

way at last to peace and plenty, but on his arrival am not surpris'd that he should find peace and plenty reduced to poverty, as the war last summer has ruined the country of corn and other grain, but with the fruits of it along with you. I am sensible that, if these papers were once settled, you might carry into execution a great many schemes which would turn out to our mutual advantage, but which would wear such a dismal aspect, that I am press'd much at a loss what to do. We shall see in all my summer and fall how things are likely to turn out; but what Mr. Bruce says on his return from the Mississipi, and likewise Mr. Bruce, as he intends down about that time, so I hope I shall then be better able to judge than at present. My father writes me in his last letter, that if I do not find the country I am in, or my particular situation to mind, I may leave it, either by proceeding thence to Jamaica, where my brother is, or by taking the first most convenient opportunity of a ship to go home, to be fitted out next for Jamaica, or any other place to be thought most proper; he says the last of these steps he would like best, if I could find it proper to leave America; and says the confusions which are likely to prevail on the continent for some time, and which at least will ruin trade while they last, is the reason of this hint I give you.

But says, he leaves me to act as I will judge most prudent, and according to the advice of my friends present with me; he said he had thus signified his mind to me; that I might be in no difficulty to determine as I please. I wrote him for a letter that I should be determined by the time above mentioned, whether I take, but could not before. John Gray, likewise, writes me to come to me to enter into partnership with him, and to come out here to manage the business. The scheme he proposes might be carried on with a very small capital, but you know any such scheme must of consequence be put off for the present. We hear of nothing new down this way that can be depended upon, there is so many d... d lies going about the country and in the news papers, that it is not worth while mentioning any of them; one thing is true that the New-Englanders have taken Fort Mifflin, by surprise, in the night time, when the soldiers were all asleep; there was only about forty soldiers in the fort. We have at last been obliged to mufter to live on peaceable terms with the country people; our company is commanded by Col. Jos. Bull; we are all obliged to have a hunting shirt, gun, bayonet, and cartridge-box; but if it is ever likely to come to blows this way, you know my determined resolution not to go any farther, as it is not advisable to trust ones sentiments on paper, as they now open all the letters to the northward, and I suppose the committees in every other place will follow the same laudable example. A ship arrived lately in Virginia from Glasgow; the captain, upon his arrival, sent the letters from the company, by express, to their factor; but before the express reached the place where he intended to, two men followed him upon horseback, took the letters from him, read them, and then returned open. Lord Dunmore and family are all gone aboard of a man of war. For more news I refer you to Capt. Colvin, as he has he shall write you. I shall expect to hear from you soon. You may depend upon hearing from me as often as possible. In the mean time believe me to be,

Dear gentlemen,
Your affectionate friend,
GEORGE MUNRO.

"P. S. I shall settle Mr. Bruce's account with Nicholas Free."

Directed, "To Messieurs Bruce and Ritchie, on King's-Creeks, and care of Alexander Ross, Esq; Fort-Pitt."

Gentlemen,
"IT is with unspeakable grief that I think of my hasty inconsiderateness, in writing what I ought not to have wrote, on the 18th of June, to two young men of my acquaintance, and am especially uneasy to find, from my letter, that I have used expressions which might affect others, when in truth I intended no such thing. My apprenticeship being out in this country, I intend, according to my father's inclination, to have gone to Britain after assisting Mr. Henderson through the purchase, and I thought of nothing less than muftering in this country; but, seeing him fond of it, and that it was generally done, I went into the company, but intended to my parents, and having no property to fight for here, I never had the least notion of inlisting to fight, because that would have obliged me to stay here contrary to my father's inclinations. I am induced to address this letter to you, because I have observed that an acknowledgment in writing is always required by the committees from people who are guilty of such imprudence as I have been guilty of. My serious sentiments are not against the rights of the country, and I truly believe, that if the people in general in Great-Britain were allowed to consider coolly the reasons set forth by the congress, and were well informed of the oppressions of the ministry, they would not be against America. I cannot now shew my serious sentiments, having so inconsiderately got the ill will of my best friends, by a letter, which I never read over, nor kept any copy of, unless by carrying home with me the arguments of the congress, and doing my poor endeavours to have them more generally understood at home than they seem to be by the people in general there. Upon the whole, I commit myself to you, and intreat you to meet immediately, not doubting but you will make charitable allowance for the inconsiderateness of youth, and am,

Gentlemen, your very humble servant,
Bladenburgh, Aug. 1, 1775. GEORGE MUNRO."

Directed, "To the gentlemen of the committee of Bladenburgh."

Resolved, That this committee do adjourn to Monday the 7th day of this instant.

Monday, August 7. The committee met according to adjournment, and proceeded to choose a chairman, who made choice,

of the committee of Bladenburgh, in George's county, on Tuesday the 11th 1775.

CHRIS. LOWNDES, chairman,
THO. WILLIAMS, clerk.

