

Third battalion. John Cadwallader, Fsq; colonel. John Nixon, lieutenant colonel. Thomas Milha, and Samuel Meredith, Esqrs. majors.

In CONGRESS, June 5, 1775.

To the oppressed inhabitants of CANADA.

Friends and Countrymen,

ALARMED by the designs of an arbitrary ministry to extirpate the rights and liberties of all America, a sense of common danger conspired with the dictates of humanity in urging us to call your attention, by our late address, to this very important object.

Since the conclusion of the late war, we have been happy in considering you as fellow-sufferers with us. As we were both entitled by the bounty of an indulgent creator to freedom, and being both devoted by the cruel edicts of a despotic administration to common ruin, we perceived the fate of the protestant and catholic colonies to be strongly linked together and therefore invited you to join with us in resolving to be free, in rejecting with disdain the fetters of slavery, however artfully polished.

We most sincerely condole with you on the arrival of that day, in the course of which the sea could not shine on a single freeman in all your extensive dominion. Be assured that your unmerited degradation has engaged the most unfeigned pity of your sister colonies; and we flatter ourselves you will not, by tamely bearing the yoke, suffer that pity to be supplanted by contempt.

When hardy attempts are made to deprive men of rights bestowed by the Almighty. When avenues are cut through the most solemn compacts for the admission of despotism. When the sacred faith of government ceases to give security to loyal and dutiful subjects. When the insidious stratagems and manoeuvres of peace become more terrible than the most sanguine operations of war. It is high time for them to assert their rights, and with honest indignation oppose the torrent of oppression rushing in upon them.

By the introduction of your present form of government, or rather that of your king, you and your wives and your children are made slaves. You have nothing that you can call your own, and all the fruits of your labour and industry may be taken from you, whenever an avaricious governor and a rapacious council may incline to demand them. You are liable, by their edicts, to be transported into foreign countries, to fight battles in which you have no interest, and to shed your blood in conflicts, from which neither honour or profit can be derived; nay, the enjoyment of your very religion, on the present system, depends on a legislature, in which you have no share, and over which we have no control, and your priests are exposed to expulsion, banishment, and ruin whenever their wealth and passions furnish sufficient temptation. They cannot be sure that a virtuous prince will always fill the throne; and should a wicked or a careless king occur with a wicked ministry in extracting the treasure and strength of your country, it is in vain to conceive to what variety and to what extreme of wretchedness you may, under the present establishment, be reduced.

We are informed you have already been called upon to wage your lives in a contest with us; should you, by a compliance in this instance, assist to your new establishment, and a war break out with France, your wealth and your lives may be sent to perish in expeditions against their islands in the West Indies.

It cannot be presumed that these considerations will have no weight with you, or that you are to fight to all sense of honour. We can never believe that the present race of Canadians are so degenerated as to possess neither the spirit, the valour, or the courage of their ancestors. You certainly will not permit the injury and disgrace of such pusillanimity to rest on your own heads, and the consequences of it on your children for ever.

We for our parts are determined to live free, or not at all, and are resolved that posterity shall never approach us with having brought slaves into the world.

Permit us again to repeat that we are your friends not your enemies; and do not impose upon you by those who may endeavour to create animosities. The taking the toro and military oaths at Ilica, Long Point, and the armed vessels on the lake, was dictated by the great law of self preservation; they were intended to assure us, and to cut off that friendly intercourse and communication which has hitherto subsisted between you and us: we hope it has given you no uneasiness, and you may rely on our assurances, that these oaths will procure no injuries whatever, but such as friendship and a regard for our mutual safety and interest may require.

Our concern for your welfare entitles us to your friendship. We presume you will not be doing us injury, reduce us to the disagreeable necessity of treating you as enemies.

We yet entertain hopes of your uniting with us in the defence of our common liberty, and there is yet reason to believe, that should we join in imploring the attention of our sovereign to the unmerited and unparalleled oppressions of his American subjects, he will at length be undeceived and forbid a venient ministry any longer to riot in the ruins of the rights of mankind.

A true copy from the minutes, CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

ANNAPOLIS June 29.

THE delegates for this province, have appointed a meeting of the provincial convention, on Wednesday the 26th day of July next, at the city of Annapolis. At which time and place the deputies for the several counties are requested to attend.

