...prehension of being degraded into a state of ...rom the pre-eminent rank of English freemen, ...minds retain the proper love of liberty, ...y foresee the miseries preparing for us and ...excites emotions in our hearts which, ...cannot describe, we should not wish to con... ...ceive as men, and thinking as subjects in the ...we do, silence would be disloyalty. By giving ...ful information we do all in our power to pro... ...great objects of your royal cares the trans... ...your government, and the welfare of your ...

...to your majesty, and regard for the preserva... ...ourselves and our posterity, the primary obliga... ...nature and of society, command us to entreat ...attention. And, as your majesty enjoys the ...tinction of reigning over freemen, we appeal ...language of freemen cannot be displeasing, ...val indignation, we hope, will rather fall on ...igning and dangerous men, who, daringly in... ...themselves between your royal person and ...ithful subjects, and for several years past incel... ...employed to dissolve, the bonds of society, by ...your majesty's authority, misrepresenting your ...an subjects, and prosecuting the most desperate ...iating projects of oppression, have at length ...ed us, by the force of accumulated injuries, too ...o be any longer tolerable, to disturb your ma... ...repose by our complaints.

...e sentiments are extorted from hearts that much ...illingly would bleed in your majesty's service. ...greatly have we been misrepresented, that a na... ...has been alleged of taking our property from ...out our consent, as to decline the charge of the ...istration of justice, the support of civil govern... ...and the defence, protection, and security of the ...But we beg leave to assure your majesty, ...h provision has been, and will be made, for de... ...the two first articles as has been, and shall be ...by the legislatures of the several colonies, just ...ble to their respective circumstances; and for ...ence, protection, and security of the colonies, ...ilitias, if properly regulated, as they earnestly ...may immediately be done, would be fully suffi... ...least in time of peace; and in case of war, ...aithful colonists will be ready and willing, as ...ver have been when constitutionally required, to ...nstrate their loyalty to your majesty, by exerting ...most strenuous efforts in granting supplies, and ...forces. Yielding to no British subjects, in affec... ...attachment to your majesty's person, family ...vernment, we too dearly prize that privilege of ...ing that attachment by those proofs which are ...ble to the prince who receives them, and to ...ple who give them, ever to resign it to any ...f men upon earth.

...we been permitted to enjoy in quiet, the inhe... ...left us by our forefathers, we should at this time ...been peaceably, chearfully, and usefully employed ...commending ourselves by every testimony of devo... ...your Majesty, and of veneration to the state from ...we derive our origin. But tho' now exposed to ...ected and unnatural scenes of distress by a con... ...with that nation, on whose parental guidance ...important affairs, we have hitherto with filial re... ...constantly trusted, and therefore can derive no ...ion in our present unhappy and perplexing cir... ...ces from any former experience; yet we doubt ...rity of our intention and the integrity of our ...will justify us at that grand tribunal before ...all mankind must submit to judgment.

...our for peace liberty, and safety. We wish ...inution of the prerogative, nor do we solicit ...t of any new right in our favour. Your royal... ...ty over us, and our connection with Great Brit... ...we shall always carefully and zealously endeavour. ...pport and maintain.

...ted with sentiments of duty to your Majesty, and ...ection to our parent state, deeply impressed by our ...tion, and strongly confirmed by our reason; and ...to evince the sincerity of these dispositions, we pre... ...petition only to obtain redress of grievances, and ...from fears and jealousies occasioned by the system ...utes and regulations adopted since the close of the ...r, for raising a revenue in America, extending ...wers of courts of admiralty, and vice-admiralty, ...persons in Great Britain for offences alleged to ...mitted in America, affecting the province of ...achusett's Bay, and altering the government, and ...ding the limits of Quebec, by the abolition of which ...n, the harmony between Great Britain and these ...ies, so necessary to the happiness of both, and so ...tly desired by the latter, and usual intercourse will ...mediately restored.

...the magnanimity and justice of your Majesty and ...ament, we confide for a redress of our other griev... ...trusting, that when the causes of our apprehensi... ...are removed, our future conduct will prove us not ...rthy of the regard we have been accustomed in our ...er days to enjoy. For appealing to that being who ...roughly searches the hearts of his creatures, we so... ...y profess, that our councils have been influenced ...o other motive than a dread of impending destruc...

...mit us then, most gracious sovereign, in the name ...your faithful people in America, with the utmost ...lity to implore you, for the honour of Almighty ...whose pure religion our enemies are undermining, ...our glory, which can be advanced only by render... ...our subjects happy, and keeping them united; for ...interest of your family depending on an adherence ...e principles that enthroned it; for the safety and ...re of your kingdoms and dominions, threatened with ...t unavoidable dangers and distresses: That your ...sty, as the loving father of your whole people, con... ...ed by the same bands of law, loyalty, faith and ..., tho' dwelling in various countries, will not sus... ...he transcendent relation formed by these ties, to be ...er violated by uncertain expectation of effects, that ...in so alarming a conjuncture, this colony has, in her ...chief governor, an advocate near the throne, upon ...whose distinguished abilities, and active and generous ...

