

PHILADELPHIA, June 23.

Two men were taken up at Potts-Grove, and committed to the jail of this city, for attempting to utter counterfeit Maryland eight-dollar bills...

The above counterfeits were dated March 1, 1770, the face of the bill is done with printing type, but the arms and ornaments are badly engraved on copper-plates...

Extract of a letter from London, dated May 5.

About ten days ago, every thing suddenly bore the face of immediate war—is now all subdued—it was occasioned by the French equipping a fleet...

ANNAPOLIS, JULY 3.

On Saturday his Excellency Robert Eden, Esq; our governor, after having passed the bills inserted below, was pleased to deliver the following speech to both houses of assembly.

GENTLEMEN OF THE UPPER AND LOWER HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY.

It gives me pleasure to think that the province will reap great advantages from the acts passed this meeting.

The absence of so many members, and the little prospect of any further benefits accruing from a continuance of the session, at this season, lay me under the necessity of proroguing this Assembly.

By and with the advice therefore of the Lord Proprietary's council of state, I do prorogue this assembly to Monday the 11th day of October next, and you will take notice that you are prorogued accordingly.

ROBERT EDEN.

A LIST OF THE LAWS PASSED LAST SESSION.

- No. 1. An ACT concerning estates-tail and the jurisdiction of the county courts.
No. 2. An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.
No. 3. An ACT reviving and continuing an act, entitled an act, for amending and repairing the public roads in Baltimore county.
No. 4. An ACT for the enlargement of Baltimore town.
No. 5. An ACT to prevent counterfeiting the paper money of other colonies.
No. 6. An ACT to enable the commissioners for emitting bills of credit to provide stationary for the use of the upper and lower houses of assembly.
No. 7. An ACT to continue the acts therein mentioned.
No. 8. An ACT for the relief of John MLure and others (a private act).
No. 9. An ACT for the relief of the poor in Frederick county.
No. 10. ACT to empower Thomas Jett and William Bernard, or either of them, to sell and dispose of the lands therein mentioned, pursuant to the directions of the last will and testament of John Morton Jordan, deceased (a private act).
No. 11. An ACT confirming to James Hendricks of Baltimore county, sundry lands therein mentioned (a private act).
No. 12. An ACT for the relief of certain prisoners in the several jails therein mentioned.
No. 13. An ACT for the better regulating attachments.
No. 14. An ACT to enable the representatives of deceased treasurers to pay over the balances in their hands.

By the lower house of assembly, July 2, 1773. ORDERED, THAT the following be entered as the resolves of this house.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the representatives of the freemen of this province, have the sole right, with the assent of the other part of the legislature, to impose and establish taxes on the inhabitants of this province, under colour or pretence of any proclamation issued by, or in the name of the Lord Proprietary, or other authority, is arbitrary, unconstitutional, and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That in all cases where no fees are established by law for services done by officers, the power of ascertaining the quantum of the reward for such services, is constitutionally in a jury upon the action of the party.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the proclamation issued in the name of his Excellency Robert Eden, the Governor, with the advice of his Lordship's council of state, on the 16th day of November, 1770, was illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the paper written under the great seal of this province, issued in the name of the late Lord Proprietary, on the 24th day of November, 1770, for the ascertaining the fees and perquisites to be received by the registers of the land-office, was illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional, and oppressive.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the ADVISERS of the said proclamations were enemies to the peace, welfare, and happiness of this province, and the laws and constitution thereof.

ORDERED, That the said resolves be printed in the next week's Maryland gazette, and be continued therein, for weeks successively.

Signed by order, JOHN DUCKETT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

We have seen one of the counterfeit eight-dollar bills mentioned under the head of Philadelphia, which is so curiously executed, that any person in the least acquainted with engraving, print, or manuscript, cannot be imposed upon. The paper is also very thin, spongy, and coarse, that the fraud may not be discovered by handling.

Shortly will be published, a PARCE of two acts, CALLED THE

EXIT OF THE FANATICK. DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Johannes, a trader. Honest, friendly, and unsuspicious.

Customers to Johannes. Crispin, a crafty cordwainer, employed by these customers; an insinuating fellow, a great news-monger, politician; and cracker of jokes, a funny performance in short, and mightily in favour with the customers.

Debtors. Mrs. East; Widow of a trader who had great possessions, but was scratched out of the book of life, insolvent.

Judges, juries, sheriffs, constables, and assistants.

Some account of the first act may not be disagreeable.

It opens with a soliloquy, wherein Crispin relates his feats from his infancy, and particularly how he got one of the customer's daughters to marry him. Then he rehearses, with great composure of face, the speeches to be made to the customers, in order to forward his schemes of trade; and conclude, with a smile, how easily people are taken in by appearances, and how soon they forget ill-usage.

The customers recommend him to Johannes, who lends him money. Crispin then sets up trade, and builds a house. But finding his charges greater than his profits, he takes to reading law books; and happens to find a place where it is said, that when there are two currencies in any country, made for the convenience of that country, a trader may deal in either. Reading farther he finds a maxim, that he who withholds a just debt pays all charges. From which Crispin concludes, that in order to make his debtors pay the charges of his buildings, &c. according to law, he has a right to payment in a currency, one fourth more valuable than he used to take in his shops, when these debts were contracted. A number of sheriffs arrest Crispin's debtors—judges and juries are seen at a distance. Crispin speaks in a kind way to his debtors who confess judgment, for the sake of a stay of execution. The sheriffs again appear, execute for the most valuable currency, and these judgments and executions secure all claims. The judges and juries then advance, and make a rule that this shall not again be done. But that the currency contracted for shall be paid—and every debt stand on its own merits. Exit Crispin.