THE hon. col. William Fitzhugh, Esq; having received two packages of goods, containing coach-harness, curry combs, brushes, &c. which were imported after the first day of December last; he informed a member of the committee thereof, desiring that they might be taken into custody, and sold agreeable to the 10th article of the continental association: which goods (after having been advertised) were this day exposed to public sale, in presence of a committee, and sold for

3 43 0
3 10 0 Prime cost,

£ 0 5 0 In the hands of the committee for the poor of Boston.

TO THE PRINTER.

For a further satisfaction to the public, please to insert the enclosed deposition in your gazette. J. HCOD, jun.

ON the 10th day of June, 1775, came Richard Barnes before me, the subscriber, one of the lord proprietary's justices of the peace for Baltimore County, and being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposed and said, that he this deponent was present at a conversation that happened between Mr. John Hood, jun. and Mr. Thomas Hobbs, at Poplar Spring chancel, on Sunday the 21st ult. and declares, that Mr. John Hood, jun. did not then tell Mr. Thomas Hobbs, that "the sense of the convention was, that the people of this province should not mutter."

Sworn before KEZIN HAMMOND.

Mr. GREEN, Bladenburg, June 26, 1775.

I FIND, through the channel of your paper, Mr. Walter Rowie, of Prince George's county, has endeavoured to wound my reputation, in that of publishing a letter I wrote last summer to Mr. Edward Parkinon, giving many words contained therein an emphasis by italics (not in the letter I wrote) merely with a view to sow a prejudice in the mind of the reader; and, as the whole proceeding is manifestly calculated to injure the house of Gale, Fearon, and Co. merchants in London, I shall, as briefly as possible, give a true state of the matter, leaving the candid public to judge of the honesty and uprightness of my conduct.

In the course of last summer, I received a list of the sales for our Patuxent ship's load, and finding the gentlemen who shipped were dissatisfied at not receiving their account sales, I ordered Mr. Parkinon (our agent) to address those in the neighbourhood of Marlborough, to inform them what, by the said list, their tobacco cleared. Among the rest, he wrote Mr. Burgets the amount of his hoghead was £ 5 2 6: this, some time after, he found he was mistaken in, and the account sales arriving, he became uneasy, and wrote to me upon the subject. In answer he received the letter above referred to, which shews, notwithstanding the error, I did not chuse to have the sale altered; yet, as he had wrote to Mr. Burgets the sum was £ 5 2 6, I left the matter discretionary in him, which, on reconsidering, he determined to hazard the displeasure of our correspondent, rather than alter the account, and accordingly delivered it as it came from England: as for my part I never saw the account.

Mrs. Wells, by the list quoted above had £ 9 15 0 for a hoghead of tobacco, which, hearing she was impatient to know; I advised her of by letter. When the account sales came in, my partners wrote they were sorry to acquaint me the clerk, in entering the amount of Mrs. Wells's hoghead on the list, had made a mistake (as per the account sales) being only £ 8 19 0. This circumstance, from being a stranger to Mrs. Wells, I communicated to our factor at Queen-Anne, and, upon taking thereon, I concluded it better to lose the trifling difference, than make her suppose she had been imposed upon; and for that reason and no other, I truly declare, I thought it expedient not to deliver the account sales.

Such are the mighty affairs with which I am charged, and dragged before the public for, with a degree of notice (I believe) unheard of; and the manner in which the information was obtained (I hope I may add) is unexampled; which, for the satisfaction of the public, and that the parties may appear in their true colours, I now offer.