CUSTOM-HOUSE.

ENTERED.

Ship Nancy, James Burrow, Bristol.
Ship Hibernia, Thomas Morrison, Cork.
Ship Star and Garter, Thomas Hemson, Exeter.
Snow Baltimore, Edward Veazy, Antigua.
Schooner Sally, Peter Faneuil Jones, Salem.
Ship Prosper, James Baxter, Bristol.
Schooner Chatham, Benjamin Fleetwood, Virginia.

CLEARED.

Ship Rebecca, Alexander Strachan, Virginia.
Schooner Sally and Polly, Nathaniel Freeman, Antigua.
Schooner Industry, John Blakeney.

Annapolis Jail, January 10, 1775.

WHEREAS we the subscribers, languishing prisoners in Anne Arundel county jail, have offered every thing in our power to satisfy the demands against us; this is therefore to give public notice, that we intend to apply to the next general assembly for our relief.

STOCKETT WILLIAMS,
JOHN LAWTON,

Annapolis, January 10, 1775.

Just arrived in the ship Star and Garter, Capt. Hemson, from Exeter,

A FEW healthy able servant men, whose times are to be disposed of on board said ship, now lying in the dock. Likewise for sale, a young healthy negro man, and a negro woman, who has been used to do all kinds of house work---also a negro girl about six years of age.---The said servants and negroes will be sold on reasonable terms, by the subscribers, who will give cash for any quantity of good clean wheat, at market price, delivered here or at Baltimore.

3 w THO. C. WILLIAMS, and CO.

George-town, on Potowmack, December 27, 1774.

THE manufactory of snuff of various sorts is now carried on by me at this place, where I can furnish it either in wholesale or retail, at reasonable rates. I have also manufactured tobacco for sale, viz. fine and saffron, and shall shortly begin and continue to manufacture it in all the different forms, if I receive proper encouragement.

Orders from persons at a distance will be duly attended to, either by myself, or Mr. Joseph Birch; and I will give ready money, or snuff for empty snuff bottles delivered here.

3 m RICHARD THOMPSON.

Upper Marlborough, January 12, 1775

WHEREAS Capt. Alexander Cumming obtained of Mr. Nich. Greenberry Ridgely, two bonds, each for £305 currency, bearing date the 16th of March, 1770; since which both parties are deceased, and these bonds with several other papers cannot be found, I do imagine that Capt. Cumming gave them into the care of some of his friends; if so, the subscriber his administrator living in this place, will be much obliged to any person that will give him information concerning them. All persons having claims against said Cumming, are desired to bring in their accounts legally proved, and those indebted to him, are desired to make immediate payment, to their humble servant,

w 2 DAVID CUMMING.

Falls of Patowmack, December 22, 1774.

AT a meeting of the trustees for opening the navigation of Patowmack, held at George-town the first day of December, 1774; present, Thomas Johnson, jun. attorney at law, William Deakins, Adam Stuart, Thomas Johns, and Thomas Richardson of George-town, merchants; William Ellzey, Robert Alexander, and Philip Alexander, of Virginia, who ordered and directed that the subscriber should on the credit, and at the risque of the above named trustees, hire 50 slaves to labour in cutting the canals, round the several falls of said river; and at another meeting of trustees for the purpose aforesaid, held at Alexandria the 19th day of the same month, present George Washington, John Carlile, J. Dalton, and W. Ramsay, gentleman, together with many of the trustees at the former meeting, who recognized and approved of the order for hiring 50 slaves, and agreed to become equally liable; in consequence of which order of the trustees, I hereby give notice, that I want to hire negro men for the ensuing year, for the purpose above mentioned: any person inclinable to hire the whole, or any part of them, may see the proceedings of the said trustees, subscribed by and with their respective hands in my custody.

4 w JOHN BALLENDINE.

December 22, 1774.

AT a meeting at Alexandria on the 19th instant, of several of the trustees, named in Mr. John Ballendines plan and propotals, for extending the navigation of Patowmack river, it was recommended that another meeting should shortly be held in order to form and digest proper plans to be laid before the assemblies of Virginia and Maryland, respecting the said navigation.

Notice is therefore given, that the said meeting will be at Alexandria on the last Thursday in January next, if fair, if not the next fair day; when and where it is expected that as large a number of the trustees as can make it convenient, will give their attendance.

RICHARD THOMPSON, clerk.

St. Mary's county, January 2, 1775.

