

he has given repeated proofs of his steady attachment to the cause of liberty, and to the duties of his office. He has shared with me the various fatigues and difficulties inseparable from our late charge. I have regularly experienced from him the most obliging readiness to lessen the weight of whatever was painful or oppressive; and to co-operate in every measure for the common welfare, and the good of this capital. Your private feelings, gentlemen, will, I am sure, justify me in this public tribute of the gratitude I owe to so worthy a friend and excellent a Magistrate as Mr. Alderman Bull.

CHARLES-TOWN (South-Carolina), November 17.
The SPEECH of his Excellency the Right Honourable Lord CHARLES GREVILLE MONTAGU, Captain-General, Governor in Chief, &c. in and over his Majesty's Province of South-Carolina, to the General Assembly of the said Province, at Charles-Town, on Tuesday, November 16, 1772.

Honourable Gentlemen,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly,

At my first meeting of this General Assembly, I manifested my desire to benefit this Province, by speaking to you in an open and candid manner; I made every advance to induce a good understanding between us, and to prevail with you to administer, as far as might be in your power, the most immediate relief to the long distressed situation of our publick affairs.

I fairly explained to you the causes of all our distresses. I warned you against the danger of innovating upon the constitution of your country; but, to my concern, I find, I spoke to some men, who would not attend to the advice I then gave; which, had it been followed, might have, ere this time, in a manner, wholly remedied the political disorders of this country. Instead of annihilating former innovations upon the constitution, the Commons House of Assembly have proceeded to make other innovations. It is my ardent wish that I could, with propriety, suffer this General Assembly to exist for a longer time, but the proceedings of the Commons House make an immediate dissolution absolutely necessary.

It is highly proper for me to observe to you, that the Commander in Chief of this Province has a right, at all times, to inspect the journals of the General Assembly; and I am sorry that I must charge the present Speaker of the Commons House, with having acted in an unprecedented manner: It seems then that the Commons House of Assembly having upon their journals a report, of a violent and unconstitutional nature, the Speaker took the journals into his possession; and, although I wrote to him to demand them, I could not procure them until the next day, and then only a very short space of time before the meeting of the House. Is it in such a manner that violent measures in a Commons House of Assembly are to be concealed from a Governor, until almost the moment of their being to be carried into execution?

To check such a behaviour, as well as to furnish the Commons with another opportunity to read a tax-bill *de novo*, thereby that they might have more time to think of forming it in such a manner as, from long experience, they might have known, could only render it capable of doing good to the people, I did at our last meeting prorogue you to this day; designing then to suffer you to fit for the dispatch of business.

But having perused the journals of the Commons House of that day, on which the last prorogation took effect, I find that after they had received my commands then immediately to attend me, they did continue to sit, to put a question, and to form resolves and orders.

A behaviour which, as it is unprecedented in the parliamentary proceedings, so it is of a most dangerous tendency, being a proof of their contempt of the King's prerogative, which is a part of the law of the land. Being at the head of this General Assembly, I cannot suffer such a proceeding to pass with impunity.

I shall part with this Commons House of Assembly with the less reluctance, because they seem wanting in justice to their constituents, whom they endeavour to delude, pretending to serve them by a measure which, from experience, and even from the information of their agent, they know has not even a chance of procuring relief to the distressed publick, unprofitably spending their time in impugning that exercise of the prerogative, which the uninterrupted silence of the House of Commons has confessed to be constitutional. Wantonly shewing how little they regard the laws of Parliament, by their innovating upon them, acting in such a manner as is unknown in parliamentary proceedings, from which it is my duty, if possible, not to permit any deviation, and I will be sure not to give encouragement for any, by acting with unseasonable lenity on my part, I do THEREFORE DISSOLVE this General Assembly, and it is accordingly dissolved.

C. G. MONTAGU.

WILLIAMSBURG, November 19.

This day died, after a tedious and painful illness, the Honourable William Nelson, Esq; President of his Majesty's Council in this colony. We cannot help condoling with the publick for the loss of so benevolent a member of society; so firm a patriot, and so upright a judge. Our affection and respect would lead us to draw this excellent character at full length; but we are certain his virtues have made too deep an impression on his countrymen, to need the assistance of panegyric.

PHILADELPHIA, December 7.

Capt. Blewer, from Charles-Town, South Carolina, on the 28th ult. in lat. 38. 13, long. 75, spoke a ship, Capt. James Dunlap, from Glasgow for Virginia, out 3 weeks; and on the 29th, off Chingoteague, spoke Capt. Loxley, from this port for Charles-Town, out 4 days, all well.

Capt. Osman, from Portsmouth, on the 25th ult. in lat. 37. 56, long. 67, spoke a brig from Whitehaven for Virginia, and a ship from Cork for New York, out 7 weeks, also a sloop, Capt. Rudolph, from Rhode-Island for Jamaica, out 3 days, but it blowing fresh he could not learn the vessels names.