A certain Mr. John Smith Brookes, of Upper-Marlborough, merchant, in February last, bought the remains of Messrs. Child, Court and Co's Queen-Anne's store, and also J. Digges, Esquire's store-house, in the said town of Upper-Marlborough, which he sold December was given up by Mr. Edward Parkinon, who then embarked for England, and left sundry papers locked up in the money drawer, the key thereof he gave to me at Annapolis. Soon after Mr. Brookes took possession of the house he told a gentleman in Marlborough, that he was surprised to find Mr. Parkinon had been to careles, having picked up, from off the floor, a very extraordinary letter, which either he shewed to Mr. Walter Rowie, and gave to him, upon having the pledge of his honour he would return, and not communicate the contents of it to any body; however it was too great a temptation for his virtue to withstand, as appears by your paper. Soon after I heard of the matter, I wrote to Mr. Brookes, expressing a doubt of his coming by the letter in so honourable a manner. A few days after I wrote the letter I was at Marlborough, and he, knowing I was in town, sent his servant to request I would walk over to his store. On my waiting upon him, he introduced the subject by expressing the concern it gave him, that his friend and relation should have so deceived him; and then proceeded to tell me how he really came by the letter. That, being in the store-house, a negro wench, then cleaning it out, told him the money drawer had been broke open: on this he went to the drawer, and found, by the state of the bolt, it appeared to be the case. Seeing some papers therein, he confessed he had the curiosity to examine them, and that the above fatal letter was the third paper he took out; that he returned all but the said letter, and then went over to Mr. Jacob Duckett; to desire he would take possession of my papers. So that we find, by his own confession, the first story was not true. What respect is to be paid to the latter, as to the state of the bolt, &c. I also cheerfully submit to the candid public, with making a few remarks, which I hope will not be thought impertinent.

It will, I think, naturally suggest itself to every reader, and the question will be asked. Why should Mr. Rowie stand forth on this laudable occasion, to endeavour to blot the reputation of a house that never injured him? On the contrary, I may truly say it has behaved in a very genteel manner to him. But I beg pardon—that a counts for it, which I did not advert to at the first glance. Well, admitted. But why should Mr. Brookes, connected with a quite different interest, take such extraordinary pains to accomplish so great and good a work?—In answer (though a conduct on his part highly repugnant to every sentiment of delicacy and honour) I cannot conceive any other motive for it than the establishment of the different interest, which, I believe, where the affair is known, will be generally concluded to be the true motive; to effectuate it, more than one concerned for that house have laboured in a manner that reflects dishonour upon the very name of London merchant. As a proof of their ardor in the present instance, your paper, containing the extract of my letter, was brought wet from the press by one of the riding captains, and an agent, with amazing expedition, to Queen-Anne—from thence to Upper-Marlborough—thence to Mr. Hill's—with, at every stage. Have you seen it?—Have you seen it?—u. h methods, no doubt, will produce a share of the commission business that must dazzle the eyes of all beholders—or rather, create in every generous breast the highest detestation. Mr. M. was the game hunted last summer—G. F. and Co. have the honour to be it this. Brother consignment folks, should they not quite demolish us in their noble pursuit, I would advise you to be prepared for an attack of the same nature.

I truly declare I should be sorry to let the smallest insinuation fall from me unmerited. In this assurance, I make my appeal to the gentlemen in the neighbourhoods of Queen-Anne and Marlborough—they being well acquainted with the safe and ungentlemanly persecution I have met with; and I may add, as a proof of it and their detestation thereof, it has advanced the interest of Gale, Fearon, and Co. which I will venture to assert will ever be the consequence with men of principle and honour.

DAN. STEPHENSON.

CUSTOM-HOUSE. ENTERED.

- Schooner Nancy, Jonathan Thacher, New-Providence. Ship Charles, Charles Keily, Liverpool. Ship Elizabeth, Thomas Spencer, Bristol. Schooner Peggy, Elijah Luce, Antigua. Ship Kitty, Joseph Walleit, Hamburg. Schooner Swallow, John Lovett, St. Lucia. Schooner Little Heller, Daniel Willmot, N. Carolina. Brig Phila, Richard Curtis, Warwick. Ship Libborn, William Thomas, Hamburg. Sloop Polly, Phil. Latterford, Bermuda. Schooner Elizabeth, Nath. Cook, Salem. Ship John, Charles Poaug, Belfast. Ship Horaton, Kialeay Gray, London.

CLEARED.

- Schooner Mulberry, Alex. Caldwell, Virginia. Ship Union, Andrew Brylou, Louan. Sloop Swan, William Brown, Ialmouth. Brig Friendship, J. B. Newell, Liverpool. Ship Catharine, James McNeill, Cork. Brig John, John Mauger, Liverpool. Schooner Liberty, Robert Callender, Virginia.

BY virtue of an order from the county of Anne-Arundel, I hereby give notice to the several jurors summoned to appear at the County Court, that they attend on the 20th day of July next, at 10 o'clock, at the Court House, in the City of Annapolis. JOHN BRICE, Clerk.

