

and oppressive proclamation; an exertion of prerogative which in a land of freedom will not, must not, be endured.

Be assured, Sir, it gives us the sincerest joy to see your merit so generally understood and so frankly acknowledged, by men who must be confessed to have nothing in view but the general good; and we gladly execute the commands of our constituents, in thus publicly returning you their thanks, for your spirited and distinguished opposition to the proclamation.

We are, Sir, with great respect,
Your most obedient servants,

BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON,
THOMAS JOHNSON, junr.
SAMUEL CHASE,
JOHN HALL.

Annapolis, May 23, 1773.

MR. West's extraordinary performance in your Gazette of the 20th, I really believe to be the production of his own fanatical brain. I do not conceive that any other man in the world would have been guilty of so much scurrilous and mean abuse without confining himself to either truth or decency. For shame, a London tobacco merchant to descend so low, for being called on to settle accounts. A certain letter, dated from Upper-Marlborough, to a certain gentleman, since deceased, is in somewhat better style, but that was to take care of the poor planters, but all in good time, *case hardened impudence indeed.* I positively deny to have any other view but a settlement of accounts, which I could not obtain, if S. W. thought any publication of mine would affect him in his business. Why did he not prevent it, by delivering an account and settling? I asked nothing more, *he says* he shewed part of the accounts to Mr. Jacques and Mr. Craufurd. Why not all? Whereas the sloop Hawk, a negro confinement in 1761, and the sloop Ranger, both remain unsettled, that's of a piece with his uniform behaviour through life; my laying I should be glad to exchange receipts is very true (knowing the man) I wanted a settlement, and declared I would give twenty guineas to be clear of S. W. West, though he appeared to be debtor on my books of about £. 40 sterling and £. 200 currency, I did not know, but from his usual dexterity and ingenuity in settling accounts, perhaps he might bring me in debt; he happens to have credit in December 1767, for £. 26 : 12 : 6 currency, the freight of rum and sugar, and if there's any other matter to be paid to his credit with me, it's his own fault, and not mine; however, on a liquidation of accounts, I wish him to have every credit he is entitled to; I dare say my books will bear examining as well as S. West's, though perhaps not kept with equal ingenuity; I pay my just debts when demanded, *he dont do more.* S. West hath assured the publick that he would leave our affair to reference, and an award may be entered the first court, in order to have a settlement of accounts, with which I am well satisfied, and rejoice that my appeal to that respectable tribunal hath had its desired effect, having gained my point, I shall not continue so disagreeable a controversy, but treat his malevolent publications, that he hath or may set forth, as I do him, with the utmost contempt.

JUDSON COOLIDGE.

Prince George's county, Queen-Anne, May 22, 1773.

BEING desirous of standing fair in the good opinion of the publick; and to prevent unavouable impositions; I do thus publicly request Mr. Stephen West (if not too busy loading his ship) to be explicit, and let the publick know what he intended to insinuate by saying in his reply to Capt. Coolidge in this gazette, No. 1443. "What they will assert under their hands, after my being present, and asking a few questions, I shall pay due respect to" God bless us! What, Mr. West's presence influence me? *Prodigious!* Who will believe it? *The same* Mr. Stephen West proceeds "I have such authentic accounts, papers and vouchers, under the hands of those very persons, the same Capt. Judson Coolidge, the same Mr. William Brogden, and the same Mr. Singleton Wootton, (I mean no reflection on the two last, unless they wantonly lent their names) ready to be produced, as will shew conviction on any sensible mind."

Mr. West, mindful of what little weight his bare assertion would have with those who know him, has most artfully introduced the names of two very respectable gentlemen, Messrs. Craufurd and Jacques; I shall be thankful to those gentlemen would they inform the publick, whether, any papers Mr. West laid before them, will shew conviction against me, if not, then must the publick be convinced, that Mr. West made use of those gentlemen's names to give a sanction to a most infamous falsehood.

I am not directly nor indirectly concerned in the dispute subsisting between Capt. Coolidge and Mr. West, nor swayed by partiality or influenced by any other prejudice than that which I wish ever to indulge in behalf of an honest man. Capt. Coolidge appeared to me very desirous of a settlement, and that I did several times apply (at the request of Capt. Coolidge) to Mr. West for his account is a fact; that the same Mr. Stephen West will not deny; why then Mr. West should so basely endeavour to depreciate and vilify my character is what I cannot conceive.