That George Munro's letter to Messrs. Bruce and Ritchie be published in the Maryland Gazette to the committee.

COPY.

Gentlemen, Bladenburgh, 18th July, 1775.

VED your's of the 30th ult. by which I understand that our friend, William

Mr. THOMAS GANTT, Chairman,
THOMAS WILLIAMS, Clerk.

The committee resumed the consideration of the business before them on Tuesday the 11th instant. The following letter was produced and read, from Mr. Munro, to the committee.

Bladenburgh, August 7, 1775.

Gentlemen,
YOU would no doubt, after reading the letter I wrote you last Tuesday, be surpris'd at my sudden departure, when you had a right to expect my appearance before you when called for; I do solemnly declare, when I wrote the letter to you in the morning, that I had no intention of leaving the place, before I had appeared before you, and submitted to whatever might have been your determination with respect to me; if I had intended going away, I should most certainly have done it in the night time, but in place of that, I think it was after twelve o'clock on Tuesday when I left the town; my only reason for taking this step, was for fear of the violence some of the people threaten'd, and was preparing to inflict on my person at all events, whatever might be your determination. I confess to you gentlemen, that my fear was so great, as to give me no time to reflect on the danger in which my flight might involve Mr. Henderson who had passed his word for my appearance before you, and was ignorant of my going away; my only thought at that time, was to get out of the way of the peoples fury, until they should have time to think more coolly on the matter, but I never had any intention of leaving the country without appearing before you; as a proof of this, while I was down the river and before I heard any persons were sent after me, two ships sail'd for Glasgow, in either of which I could have gone; I think I can say with truth that any person (if ever there was a person) who felt as I did, on finding that I was to be deprived of my only hope I mean the humanity and celebration of your proceedings on my inconsideate conduct, and was to fill a victim to the rage of a few men, who I thought had not considered the nature of my case, nor the temperate and prudent rules of the congress and convention. I say that any such person would excuse my going out of the way at that time. I am now gentlemen waiting to appear before you, and to submit to your determination whatever it may be, and most earnestly implore your protection and interposition with the people, should they still be exasperated against me, allow me to go safe home in obedience to my father, for I never intended, nor never will injure America.

With great respect,
I am gentlemen,
Your most humble servant,
GEORGE MUNRO.

Directed to the gentlemen of the committee of Bladenburgh.

The committee required the appearance of Mr. Munro, who appeared accordingly, and was asked the following questions.

Question 1st. What Mr. Munro meant by the expression --we have at last been obliged to mufter.

Answer. I had no particular person in my eye, and had no meaning in it further, than that I supposed others in the same circumstances with myself, might entertain the same sentiments.

Question 2d. Mr. Munro was then asked, Whether he had any conversation with any person on the above subject.

Answer. That he had not.

Question 3d. Mr. Munro being asked what he would have express'd further, when he said, I need not go any farther as it is not advisable to trust ones sentiments on paper.

Answer. He had no meaning at all in it.

Voted unanimously, That the said George Munro is inimical to American Liberty.

Signed by order,
THOMAS WILLIAMS, clk.

CUSTOM-HOUSE
ENTERED.

Ship Dulany, Thomas Jarrell, Pontevedra.
Schooner Triton, James Pugh, Turk's Island.
Brig Conclusion, James Newman, Cadiz.
Ship Rose, Joseph Curry, London-Derry.
Schooner Hannah, Theophilus Russell, Barbados.

CLEARED.

Brig Nancy, Gabriel Sund, London.

This day is published, and to be sold by William Aikman, bookseller and stationer, Annapolis, LORD CHESTERFIELD's letters to his son, on the art of pleasing, in 4 handsome vols. 1s. 6d. price. 3s. 6d. currency, (in boards.) Likewise just published, Smith's sermon on the present state of American affairs, price 1s. and the manual exercise as ordered by his majesty in 1764, with all the different manoeuvres, price 1 s.

Annapolis, August 15, 1775.

AS I intend for the West-Indies in 20 days from this date, I am obliged to request of those who are indebted to me, that they will forthwith discharge their respective accounts; and to desire those to whom I am indebted, to call upon me for payment.

W. AIKMAN.

Baltimore county, August 18, 1775.

To be sold at public vendue, on the 20th day of November next, on the premises,

THE late dwelling and plantation of William Black, deceased, containing 224 acres of land with meadows, and good improvements thereon, lying within 10 miles of Baltimore-town; also all the stock of cattle, horses, hogs, and sheep, household goods, &c.

ROBERT BLACK, executor.

THESE is at the plantation of Henry Jameson, lying in Prince George's county, near the Eastern Branch, taken up as a stray, a dark bay gelding, at the time he had no perceivable brand, but after he had shed his old coat, there appeared a brand on his near side, a figure of 8 on his thigh, and a figure of 6 on his shoulder. The owner may have him again, on proving property, and paying charges.

To be sold on the premises, on Tuesday the 26th of September, agreeable to the last will of Henry Camden, late of Calvert county, deceased, for the use of his heirs or current money.

