

By his EXCELLENCY
BERT EDEN, Esq;
and Commander in chief in and over the
Province of Maryland.

PROCLAMATION

AS the present general assembly of this
Province stands prorogued to Tuesday the 15th
of February, and whereas there is no
business which requires their attendance at that
time, I do hereby further prorogue the same to
the 15th day of March next, and to the intent
concerned may have due notice thereof,
I do hereby require and require the several
members of the said assembly to be ready
to make this my proclamation public in
their respective counties, in the usual manner,
as they are bound to do, at their respective
places, on the 15th day of February next,
year of the lord proprietor's dominion,
1775.

Signed by order,
JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Secy.

HOUSE

ENTERED.
NONE.

CLEARED.

John Cathrick, for Ilbracomb.
Richard Jackson, for Jamaica.
and, Joseph Titcomb, for Falmouth.

OPPOSALS

PRINTING BY SUBSCRIPTION,
folio, on a good letter, and demy
size and quality, equal to the Press
Letter, or Journal,

PENNSYLVANIA MERCURY,

AND
GENERAL ADVERTISER.

Subscribers beg leave to inform the public
that the solicitation and encouragement of
the said publication, they have entered
into, for the purpose of printing a
new paper to be published weekly on Saturday
morning, on the most free and easy
terms, consistent with the strictest
economy upon those principles; and those only
of liberty of requesting the patronage of
the public, in every particular will be
the Pennsylvania Mercury and Universal
Advertiser, improving, instructive, and enter-
taining. For this purpose they intend
to publish a relation of the most remarkable
occurrences, foreign and domestic, in
magazines and papers in Europe, and
as far as from other sources, having a
particular regard to such matters, as shall most
intimately concern the welfare of the
colonies. To commence on the 1st of
January, and to be published weekly, on
Saturdays, all interesting marine intelligence,
in agriculture, &c. &c. with such
communications as may tend to the
entertainment of the public, shall
find a place in the paper, and their
effays, moral, historical, political,
poetical of the learned of both
neighbouring provinces, whose
earnestly requested, and to whom the
paper shall be free, and their productions
received—fully intending to establish a
connection with the several colonies in
America, and the West-Indies. They hope
that the management will be given to
the public, and therefore wish to
procure a number of subscribers are
proceeding to support the expense, relying
on the public, for further encouragement
performance shall appear to deserve it,
and gentlemen, who may please to
their subscriptions, shall (in the city,
Newark, and northern liberties) have
added to them, at their respective
country, forwarded by the first
opportunity shall any care be wanting, to transmit
to distant customers, with all the
advantages of the paper and advertise-
ments, the same with those now printed in
the paper shall be inserted in order
and shall appear in a fair and complete
manner, and as it is our wish, to give the
public, our best endeavours shall not
be wanting, to make the paper as complete
as possible, and whatsoever inducements
we now give the public, in
the publication of the Pennsylvania
Universal Advertiser, we propose carrying
on the same, in a correct, careful,
and any person that may please
to be attended to with respect and

for the Pennsylvania Mercury,
the paper will be taken in by the
respective houses, by Mr. John Aiken,
Philadelphia, and by several other
places, and the neighbouring colonies,
the paper will be immediately
delivered.

respectfully the public's
beneficial friends and servants,
NICHOLAS HUMPHREYS, son of John

THE creditors of Richard Bishop, jun. Christopher
Phillips & Abner Knott, are desired to meet at
Queen's town, on Thursday the 16th day of this instant
February, in order to draw the proportionable parts
of their claims against the said Bishop, Phillips and
Knott, lately released from Queen-Anne's county
jail, by virtue of an act of assembly of this province,
intituled, an act for the relief of insolvent debtors.
PHILIP DOWNES, sheriff.

Neabco Furnace, January 28, 1775.
ANY gentleman inclinable to purchase a quantity
of superfine burr flour, may, by applying to the
subscriber, at the Hon. John Taylors, Neabco Fur-
nace, be supplied with any number of barrels from
one hundred to one thousand on a few days notice, at
any time between this date and the first of March. I
will engage to deliver the flour on board of the Pinch-
aven craft, at my own landing on Patowmack river,
or in the river Patuxent, or Potapoco, on reasonable
terms. I will venture to say, that the quality of my
flour is equal to any, and preferable to most that is
made on the continent.

WHERAS the goods and chattels of John Grice,
James Harris, and John Syvester, now pris-
oners in the jail for the county aforesaid, are to be
sold at public sale, on the ninth day of March next,
for the benefit of their creditors; all persons having
any claims against either of the said men, are desired
to bring them in within thirty days after the ninth
day of March next, that they may be adjusted, agree-
able to an act of assembly, entituled an act for the relief
of insolvent debtors.