"Wantonly lent their names." Mr. West seems mighty fond of this word wanton, I believe there is a WANTON bunch of them. However, I beg he would not wantonly shew abuse against me, for though I am not ambitious of attaining to the character of a fine writer, or a crafty London merchant, yet I wish to support the character of an honest man; I have a proper regard for, and mean no reflection on the same Mr. Stephen West, if he blots out his wanton attack against me.

SINGLETON WOOTTON.

Annapolis, May 26, 1773.

To be sold by the subscriber at publick vendue, on Monday the 5th day of July next, on the premises, if fair, if not the next fair day.

ABOUT five hundred acres, part of that valuable tract of land, called Middle Plantation, lying in Anne-Arundel county, between the head of South-river and Patuxent; also about forty acres of choice meadow adjoining the said land. The land is level, and the soil good, either for planting or farming; it is pleasantly situated, about two miles from two merchant mills, and about the same distance from a navigable water, where ships frequently load, and is a market for all sorts of grain. The purchaser will be put into possession the 25th Nov. next, and have the liberty to sow grain this summer.

NICHOLAS MACCUBBIN,

May 12, 1773.

To be sold for London bills, or cash, or leased for a term of years,

THE house and lot now in the occupation of Mrs. Mary Hawkins, in Piscataway; the dwelling-house is commodious, and well calculated for the entertainment of travellers and others, with suitable out houses, and a large garden and yard well paved in with locust posts: there is likewise great plenty of soil on the said lot, for building or other improvements, near and adjoining the main country road. Credit will be given for one half the money twelve months, on giving bond and security if required, to

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THOMAS DENT.

May 28, 1773.

JOHN BOYD,

Has just imported from LONDON, A LARGE and well assorted parcel of capital Drugs, and compound Medicines, which he will sell on terms that will make it the interest of gentlemen of the faculty and others to deal with him, at his medicinal Store in BALTIMORE.

He has also imported from the original warehouses, the whole catalogue of *patent medicines* generally used in this country. The most saleable of Doctor Hill's nostrums, Ward's famed compositions, also a variety of *perfumery* of the most fragrant odours; such as essence of bergamot, oranges, lemons, jessamy, lavender, rosemary, &c. Hungary and lavender waters. Likewise a quantity of *finest Spicery* well cured, and carefully preserved, as cinnamon, cloves, mace, nutmegs, black, white, long, and Jamaica peppers; cardamon seeds, &c. His grocery articles are of the first quality, consisting of delicious Florence, and Lucca olive oils, Montpellier vinegar, exceeding fine, at 12/6 per gallon; good white wine ditto. Raisins, figs, saltp, sugarcandy, pearl barley, &c. House, ship, and carriage painters will find at his store, a complete assortment of colours for their business. He has white lead ground and dry, yellow and brown ochres ditto, Spanish brown, Venetian red, vermilion, red lead, rose pink, Bone ochre, lampblack, ivory ditto, Prussian blues, from No. 1 to No. 5, chalk, Spanish whiting, kings yellow, varnish, toils, brushes, and camel hair pencils, with linseed oil, boiled or raw, by any quantity. Apothecaries shop furniture; a few sets of elegant pocket instruments; in pouches, and shagreen cases, lancets, toothdrawers, scalpels, &c. all from the most approved workmen. Said Boyd is determined to sell his goods for a very moderate profit, at his usual credit, but expects punctual payments, or at least interest, if accounts are not discharged within the limited time. He will be much obliged, if all persons who are indebted to him above twelve months, will please to pay off their accounts, on or before the twenty-fifth of July next.

N. B. An active sober young lad, inclinable to study physic and acquire an acquaintance with the druggist business, may be admitted on advantageous terms, by applying speedily to

JOHN BOYD.

May 20, 1773.

ALL persons indebted to Messrs. Barnes and Ridgate, for dealings at their several stores, at Port-Tobacco, Benedict, and Newport, in Charles county; and George-Town, in Frederick county, are desired to settle their respective accounts, with the several factors herein after mentioned, who are appointed for that purpose, by us the subscribers trustees of the said Barnes and Ridgate. For dealings at Port-Tobacco, with Zephaniah Turner; at Benedict, with Alexander M'Pherson; at Newport, with Joseph Gevin, junr. at George-Town, with Thomas Johns. Those who refuse or neglect to comply with this request by the first day of July next, may depend that suits will be commenced against them without respect of persons. And the creditors of the said Barnes and Ridgate are desired to attend at Port-Tobacco on the 28th day of June next, when a state of their affairs will be laid before such creditors, by

JOHN ROGERS,
THOMAS STONE,
PHILIP RICHARD FENDALL.

