

the British colonies or plantations in America, are directed to be prosecuted, sued for or recovered, divided, paid, and applied, by two several acts of parliament, the one passed in the fourth year of his present majesty, intitled "An Act for granting certain duties in the British colonies and plantations in America; for continuing, amending, and making perpetual, an act passed in the sixth year of the reign of his late majesty king George the second, intitled, An Act for the better securing and encouraging the trade of his majesty's sugar colonies in America; for applying the produce of such duties, and the duties to arise by virtue of the said act, towards defraying the expenses of defraying, protecting, and securing the said colonies and plantations; for explaining an act made in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of king Charles the second, intitled, An Act for the encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland trades; and for the better securing the plantation trade; and for altering and disallowing several drawbacks on exports from this kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandestine conveyance of goods to and from the said colonies and plantations, and improving and securing the trade between the same and Great-Britain;" the other passed in the eighth year of his present majesty's reign, intitled, "An Act for the more easy and effectual recovery of the penalties and forfeitures inflicted by the acts of parliament relating to the trade or revenues of the British colonies and plantations in America."

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every charter party, bill of lading, and other contract for consigning shipping, or carrying any goods, wares, and merchandise whatsoever, to or from the said town of Boston, or any part of the bay or harbour thereof, described as aforesaid, which have been made or entered into, or which shall be made or entered into, so long as this act shall remain in full force, relating to any ship which shall arrive at the said town or harbour after the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, utterly void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever it shall be made to appear to his majesty in his privy council that peace and obedience to the laws shall be so far restored in the said town of Boston, that the trade of Great-Britain may safely be carried on there, and his majesty's customs duly collected, and his majesty, in his privy council, shall adjudge the same to be true, it shall and may be lawful for his majesty, by proclamation, or order of council, to assign and appoint the extent, bounds, and limits, of the port or harbour of Boston and of every creek or haven within the same, or in the islands within the precinct thereof; and also to assign and appoint such and so many open places, quays, and wharfs within the said harbour, creeks, havens, and islands, for the landing, discharging, lading, and shipping of goods, as his majesty, his heirs or successors shall judge necessary and expedient; and also to appoint such and so many officers of the customs therein as his majesty shall think fit; after which it shall be lawful for any person or persons to land or put off from, or to discharge and land upon, such wharfs, quays, and places so appointed within the said harbour, and none other, any goods, wares, and merchandise whatever.

Provided always, That if any goods, wares, or merchandise, shall be laden or put off from, or discharged or landed upon, any other place, than the quays, wharfs, or places, so to be appointed, the same, together with the ships, boats, and other vessels employed therein, and the horses, or other cattle and carriages used to convey the same, and the person or persons concerned or assisting therein, or to whose hands the same shall knowingly come, shall suffer all the forfeitures and penalties imposed by this or any other act on the illegal shipping or landing of goods.

Provided also, and it is hereby declared and enacted, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed, to enable his majesty to appoint such port, harbour, creeks, quays, wharfs, places, or officers, in the said town of Boston, or in the said bay or islands, until it shall sufficiently appear to his majesty that full satisfaction hath been made by or on behalf of the inhabitants of the said town of Boston to the united company of merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, for the damages sustained by the said company, by the destruction of their goods sent to the said town of Boston, on board certain ships or vessels as aforesaid, and until it shall be certified to his majesty, in council, by the governor, or lieutenant governor, of the said province, that reasonable satisfaction hath been made to the officers of his majesty's revenue, and others, who suffered by the riots and insurrections abovementioned, in the months of November and December, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, and in the month of January, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any action or suit shall be commenced, either in Great-Britain or America, against any person or persons, for any thing done in pursuance of this act of parliament, the defendant or defendants, in such action or suit, may plead the general issue, and give the said act, and the special matter, in evidence, at any trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this act: and if it shall appear so to have been done, the jury shall find for the defendant or defendants; and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuited, or discontinue his action, after the defendant or defendants shall have appeared; or if judgment shall be given upon any verdict or demurrer, against the plaintiff, the defendant or defendants shall recover treble costs, and have the like remedy for the same, as defendants have in other cases by law.

April 9. Thursday night a cabinet council was held at lord North's, at which all the great officers of state assisted, as did his excellency general Gage, which sat late: After their rising a messenger was dispatched to Portsmouth.

The officers ordered upon the duty of America, hang back; and declare it a piece of duty quite repugnant to their feelings, as men and Englishmen.

We are informed from the best authority, that the following four regiments have actually received orders from the war office to hold themselves in readiness to embark for Boston upon the shortest notice, viz. the 4th, 5th, 38th, and 43d, and that all the officers, notwithstanding many of them had obtained the king's leave of absence, have received orders to join their respective corps immediately upon pain of being cashiered.