JOHN STEVENS, sheriff.

Talbot county, February 8, 1775.
WHERAS the goods and chattels of John Grice,
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sold at public sale, on the ninth day of March next,
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able to an act of assembly, entituled an act for the relief
of insolvent debtors.

JOHN STEVENS, sheriff.

This day is published by William Aikman, bookfel-
ler and stationer, Annapolis, in one handsome
pocket volume, price 4s. bound and titled, and a
few copies thrown off of a super-fine writing paper,
elegantly bound and gilt, price 5s. 6d.

FATHER'S legacy to his daughters, by the late
celebrated Dr. Gregory. This new performance
was so much admired in London, that the original
publisher sold off the first impression, consisting of 5000
copies, in the course of three weeks.

William Aikman has lately imported a large col-
lection of the best English authors, among which are,
Hume's history of England, 8 vols. last edition. Ma-
caulay's history of ditto, 5 vols. Goldsmith's history
of ditto, 4 vols. Smollet's history of ditto, with the
continuation, 16 vols. Lord Littleton's history of
Henry the 2d, 6 vols. Entick's history of the late
war, 5 vols. Hooker's Roman history, 11 vols. Boin-
brooke's philosophical works, 5 vols. Burn's justice of
the peace, 4 vols. last edition. Blackstone's commen-
taries, 4 vols. Leland's history of Ireland, 4 vols.
Hanway's travels, 4 vols. London medical ef-
fays, 4 vols. Machiavel's practice of physic, 4to.
Wydes, Loves, and Wilson's surveying. Turkish
spy, 8 vols. Connors's Adventurer, World, Idler,
Preceptor, full of plates, &c. &c. &c.

Caalogues of the books to be had at his shop
gratis.

Subscriptions taken in for Pennsylvania magazine--
price 4s. each number to be paid upon delivery. The
first number for January is now published, and ready
to be delivered.

In a few weeks will be published by W. Aikman,
in 4 handsome vols. 12mo. price 24s. bound, Lord Ches-
terfield's letters to his son, on the art of pleasing. 5 w

To be sold, by the subscriber, on Tuesday the last day
of February, at the plantation of Thomas Brown,
deceased, on Elkridge.

SUNDRY valuable country born negroes; consisting
of men, women, boys, and girls; horses, cattle,
sheep, and hogs, household furniture, &c. six months
credit will be given to the purchasers, on giving bond
with security, if required, to.

JOHN HALL, son of Edward,
BENJAMIN WRIGHT, admr.

January 23, 1775.
RAN away last night from the subscriber, living on
Snowden's manor, Frederick county, Maryland,
an Irish servant man, by trade a tailor, he talks
Irish and in the Irish dialect; he is about five feet
four inches high, of a fair complexion, short yellow
hair, a wide mouth, and fond of chewing tobacco; he
had on, and took with him, a felt hat cut in the fan-
tail fashion, a red bath coat and waistcoat, a brown
cloth waistcoat newly turned, a pair of light coloured
German serge breeches, a pair of gray worsted sock-
ings, and a pair of common fall shoes, two Irish linen
shirts, a Holland stock with a steel buckle in it, a red
cloth pocket-book with about twenty shillings, and
several remnants of superfine broad cloth; it is prob-
able he hath a fellows indenture and discharge that
hath been lately free in the same neighbourhood, or
hath got some evil disposed person to forge him a pass,
as he is no scholar himself. Whoever secures the said
servant in any jail, so that I may get him again, shall
be entituled to five pounds reward, and if brought
home, reasonable charges paid.

JEREMIAH DUCKER.

January 16, 1775.
RAN away from the subscriber, living in St. Mary's
county, Maryland, on the 4th of November last,
a mulatto man slave, named Tom, about fifty years
of age, five feet nine or ten inches high, by trade a
carpenter and cooper; he formerly did belong to
Philip Key, Esq; at which time he resided chiefly at
Beed's creek, and it is supposed that he is now har-
boured somewhere in that neighbourhood; one of his
knees is swelled, which causes him to limp. He has
lost the fore finger of his left hand; it was cut off some
years ago; had with him many good cloths of differ-
ent sorts, and a set of carpenter's tools; he is an art-
ful deceitful villain, and may endeavour to pass for a
free man. Whoever secures him in such a manner
that I may have him again, shall receive six dollars re-
ward, and if brought home, reasonable charges paid,
by

JAMES JORDAN.

Annapolis, January 23, 1774.
TO be sold by the subscriber, on very reasonable
terms, all the medicines and shop furniture, be-
longing to the estate of the late Dr. Shaw; twelve
months, or two years credit will be given to the pur-
chaser, on giving bond, with security, if required, by
RUTH SHAW.