End of the first Act.

An account of the second will soon appear.

TO THE PRINTER &c.

By inserting the following in your next gazette, you will oblige several

CONSTANT CUSTOMERS.

Port-Tobacco, June 29, 1773.

ON Friday last we received an account that a most beneficial bill was sent down from the upper to the lower house; by which the docking of entails and a great deal of law business is transferred from the provincial to the county courts, and the jurisdiction of the county magistrates much extended, to the great ease of the people; and that it passed to the utter discomfiture of the lawyers. There happened to be a court of oyer and terminer at this place, at which there was a large concourse of people when the news arrived; a general joy soon spread through all ranks; some of the populace often crying out, "God bless 'Antilope." On the Sunday following, a facetious divine who is happy in keeping up peace and good humour among his parishioners, entertained his congregation with a discourse on these words from Daniel, chap. vi. verse 28. "Then said these men, we shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." The patriotism, the machinations, the valour, the cunning devices, and terrible exploits of the papist printers, the leaders of the proclamation riot, were most yorrickly depicted; and after a pathetic account how the mouths of the lions were most miraculously shut by Daniel's good genius, the whole concluded with this remarkable passage in the 29th verse of the preceding chapter; "and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom."

The printers of the Maryland gazette are requested to publish the following in their useful paper, and thereby oblige some of their constant readers.

THE Mosaic institution, although said to have been done away ever since the christian era, is now revived in the flourishing town of Baltimore, for one hereafter to be denominated a non-priest, with one hundred and five of his hangers on, ordered up as a

sacrifice the 14th day of this inst. month, the primary lives of Baltimore county for a peace offering to their offended deity. Whether or not this sacrifice may be acceptable a little time will make manifest, but it is yet feared the sacrifice will not have its due favour.

To the high priest and his hangers on.

YOU are desired to explain your expressions in your piece of the 14th inst. published in the Maryland gazette the 17th inst.

FREEMEN and FREEHOLDERS. ANY ACT OF GOVERNMENT. TUMULTUOUS PROCEEDINGS.

I will not say you are, or are not, freemen or freeholders in Baltimore county, that you are or are not persons, and know not for what purpose you sacrificed.

There hath been, and in future may be, many acts of government which have merited, and may hereafter merit, the contempt of every sensible honest man.

I have been an elector in the province of Maryland upwards of twenty years, and never knew more harmony among the electors during the course of polling at our last election; and the two succeeding days.

THE ADDRESS to the First Citizen which you make at was no more than a tribute due to the merit of a man who exerted his abilities in laying before the publick the evil consequences attendant on the proclamation, for which address the electors present (at the close of the poll) unanimously gave their voices.

An INDEPENDENT FREEHOLDER in Baltimore county.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of the late Lord Baltimore (except for land sold by the commissioners) are desired to make immediate payment to Daniel of St. Thomas Jaffer, Esq; who is empowered to receive the same; those who neglect to comply with this requisition, may depend that suits will be commenced against them without respect to persons.

ROBERT EDEN, Executor.

ANY Person wanting Searches made in the Rentals for the Western Shore of this Province may apply to J. CLARHAM.

To be sold by the subscriber at publick vendue, on Tuesday the 10th day of August next, on the premises, if fair, if not the next fair day.

ABOUT two hundred acres of land, being part of that tract of land called Davis's Purchase, lying in the fork of Patuxent, about 16 miles from Elk-Ridge Landing, and about 6 miles from Snowdon's iron-works; there is on the premises an exceeding good apple and peach orchard; the land is suitable either for planting or farming; the purchaser will be put into possession the 25th of December next, and have the liberty to sow grain this summer.

STEPHEN STEWARD.

WILLIAM M. A. I. K. M. A. N. Bookseller and Stationer, in West-street, Annapolis.

ON Monday last opened his circulating library, consisting of above 12 hundred volumes of the most useful sciences, history, poetry, agriculture, voyages, travels, miscellanies, plays, with all the most approved of novels, magazines and other books of entertainment, to be lent out to read at one guinea per year, 20 shillings for six months, 12 shillings per quarter, 5 shillings per month, or 3 pence per night. Readers at any distance from Annapolis to be allowed two books at a time. As the library will be of real utility to the publick, and as the proprietor will take care to have it supplied with all the new publications of merit from Britain so soon as published, he hopes it will meet with encouragement from the friends of literature.

He has likewise imported a large assortment of most of the books in the library for sale. The best editions printed on a fine paper, handsome type and neatly bound. All different kinds of gilt and plain, cut and ancient writing paper, gilt, plain and engraved message cards, turkey pocket book and letter cases, folio and quarto paper books, ruled and unruled, memorandum books of all different sizes, wax, wafers, pens, penknives, pencils, quills, folders and all different kinds of stationery, with an assortment of jewellery, to be sold at the London prices for cash only. Paper, ruled and bound for accounts, all kinds of books bound and re-bound in the neatest manner and at the most reasonable rates.

WILLIAM AIKMAN.

AN. B. Catalogues both of the library and the books he has for sale to be had at his shop.

Annapolis, June 29, 1773. AS the subscriber, master of the French tongue, has met with good encouragement in this city, he giveth notice to the publick, that he purposes to teach the French and English grammar, for the term of 2 years from this date; his school shall be kept in the most convenient place in this city, where shall be taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, in both languages, with the utmost care and assiduity, by their humble servant.

JOSEPH PAILLOTIER.

N. B. He also attends ladies and gentlemen at their particular abodes.