Capt. Johnson, from Cowes, informs us, that a number of vessels were lost on the coast of England in a hard gale of wind on the 22d and 23d of September; and that a large Danish ship from Norway, was brought by the pilots into Cowes, without one soul on board; he afterwards heard her Captain and three men were drowned, and the rest of her crew carried into Dover. Capt. Johnson likewise acquaints us, that the brig Morning Star, Capt. Dempster, from Rotterdam, arrived at Portsmouth a few days before he sailed, which vessel was intended for this port; also that his Majesty's ship the Portland, Capt. Sterling, and the Kenon frigate, arrived at Spithead from Antigua, on the 22d of September. October 20th, in lat. 50. 29, long. 20. 17, he spoke Capt. George Gamble, in the snow Prince George, from Gallway for this port, out 3 weeks, all well.

ANNAPOLIS, DECEMBER 17.

TO THE PRINTER S.

Annapolis, December 7, 1772.
PRAY put these few Lines into your Paper, and oblige your humble Servant,
P. MEANWELL.

THE cold Weather is begun, and many poor Folks in this Town will suffer very much, if so something is not done for them by Charity. There is no Honesty in not stealing Wood, or Bacon, when a Man has Plenty of both; but it is almost as bad as stealing not to spare a little out of a good Stock to those who are unfortunately in want, because their Distress puts them upon stealing. When the Pinch is so great, that a poor Fellow Creature must perish with Cold, and Hunger, or make free with another's Wood Pile, and Meat House, it must be a severe Trial of Honesty. To prevent extreme Distress, and Necessity to steal, I humbly propose that a Subscription may go about to raise Money for the Relief, not of idle Rogues, and vagabond Beggars, but of such whole Poverty is the Consequence, not of Vice and Idleness, but of Misfortune, and that the Money raised may be put into the Hands of the Mayor, or other proper Person, to be distributed among the real Objects of Charity. Those who are able, get mostly into Clubs, or Dancing, or Card-playing, in the Winter, for their Pleasure, and there is no Harm in it, if so be that Charity, and Discretion is not forgot; and methinks whilst they are amusing themselves, it would be a great Addition to their Diversion to reflect, that their Humanity is at the same Time giving the Comforts of Warmth, and Food to Fellow-Creatures, who would otherwise be ready to perish. I propose also with Submission, that there may be a Poor's Box kept for every Club, Ball, and Card Meeting, and each Member give a small Matter every Night of Meeting. It would be a great Help; and I hope our worthy Minister will give us a right good Sermon upon this Occasion, which he knows very well how to do.

THE Subscriber having come to a Resolution of removing his People from his Plantation on Part of the noted Tract of Land, called Yeates's Contrivance, intends to sell on the Premises, on Monday the 4th Day of January next, if fair, if not, on the first fair Day after, to the highest Bidder, for Sterling Cash, Bills of Exchange, or Current Money, all his Part of the aforesaid Tract, containing 377 Acres, more or less, on which is a Negro Quarter; a Tobacco-House 54 Feet in length, double tided and covered with Shingles; a Corn-House, and several other Houses, a good Apple Orchard, and great Variety of other Fruit Trees. The Fertility of the Soil is too well known to need any Description, and great Part of it sufficiently level for a Farm, and has a considerable Quantity of Meadow Ground, great Plenty of Timber and other Wood, and lies about 13 Miles from Elk-Ridge Landing, 12 from Baltimore-Town; 1 from Hood's Mill, and 3 from the famous Mill of Ellicotes, where there is a Bridge over the main Falls, and the Baltimore Price is generally given for Wheat, &c. The Title is good and the Land free from any Incumbrance, and only subject to a Quit Rent of Six Shillings Sterling per Year, as it is contained within certain Bounds well established. If it should not suit the Purchaser to pay down the whole Purchase Money, Time of Payment will be allowed for a considerable Part, on giving Bond on Interest, with Security if required. There is a Quantity of Corn on the Place, which the Purchaser may have at a reasonable Rate, and if he be a good hearty Fellow, the Podder and Straw will be given gratis.

3w AZEL WARFIELD.

Charles County, November 28, 1772.
THE Subscriber has several Landings on Patowmack River, near the Mouth of Pomonkey Creek, famous for Herrings and Shads, that require clearing; that she would rent at a very reasonable Rate this next fishing Season. Also, Two Landings ready cleared; that she would rent out reasonably this next fishing Season.

SARAH COLE.

TAKEN up a Flat, 1772 BETTGY, NEVER-SWARE, cut in her Stern.

JAMES HODGGS.

Baltimore, November 24, 1772.