M. B. To be sold, or hired, a likely young negro
woman.

DON CARLOS,
WILL cover the ensuing season at Schoolfield, at
two pistoles a mare. He is rising five years
old, a blood bay, very active, handsome and strong,
in fine order, and very promising; he was got by Fi-
gure, out of Pimrose. The money to be paid at co-
vering.

N. B. Those indebted for mares covered by Figure,
are desired to make payment to Captain Charles Ridg-
ley, of Sportman's Hall, in Baltimore county, for the
years 1771, and 1772, as they are advertised, and pre-
ceding years, to

THOMAS HAMILTON.

Caroline county, January 14, 1775.
THE commissioners appointed for building a court-
house and jail in the above county, intend to
meet at Melvill's warehouse, on the first day of March
next, to agree with any person or persons, that will
undertake to erect the said buildings.

RICHARD MASON.

Annapolis, February 1, 1775.
WANTED by the commissioners or trustees, for
the poor of Anne-Arundel county, 450 poles
of cedar or locust to square seven inches, and 9 1/2 feet
long; 2000 rais of white oak or yellow poplar, 3 by
4 inches, and to be 10 feet long. Whoever will sup-
ply the above articles, are desired to apply to Mr.
Nathan Hammond, one of the trustees.

January 25, 1775.
By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, to me directed,
will be sold to the highest bidder, on Wednesday
the 14th day of March next, at three o'clock in the
afternoon.

A LOT of land lying in the city of Annapolis,
distinguished by the number 71, on which are a
good brick house and other valuable improvements,
now in the occupation of Mr. John Ball, innholder.
This lot is subject to an incumbrance in the man-
ner of £225 sterling. The said to be on the premises.

WILLIAM NOKE, sheriff.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons whom it
may concern, that I do intend to prefer a peti-
tion to the next general assembly of this province,
for a power to sell a certain tract or parcel of land,
lying near the lower ferry of Patuxent, in Anne-
Arundel county, commonly called and known by the
name of St. Knighten's Fancy, late the property of
Frederick Dorsey, deceased, to pay the debts of said
Dorsey. W. HAMMOND J. CROMWELL, admr.

February 7, 1775.
To be sold, on Monday the 6th of March next, at
Mr. Andrews, in Toppi, in Harford county,
A TWO story brick house in said town, in a water
lot, (late the property of John Hammond Dor-
sey, deceased,) has four rooms on a floor, and a fire
place in each room, by

HAMMOND JOHN CROMWELL,
and RICHARD LANE.

To be sold, on Wednesday the 23 day of March next,
at George M. Knolls, in Baltimore town,
SEVERAL valuable negroes, part of the estate of
John Hammond Dorsey, late of Baltimore county,
deceased, by

HAMMOND JOHN CROMWELL, admr.

Falls of Patowmack, December 22, 1774.
At a meeting of the trustees for opening the navi-
gation of Patowmack, held at George-town the
first day of December, 1774; present, Thomas John-
son, jun. attorney at law, William Deakins, Adam
Stuart, Thomas Johns, and Thomas Richardson of
George-town, merchants; William Elzey, Robert
Alexander, and Philip Alexander, of Virginia, who
ordered and directed that the subscriber should on the
credit, and at the risk of the above named trustees,
hire 50 slaves to labour in cutting the canal, round
the several falls of said river; and at another meeting
of trustees for the purpose aforesaid, held at Alexan-
dria, the 19th day of the same month, present George
Washington, John Carlisle, J. Dalton, and W. Ramsay,
gentlemen, together with many of the trustees at the
former meeting, who recognized and approved of the
order for hiring the slaves, and agreed to become
equally liable; in consequence of which order of the
trustees, I hereby give notice, that I wait 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.

JOHN BALLENDINE.

George-town, on Patowmack, December 27, 1774.
THE manufactory of snuff of various sorts is now
carried on by me at this place, where I can fur-
nish it either in wholesale or retail, at reasonable rates.
I have also manufactured tobacco for sale, viz. flag
and siffon, 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 at-
tended to, either by myself, or Mr. Joseph Birch;
and I will give ready money, or snuff for empty snuff
bottles delivered here.

RICHARD THOMPSON.

N. B. I will now say, and with some degree of con-
fidence, that at present I have by me, (and shall con-
tinue to make) as good snuff as is manufactured on
this continent.

THERE is at the plantation of Rachel Dowden,
a dark bay mare; her mane is cut ridge fashion,
and has no perceivable brand. The owner may have her
again, on proving property, and paying charges.

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To be sold at public vendue, for sterling cash, or gold,
London bills of Exchange, by the subscriber, in
Bladenburgh, on Tuesday the 23th of February,
1775.