The report continues to gain credit, that the friends to the Bostonians have made some overtures which may probably prevent matters being carried to extremities; it is, however, generally agreed, that general Gage will be sent to America, to see all things settled upon a permanent and proper footing.

ANNAPOLIS, May 19.
CUSTOM-HOUSE.
ENTERED.
Schooner Elizabeth, Josiah Godfrey, from Boston.
Schooner Two Brothers, Thomas Culmer, from New Providence.
Sloop Polly, John White, from Virginia.
Sloop Lucy, Samuel McEllan, from Portola.
Sloop Britannia, Thomas Jones, from St. Eustatia.
Schooner Fanny, Benjamin Dashiell, from Grenada.
Ship Patuxent, David Lewis, from London.

CLEARED.
Brig Peggy Stewart, Richard Jackson, for London.
Brig Sally, Wyatt St. Barbe, for Bilbao.
Sloop Speedwell, Charles Allen, for Surinam.
Schooner Nancy, James Tibbitt, for Barbados.

Advertisements omitted this week, will be inserted in our next

Just imported from London, in the ship Kitty and Nelly, cap. James Buchanan; and are to be sold on reasonable terms, by the subscribers, at their store on the head of the dock,
ANNAPOLIS, May 18, 1774.

A LARGE and general assortment of European and East-India goods, adapted to the season.
The subscribers also beg leave to inform their friends, that the said ship will in a few days go round from hence to Selby's landing, on Patuxent river; where she will take on board tobacco, at seven pounds sterling per ton, consigned to
WALLACE, DAVIDSON, and JOHNSON.

Just imported from London, in the Geddes, captain Harrison,
ANNAPOLIS, May 16, 1774.

A N assortment of European and East-India goods; suitable for the season; which are to be sold wholesale or retail, at my store on the front of the dock, on the usual terms, for ready money or short credit.
THOMAS BROOKE HODGKIN.

N. B. At the same place may be had red port wine of the very best quality, by the groce, or smaller quantity; Cheshire and double Gloucester cheese; a few dozen of Ben. Kenton's porter, cane spirit, and West-Indy rum; Muscovado sugar and coffee
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To be sold by the subscriber, living in Calvert county, on the premises, on Tuesday the 14th of June next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, for sterling cash, good bills of exchange, or current money,
A TRACT or parcel of land lying in the county aforesaid, about 4 miles from Hunting-town, 3 from the court-house, and one and an half from the bay, containing about 242 acres, whereon are a large dwelling house with one brick chimney and two good rooms on each floor, a large kitchen with a brick chimney, a new tobacco house 40 feet by 24, and several other convenient houses; near one end of the said land is a new dwelling house 20 feet by 16, which may be convenient for a tenement: there is a great quantity of good meadow ground which may easily be put in good order, a large apple orchard under good fence, and a great quantity of good rail timber. For farther particulars enquire of
JOHN HANCE.

To be sold at public vendue, on the premises, on Wednesday the first day of June,
A TRACT of land, called Nutwell's Chantre, containing two hundred and ninety-four acres; also a tract called Brecknock, containing one hundred acres, adjacent to the above; those tracts are located in Queen-Anne's county, and situated on Wye river. On the 10th will be sold on the premises, a tract called Lloyd's Freshes, patented for one thousand acres, contiguous to Church-Hill in said county; great part of which is capable of making good meadow. Likewise will be sold on the premises, the 11th of the said month, part of a tract called Mitchel's Park, containing four hundred acres, lying in Kent county, and is remarkably well timbered. Any person inclinable to purchase at private sale, before the day of vendue, may know the terms and title, by applying to the subscriber,
EDWARD LLOYD.

Fairfax county, Virginia, May 10, 1774.
I N the month of March last the subscriber sent out a number of carpenters, and labourers, to build houses, and clear and enclose fields on his patented lands on the Ohio, intending to divide the several tracts which he there holds, into convenient sized tenements, and give leases thereof for lives, or a term of years, renewable for ever, under certain conditions which may be known either of him, or Mr. Valentine Crawford, who is now on the land.
The situation and quality of these lands having been thoroughly described in a former advertisement, it is unnecessary to enlarge upon them here, suffice it generally to observe, that they are no better in that country, and that the whole of them lay upon the banks either of the Ohio or Great Kanhawa, and capable of receiving the highest improvement.
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GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Baltimore Town.
L AST Monday morning arrived from Chester Town, the rev. Mr. William Boardley, an Ethiopian preacher, of very distinguished merit; who proposes, (God willing) to preach every Thursday, and Sunday afternoon, at 9 o'clock.

