8, 1771. THE Subscriber continues to keep a House of Entertainment in George-Town, at the King's Arms, and as he is provided with good Entertainment, Stabling, and Provender for Horses, would be obliged to all Gentlemen travelling and others for their Custom, and they may depend on kind Usage, by their most Humble Servant, (w3) JOSEPH BELT.

STOLEN out of the Subscriber's Pasture, near Mr. Snowden's Forge, on the Twenty-eighth of August, the following Horses: One bay Gelding, 18 or 19 Years old, about 14 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock T D paces, and has good Spirit, has a Star in his Forehead, with a hanging Mane and switch Tail: The other a yellowish bay, branded on the near Buttock T paces and trot, with a small Star in his Forehead, and has a black List down his Rump, about 10 or 11 Years old. Whoever secures the said Horses, so as the Owner may have them again, shall receive 20 Shillings for each or either the said Horses, and Five Pounds for the Thief, so as he be brought to Justice, paid by (w3) RUTH DAVIS.

AN away from the Subscriber, living in Charles County, on the 10th of August, a Covert Servant Woman, named Catherine Miller, an Irish Woman, middle Size and well made, very fleshy, has a broad Face, much pitted with the Small-Pox, and has black Hair: Had on when she went away, a striped Holland short Gown, Felt Hat, and a Country Cloth Petticoat.—Whoever takes up the said Servant, and secures her, so that her Master may have her again, shall have Four Dollars if taken in the County, if out of the County Forty Shillings, and if out of the Province Three Pounds Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by (w3) JOSEPH BVINS.

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