A VALUABLE tract of land, lying in Calvert County, near Lyons creek, containing about 400 acres, the land lies level, suitable for raising tobacco, or small grain; there are on the land, a good dwelling-house, 30 feet by 28, two rooms on a floor, with two black chimneys, three fire-places, completely furnished, a kitchen, corn-house, quarter, two 40 feet tobacco-houses, and other out-houses, with a good orchard; also a framed dwelling-house 24 feet square, with a kitchen and stable suitable for a tavern or store, lying on the main road from Annapolis to Lower-Marlborough.

And on Thursday the 28th, will be sold two other tracts of land, lying in Prince George's county, within 6 miles of Nottingham, and containing a mile of each other, containing 185 acres of land, full of timber and soil, very suitable for tobacco, corn, or in all grains, and remarkable for raising flock of all kinds.

All persons indebted to the estate of Henry Camden, are desired to make speedy payment, and all having claims against the estate, are desired to bring them in, legally proved, by 6 O'CLOCK, on the day of sale.

N. B. The terms will be made known on the day of sale.

Calvert County, August 8, 1775.

RAN away from the subscriber the 6th instant, a likely well made negro man, named Jesse, of a yellow complexion, has a impediment in his speech, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, he had on an old ragged shirt, and a pair of old breeches, he may change his dress having taken other cloaths with him; I am informed he intends to leave this province, and make his way to the West-India man. Whoever will take up said negro, and bring him to the subscriber, near Nottingham, in the said Calvert county, or to the subscriber in any manner to that he may be had again, shall receive a reward of 5 pounds currency, as if taken 40 miles from home, 20 dollars.

JOSEPH IRLAND.

N. B. All makers of vessels and others, who would at this time not to carry him off.

Forty Dollars, or Fifty Pounds Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, near Lower Calvert County, on Patowmack, Charles county, Maryland, an indentured English servant, named Jonathan White, by about 16 years old, of a fair complexion, long face, black eyes, dark sandy hair, and a well marked long foot; had on a shirt and trousers, a black jacket, and a broad brimmed old hat; but it is not known what else he may have taken with him, he went off the second of August. Also a likely country born negro fellow, named Isaac, with a old shirt and blue jacket, and with a white neck cloth, he is a fair speaking bustling fellow, but a great talker, and stutters in his speech; he has many old marks on his back, which he formerly got from his owner, and ran away on the 11th of July, 1775. I will give 20 shillings for each, if taken 15 miles from home, 30 shillings if taken 20 miles from home, 40 shillings if 30 miles, 4 pounds if 60 miles, and the above reward for both if out of the province, or the half if one of them. All persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring the above run aways, as every advantage shall be taken if they do.

F. D. SMYTH.

CAME to the plantation of Buchanan Smith, living near the lower cross roads, in Harford county, a gray bay mare, about 5 years old, and about 14 hands high, no brand appears, she has a lump on her near shoulder, and has a small star in her face, one shoe on her nigh fore foot, the paces, trots, and gallops. The owner may have her again, on proving property, and paying charges.

THERE is at the plantation of Miss Ann Maria Lloyd, living in Talbot county, taken up as a stray by John Phuman, a brown gelding, about 12 hands high, 4 years old, has a star in his face, some white on his nigh hind foot, no visible brand. The owner may have him again, on proving property, and paying charges.

Annapolis, August 10, 1775.

THE subscribers intending to leave this province in about three weeks from this date, earnestly request those who have had dealing with them, either in the tailoring or staymaking business, to be very expeditious in making payment; that they may be enabled to discharge the debts they owe in this part of the world. Those who cannot possibly pay off their accounts within the time above-mentioned, can at least settle them, by giving bond, note, &c. which Mr. Charles Wallace, merchant of this city is empowered to receive and take, and which they would be glad to have done before they leave the place.

BENJAMIN SPRIGGS,
JOHN DONALDSON.

N. B. Several good tradesmen, both tailors and stay-makers, to be disposed of on reasonable terms, for cash, or good security.

STRAYED about three weeks ago from the subscriber, a large red cow, about 8 years old, she was lately purchased from a person who brought her from the back woods, where it is supposed she will endeavour to make; she has a white streak from the ridge of her back to her tail, and some white in her face. I will give 20 shillings currency to any person that will deliver her in Annapolis.

J. CLAPHAM.

To be sold on Saturday, the 2d day of September next, to the highest bidder on the premises,

THREE hundred and ten acres of valuable land, situated in Frederick county, about 14 miles from George town, and 2 miles from Charles-Bungatord's tavern, the land is well adapted for raising, finely watered, about 60 acres cleared, whereon are fine young apple orchard, and sundry valuable buildings. Any person inclinable to purchase, may view the land, by applying to Mr. Simon Nicolson, near the plantation.

DAVID CRAUFORD,
WILLIAM DEAKINS.