To be SOLD by the SUBSCRIBER,
A TRACT of land in Frederick county, on the waters of Seneca, about 2 1/2 miles from Georgetown, called Part of the Cow Pasture, containing about 360 acres, very fit for fine tobacco and wheat. There are on the land a dwelling house, kitchen, meat-house, two tobacco-houses, and other improvements, an extraordinary good range round it. Any person inclinable to purchase, may apply to Mr. Charles Greenbury Griffith, merchant on Seneca, who lives within two miles of the lands. Time will be given for payment, if desired. **4 w** **STEPHEN WEST.**

FORTY DOLLARS REWARD.
R AN away last night, a negro-man, who says he is a freeman, and calls himself Thomas Jones; he brought a kind of pass from Baltimore county eighteen months ago, wherein he is called Thomas Smith; he indentured himself to me in January last; this month I gave him a discharge from his indenture, on account of his feigning fits, as plainly since appears, in order to get clear from me; he is six or seven and twenty years of age, a very luffy fellow, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high; had on an old cotton waistcoat and breecher, of snabrig shirt, black and white yarn stockings, and shoes with strings in them; he took from the subscriber a negro woman named Nan, eighteen years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, whom he calls his wife; she had on and took with her a calico jacket and petticoat, an ofsnabrig ditto, a cotton ditto, shoes, stockings, and an old straw hat, with many other things too tedious to mention. Whoever brings the said negroes to the subscriber near Annapolis, shall receive twenty shillings if ten miles from home, thirty shillings if twenty miles, fifty shillings if thirty miles, three pounds if forty miles, and the above reward if out of the province, or twenty dollars for either, paid by **MAY 11, 1774.** **CALEB DORSEY, Junr of do.**

TEN POUNDS REWARD.
R AN away last night, an Irish servant man, named Thomas Bready, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, has but little beard, and some marks of the small-pox in his face, is a good deal freckled, has long brown hair clubbed, and often nicely curled at the sides; his common dress is a full black and white country cloth over jacket, very long, a short under waistcoat unfused black and white, with breeches of the same, black and white country yarn stockings, old country shoes with strings, one of them patched on the side, a pretty good English fine hat with a black silk band and buckle; he carried with him sundry other cloaths, viz. an old green cassimer coat very much worn and faded, an old striped flannel waistcoat, a pair of mixed cloth breeches made out of an old coat turned, I suppose he has worn these last mentioned cloaths, and carried the others for change, he has a brown dowlas, and two ofsnabrig shirts, is subject to get drunk, and has had one of his thighs broke, which makes him hop very much in his walk, I expect that he is gone off with a brother of his, a very strong well set fellow, a servant to Mr. Philemon Warfield, as I found the horse at my house this morning which I believe that servant used to ride when he came to visit my servant; his brother, Whoever takes up the said servant and brings him home to me, shall receive the above reward.
REUBEN MERIWETHER.
N. B. I have since discovered that he has stolen a light mixed wilton coat with a red cape, and a light blue broad cloth waistcoat with plain white metal capped buttons, which I suppose was for his brother to wear.
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STRAY'D or stolen from my house on the 26th of April, a small sorrel mare, about eight years old, twelve and an half hands high, has a switch tail, some saddle spots, and a small white spot under her right ear, is a natural pacer, and goes very easy; branded with something like **o**. Whoever delivers said mare to me shall receive twenty shillings reward.
W **NICHOLAS THACKREL.**

Annopolis, May 3, 1774.
The commissioners of the loan office hereby give notice, that pursuant to an act of assembly of this province, entitled "An act for emitting bills of credit, and applying part thereof;" they will open their office in order to let out upon loan the said bills of credit to the inhabitants of the several counties, agreeable to the directions of the said act, on Monday the 6th day of June next, that is to say **Dollars.**
To the inhabitants of Baltimore county - **35,200**
Part of which is, by subsequent acts of assembly, appropriated

For the use of the inhabitants of	
Harford county,	117,333 1/2
For the use of the poor in Baltimore county,	10,666 2/3
For repairing the roads in said county,	10,666 2/3
	33,066 2/3
Remains	2,133 1/2
To the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county,	23,733 1/2
Appropriated by the act for repairing the roads,	2,000
	21,733 1/2
To the inhabitants of Frederick county,	34,933 1/2
Appropriated by the abovementioned act,	5,000
	29,933 1/2
To the inhabitants of Prince George's county,	21,333 1/2
Charles county,	20,000
Calvert county,	9,333 1/2
Saint Mary's county,	16,000
Queen Anne's county,	19,200
Dorchester county,	18,933 1/2
Worcester county,	14,933 1/2
Somerset county,	14,400
Kent county,	14,133 1/2
Talbot county,	13,333 1/2
Cecil county,	11,200