WHEREAS the subscribers on the 29th day of June last, did deliver into the hands of Thomas Smallwood, jun. for collection, a list of debts due to the partnership of Bate and Metcalf, on which the said Smallwood is agreeing to give bond and security for his faithful performance thereof, and as the said Smallwood hath neglected to comply with the said agreement, we give this public notice to all persons indebted to the said partnership, not to pay to the said Smallwood any sum or sums of money, as we will from the date hereof, not allow any receipts given by him for money due on that account.

JAMES BATE,
GERARD BOND.

And all persons on whom the said Smallwood may make demands of debts due to the private account of the subscribers, are desired to observe the same caution he having obtained from him a deed of conveyance on the same terms, with which he has wilfully neglected to comply.

JAMES BATE.

TO BE RENTED,

THE house where Mrs. Osborne lately lived, adjoining to Mr. Joshua Fraziers. Enquire of

JACOBUS JACQUES.

Annapolis, January 9, 1775.

To be sold at public vendue, on Wednesday the 25th day of this instant, January, at the tavern kept by Mr. John Ball, in the city of Annapolis, between 12 and one of the clock, if fair, if not the next fair day,

SUNDRY valuable negro slaves, late the property of Thomas Rutland, deceased, consisting of men, women, boys, and girls; the sale is made in pursuance of the will of the deceased, and time of payment will be given, on bond with security if required. All persons indebted to the estate on note of hand or open account, are desired to make speedy payment, or they will be sued without respect of persons.

LEONARD WAYMAN, executor.

To be sold at public vendue, for sterling cash, or good London bills of Exchange, by the subscriber in Bladensburgh, on Tuesday the 28th of February, 1775,

TWO half acre lots number 35, and 36, with a good dwelling-house 36 feet long and 21 feet wide, three rooms, and a large passage, and three rooms above stairs, a large kitchen, a smoke-house, meat-house, and hen-house, a commodious garden; number 36 a dwelling-house with four rooms on a floor, a cooper's shop, stables, and two exceeding fine springs. Any person inclinable to purchase it by private sale, may know the terms, by applying to the subscriber on the premises.

WILLIAM THORNTON.

January 10, 1775.

STRYED or stolen from the subscriber's plantation beyond Elk-Ridge, on the 30th of last December, a large brown waggon horse, with a small white streak across his shoulder, occasioned by the collar, a small star in his forehead, if branded, I cannot recollect the brand. Whoever brings him to Mr. Riggs on the said plantation, shall be paid twenty shillings.

3 w CHARLES CARROLL.

THERE is at the plantation of John Simpson, near Frederick town, taken up as a stray, a bay horse, about thirteen hands three inches high, branded on the near buttock thus 30, has some saddle spots on his back, about twelve years old. The owner is desired to prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

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Mouth of Monocosy, Frederick county, Dec. 14, 1774.

RAN away, an indented servant lad, named James Powel, born in New-York, about five feet five or six inches high, thin complexion, light hair; had on a white cotton waistcoat and breeches, trimmed with wooden button's with brass shanks, an under light grey waistcoat home-spun and filled, trimmed with the same kind of buttons above, an osnabrig shirt, coarse yarn stockings, shoes with leather strings, and a felt hat; he is well acquainted about Philadelphia and in Pennsylvania, having formerly drove a waggon in that part of the country, and it is likely he will make that way. Whoever takes up and secures the said servant, so that I get him again, shall receive thirty shillings, besides what the law allows.

3 w EDWARD JONES.

Baltimore, December 20, 1774.

Just arrived in the schooner Industry, William Woolsey, master from Dublin,

A PARCEL of healthy indented men and women servants, amongst whom are, one cooper, one rope-maker, two house-carpenters, one forgeman, one gunsmith, two bricklayers, one blacksmith, two schoolmasters, one watchmaker, one tailor, three weavers, two barbers, and several used to country work; the women used to all sorts of house work and spinning, whose indentures will be disposed of for cash, or country produce, by the captain, on board said vessel in the basin, or

3 w WOOLSEY and SALMON.

To be sold by the subscribers in Annapolis,

A HEALTHY likely Mustee girl, 17 years of age, strictly honest, and used to drink, her price is 6a £ current, will be given if required, by giving bond on interest.

Likewise the plantation called Kinsby, containing 143 acres, near Elkridge Bridge, Caroline county; a good title and credit if required, will be given by

JAMES HIGGINSON.

N. B. A red cow and calf belonging has strayed from him, a dollar will be given for intelligence where she may be had.

...committee of correspondence for Prince George's ... Brook, Thomas Johns, Walter Smith, William Dea... county, that Mr. Alexander Mitchelson, merchant, in ... Bryan Town, in this county, was selling tea which had ... Samuel Beall jun. James ... Charles