ABOUT Sixteen Hundred Acres of Land, in Five Tracts or Parcels, situated in Baltimore County, originally the Property of Mr. Edward Fell, some Years ago of Baltimore-Town, Merchant, deceased, and all patented to him. The respective Parcels are situated, named, and contain in Acres as follow, viz. Lancaster, laying on Britain's Forest, near Mr. Thomas Cockey Doye's, containing 300 Acres; Fell's Swaibermore, on the East Side of the little Falls of Gunpowder River, 75; Fell's Dale, near the Head of Patuxet Falls, 496; Darlington, on the North Side of Morgan's Run, 134; and Fell's Retirement, on a Branch of Little Pipe Creek, 459. Also a Lot of Ground, containing about Half an Acre, on the East Side of Jones's Falls in Baltimore-Town, on which is a Brick House. Proposals for any of the above particularized Lands, or Part of the Tracts, will be received and answered, and a good or indubitable Title made to any Purchaser of them, by HENRY THOMPSON,

To be sold by publick Vendue, on the Premises, on Monday the 25th of December, 1772.

PART of the Effects of Samuel Lavin, late of Annapolis County, deceased; consisting of a Negro Man, some Household Furniture, a Horse, Cattle, &c. Persons having Claims against the Deceased's Estate are desired to bring them in, and those indebted are requested to make immediate Payment.

CATHARINE DAVIS, Administratrix.

Elk-Ridge, December 9, 1772.

TRACT or Parcel of Land called Harbert's Care, containing about 212 Acres, and situate within Three Miles of Elk-Ridge Landing. There are about 20 Bushels of Wheat sown on the Land. The Sale will begin on the Premises at 10 o'Clock, where Attendance will be given by

SAMUEL DORSEY, jun.

Annapolis, December 16, 1772.

ALL Persons indebted to the late Partnership of Thomas Williams and Co. are desired to make speedy Payment, to Thomas Charles Williams and Co. who are empowered to receive and settle all Accounts relative thereto.

To be sold by the Subscribers, at their Store on the Dock, Wholesale or Retail, on the most reasonable Terms, for Cash, Wheat, Indian Corn, or short Credits.

LARGE and general Assortment of European and East-India Goods, suitable to the different Seasons, also choice Jamaica and Barbades Spirits, Rum, Wine, Melasses, loaf and brown Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Raisins, Currants, Spicemacei and Tallow Candles, Soap, Myrtle and Bees Wax, Gloucester Cheese, Taunton bottled Ale, Tar, Turpentine; a few Barrels Mullet Fish, and exceeding fine New-Town Pippins, from New York. Likewise a likely young Negro Boy and Girl, about 16 and 17 Years of Age.

3w THOMAS CHARLES WILLIAMS & Co.

THE Creditors of Mr. John Harrison, of Prince-George's County, are desired to meet the Trustees at Nottingham, on Tuesday the 12th of January next, to receive a farther Dividend of his Estate.

3w CHARLES GRAHAME, JOSEPH SIM, DAVID CRAWFORD.

WRITING by the best London Copperplates, Arithmetic, Vulgar and Decimal, Navigation, Surveying, Book-keeping, Dialing, &c. carefully taught by DAVID MELVILLE.

N. B. Said Melville teaches a practical English Grammar, teaches Reading in the most emphatical Manner, with Accent, Quantity, and Pauses; Would be glad of a School in the City of Annapolis after Christmas; enquire of the Printer.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Annapolis County, near Elk-Ridge Church, on Sunday the 8th Day of November, 1772, a Convict Servant Man, named Edward Elliot, about Thirty Years of Age, Five Feet Eight or Nine Inches high, short light Hair, fair Complexion, and one of his Shoulder Blades appears much larger than the other, he is much given to Drink, and when taxed with any Thing has a remarkable wild Look: Had on and took with him, a new coarse Castor Hat, a blue and white figured Stuff Coat, lined with white Shalloon; the Cuffs large and turned up with blue Sartin; a long Bearskin Jacket lined with white Flannel, with small turned up Cuffs, Two white Shirts, One Osnabrigg ditto; One Pair Russia Drab Breeches, One Pair dark Bearskin ditto, lined with white Flannel, One Pair of turned Pumps, One Pair of Shoes, One Pair ribbed Thread Stockings, One Pair Yarn ditto, Two Silk Handkerchiefs, 1 black the other dark flowered; he may have other Cloaths unknown.

Whoever takes up the said Servant shall be entitled to the above Reward, and reasonable Charges if brought Home, paid by

3w CHARLES WORTHINGTON.

N. B. He has been since seen to go through Frederick-Town, towards the New Country, and is supposed to have a Pass.

THERE is at the Plantation of Thomas Allison, living near Rock-Creek, in Frederick County, a small black Stray Mare, she has a small Star in her Face, paces, and is docked, but not branded. The Owner may have her again, proving Property and paying Charges.

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