TWO half acre lots number 33 and 34, with a
good dwelling house 36 feet long and 24 feet wide,
three rooms and a large passage, and three rooms
above stairs, a large kitchen, a milk-house, wash-house,
and lye-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.
To be sold by the subscriber, to the highest bidder, on
Thursday the 16th day of February next, for cash,
or bills of exchange, on London,
The plantation whereon I now live, containing
about one hundred and twenty acres, lying in
Prince George's county, four miles from Nottingham;
the land is good soil and very well timbered, one half
wood land; with a dwelling house 28 by 36, with two
brick chimnies, a kitchen, quarter, tobacco-house,
and other out-houses, and a paved garden; two apple
orchards, two peach orchards, and several other fruit-
trees. The title is indisputable. Any person will be
shown the land, at or before the day of sale; the pur-
chaser to take possession the first day of December next.

THOMAS SMITH GREENFIELD.

To be rented from year to year, or for a term
of years,
The beautiful seat of the honourable
George William Fairfax, Esq; lying upon Pa-
towmack River in Fairfax county, Virginia, about
fourteen miles below Alexandria. The mansion house
is of brick, two stories high, with four convenient
rooms and a large passage on the lower floor, five
rooms and a passage on the second, and a servants-
hall and cellars below, convenient offices, stables, and
coach-house adjoining, as also a large and well fur-
nished garden, stored with a great variety of valuable
fruits, in good order. Appertaining to the tract on
which these houses stand, and which contain near
2000 acres (surrounded in a manner by navigable
water) are several valuable fisheries, and a good
deal of cleared land in different parts, which may be
let altogether, or separate, as shall be found most
convenient. The terms may be known of Colonel
Washington, who lives near the premises, or of me in
Berkely county.

FRANCIS WILLIAMS.

Calvert county, January 30, 1775.
RAN away from the subscriber, a young
negro fellow named Jeffery, of a yellow com-
plexion, has an impediment in his speech, aged about
20 years, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high; had on an
evening shirt, green Welford's jacket and breeches,
coarse English yarn stockings, country shoes bound with
iron, he may change his dress having other clothes.
Whoever will bring the said negro to the subscriber
near Hunting-town, in the aforesaid county, or secure
him in any manner so that he can be had again, shall
receive five pounds reward, and if taken 40 miles
from home, twenty dollars. JOSEPH IRELAND.

N. B. All matters of vessels are hereby warned at
their peril not to carry the said negro off.

FOR SALE,
The following tracts of land, lying in Worcester
county, in the province of Maryland, viz. Bar-
tholomew's Adventure, containing 338 acres; lying on a
branch known by the name of Johnson's Mill Branch.
Addition, containing 210 acres, lying on Pocomoke
river; they will be sold for sterling or current money.
The title indisputable. For terms apply to

WILLIAM T. WOODSON.

N. B. Time will be given for payment of the great-
est part of the purchase money if required.

Baltimore, February 6, 1775.
To be let, a large brick house, situated at the
corner of Bridge and Front streets, Baltimore
town, near the Upper Bridge, with a cellar under
the whole, four convenient rooms and a large passage
on the first floor, two lodging and an assembly room
on the second, and four on the third, with a back
passage, kitchen, smoke-house, stable, and garden;
all in good repair, suitable for an inn, or for any
public business. Any person inclinable to rent, may
be informed of the terms, by applying to

JOHN GRIFITH.

Baltimore town, January 2, 1775.
THE subscriber, intending to embark for England
the ensuing summer, desires all those who
have dealings with him for servants, to settle without
delay; he also desires all persons who have had deal-
ings with any factor or agent of John Stewart, or
John Stewart and Campbell, preceding him, either
for servants, dealings at their late store at Elk Ridge
landing, or accounts current, to be speedy in settling
the same. Those who neglect this notice, may depend
suits will be commenced against them to March court,
without respect of persons.

MATTHEW RIDLEY.

Rock-Hill, January 23, 1775.
THIS is to inform the public, and my friends in
general, that I have removed from Talbot court-
house where I formerly kept tavern, to Rock-Hill
ferry, which was formerly kept by Mr. Basil Wheel-
er, but of late by Mr. William Dunn, where I pro-
pose to keep the best boats and hands and every thing
necessary for the accommodation of travellers; those
who chuse to favour me with their custom, may de-
pend on the best usage, from the public's most hum-
ble servant,

ISAAC GREENTREE.

Baltimore, December 1, 1774.
BEING about to embark for England, I hereby give
information to all persons who are indebted to me,
or to whom I owe, that the management of my busi-
ness is committed to the care of Messrs. Samuel
Owings and Abraham Eveny, who are constituted
my attorneys, with authority to act for me in every
thing, as if I myself was personally present.

HENRY THOMPSON.