It has lately been discovered, that some evil minded persons, have destroyed the second boundary of a tract of land belonging to me, called Poplar-King, lying on the Bedkin creek, in Anne-Arundel county. I do hereby promise to pay 5 pounds current money, to any person or persons, that will discover the author, or such a piece of villainy, upon their being convicted of the same. Witness my hand, this 27th day of June, 1775. NICH MACCUBBIN.

WHEREAS William Hams, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, did by his last will and testament, constitute and appoint me his executor; being writing to close the estate, and pay his just debts as far as effects as soon as possible, there are therefore to give notice, that I do hereby set up to the right of the late dwelling-plantation of said Hams, on Monday the 10th day of July next, at 12 o'clock. For terms and conditions, apply to WILLIAM HAMS, son of John, executor.

Cavert county, June 23, 1775. COMMITTED to my custody, a negro man, by the name of Ben, but now says his name is Wale, a d that he belongs to Edward Worrell, who lives in Chester-town, he is certainly the fellow advertised by the aforesaid Worrell; his dress is a red jacket, white shirt, check trousers, a pair of shoes, and an old-cater hat, he answers the description of said Worrell in every respect but his cloaths. His master is desired to take him away, and pay charges. CLEMENT SMITH, Sheriff.

SOLEMN notice from the subscriber, living near Maggoty mill, in Anne-Arundel county, a roan mare, about 4 years old, near 14 hands high, branded on the near buttock D R. Whoever takes up the said mare, and brings her home, shall be paid three pounds as a reward for her trouble, by DAVID ROBINSON.

ANY person capable to gather a quantity of the Senaga, or Rattle Snake root, from 100 lb. to 200 lb. Likewise Callamas root this summer, may have it disposed of by applying to John Robinson, at his excellency's governor's Baens. N.B. Otters, Wild cats, Minks, or other shipable furs, if taken in season, may be disposed of at the same place.

Nottingham, April 1, 1775. OUR partnership is now at an end, all persons that have had any dealings with us, are desired to settle and discharge their balances, but little regard was paid to our last advertisement. Constant attendance will be given at this place to settle and receive our debts; and those that do not comply by the 10th of July next, legal measures will be taken to enforce payments without respect to persons. We have between £700 and £800 cost of goods which we would sell very cheap, and give two years time of payment. FIELDER BOWIE.

Annapolis, April 20, 1775. THE subscriber has upon hand about seven hundred pounds first sort of goods, which he will dispose of upon exceeding low terms. ROBERT BUCHANAN.

Baltimore TWEN... JAMES, a name of V... name of Buck... at Wednesday... dark mulatto... sensible, artful... and daring in... of mind temper... gently travel... and some part... well known it... of Lancaster... may probably... working cloat... waistcoat with... waistcoat with... possessed of a... large coat, a g... on and one pa... stuffed at the b... buckle, a pair... dressed silver t... which from me... ul to conceal;... remarkably let... will be paid if... price, or 60 m... price, and bro... price of 40 mil... price if so mile... including the-l... of... FIFTY... RAN away... de.ick c... English convict... away on the 20... fire, 23 or 23... ches high, by f... low, full face... light short hair... on was on an... an Irish linen... silk handkerch... patched betwe... town hose, an... shoes, one pair... buckles, and p... what he had o... has got it off... Robert Rees... 10th day of M... speak that dia... feet 6 or 7 i... brown hair, by... a good felt... stone jacket d... trousers, a g... buckles... Thomas Gre... 7 inches high... hair, he is a... ferent felt hat... Welch cotton... metal carved b... metal and secu... them again, il... meth; if 40 m... above reward... one, paid by... DAN away y... a convict f... all spare mad... great counten... years of age;... dress, Waver... him, so that h... ten to miles f... thin lines, an... pounds, and i... by... THE dwell... of... WANTED... the p... of cedar or lo... long; 2000 r... 4 inches, and... ply the above... Nathan Ham... FC... WENT o... plant... vant man, na... round visage... hair, which e... and a mole o... and a little k... trade, though... soldier; had... one white di... and a pair of... blue worsted... new, one pair... knee, one w... worn, a pair... pair of copp... he had also a... since taken a... lately trimm... per part is r... ever takes u... them, so that... reward 3 or 4... things for the... paid by