Baltimore, May 22, 1773.

RAN away on Wednesday the 6th inst. an apprentice lad, named Arthur Shaine, between fifteen and sixteen years old, is country born; had on, when he went away, an old check shirt, new osnabrig trousers; his own light brown hair, little eyes sunk in his head; by report is gone off in a boat to Virginia: Whoever will bring or send him home to the subscriber in Baltimore-town, shall have five shillings for their trouble.

ROBERT MOORE,

May 20, 1773.

In pursuance of a deed executed on the 18th day of May, 1773, by Messrs. John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate, joint partners in trade, to us the subscribers, in trust for the payment of their debts in the manner in the said deed expressed, which deed is recorded among the records of Charles county,

NOTICE is hereby given to the county creditors of the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate, and the holders of bonds and other specialties, and bills of exchange, actually and bona fide executed and drawn by the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate, in the province of Maryland, that we have appointed the twenty first day of February next, to meet the said creditors in the town of Port-Tobacco in Charles county, in the said province of Maryland, for the purpose of receiving their claims in writing against the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate, joint partners in trade as aforesaid, and releases of the persons of the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate. And that all those of the said creditors, who shall neglect or refuse to signify their claims in writing to us or one of us, or who shall neglect or refuse to release and acquit the persons of the said John Barnes and Thomas How Ridgate, in consideration of the benefit and advantages the said creditors are to receive under the said deed, on or before the said twenty first day of February next, will be barred and excluded from all manner of benefit and advantage under the said trust deed, and the powers therein contained, according to the purport true intent and meaning thereof.

JOHN ROGERS,
THOMAS STONE,
PHILIP RICHARD FENDALL.

Prince-George's county, May 21, 1773.

A CONSIDERABLE part of the publick money for this year being still unpaid, the subscriber gives notice, that he will attend as follows in order to receive it, when he hopes all persons that have not paid will come prepared to discharge their balances.

RALPH FORSTER, Sheriff.
At Nottingham, the 16th and 17th June,
At Piscataway, 18th and 19th ditto,
At Broad creek, the 21st,
At Bladensburg, the 22d and 23d,
At Queen-Anne, the 24th, and at
Upper-Marlborough, the 25th and 26th ditto.

Annapolis, May 26, 1773.

THE subscriber who served his time with Mr. Thomas Callahan of this city, has just opened Shop at Mrs. Martin Waters's, opposite John Ridout's, Esq; where he intends to carry on the tailoring business in all its branches. Those gentlemen that will favour him with their custom, may depend on having their work done in the neatest and most reasonable manner, by

1 heir most obedient humble servant,
6w LEWIS LEWIS.

TWELVE POUNDS REWARD.

May 17, 1773.

RAN away last night from the subscribers, living on Elk Ridge, in Anne-Arundel county, Maryland, two convict Servant men, viz. Anthony Jackson, born in the west of England, and speaks a little in that dialect, about twenty five years of age, five feet eight or nine inches high, a red faced well-looking fellow, stoops in the shoulders, has short brown hair, and thin dark beard, has a down look when spoken to; had on, and took with him, when he went away, two osnabrig shirts, a pair of coarse country linen trousers, two pair of country trade old shoes, a felt hat, white cotton and kersey jacket much worn, and an iron collar. John Jones, an Irishman, about eighteen years of age, five feet three or four inches high, short dark hair, black eyes, fair complexion, and fresh coloured; had on, and took with him, a light coloured forest cloth coat, with a piece of linsley about two inches broad down the back, a jacket of the same, old felt hat, a pair of greasy leather breeches, coarse yarn stockings, one pair of thread ditto, osnabrig shirt, and an iron collar.

Whoever takes up the said servants, and secures them in any jail, so that their masters may get them again, shall receive if taken ten miles from home, forty shillings; if twenty miles, four pounds; if forty miles, eight pounds; and if out of the province, the above reward; or half for either one of them (including what the law allows) and reasonable charges if brought home to

JOHN HOOD, junr.
JOSEPH HOBBS, junr.

N. B. It is probable they may cut off their hair, and get their collars taken off. All masters of vessels are forewarned carrying them off at their peril.

WANTED I M M E D I A T E L Y. A SKILFUL person who will undertake to repair and enlarge the publick wharf at Charles-town, Cecil county. Any person willing to contract for the same, is requested to apply to the commissioners for said town, or any of them. As it will be a very considerable job, whoever applies must come well recommended.

Signed by order of the commissioners,
THOMAS HUGHES, Clerk.