

to their serious consideration, and being great at the contents thereof, it was thereupon that the letters from Capt. Macartney, to the mayor, were evidently intended to intimidate the inhabitants of this borough, to the chief magistrate of this borough, an officious intermeddling in the concerns of the town, and contain an implied threat to the hall conceive to be unjustifiable and indecent. Unjustifiable, inasmuch as no deduction from fact, or any authority by the magistracy, to interfere in matters with jurisdiction alone, and much less to hold up a plea of violence and compulsion, in a transaction entirely without the line of his department, as his conduct in this instance originates in groundless suppositions and mistaken apprehensions without any sanction from facts to support. Indecent, because it implicitly charges the with a wilful remissness in the exercise of the legally vested in them; because the magistrate pointed against them, as if they were of riot and persecution; because it opens the destruction of the persons and property of some accidental insults, alleged to have been by a few incautious youth, to an individual and feelings of people, as, at the same time, which this haughty declaration, so big with denunciation, it is pretended that the execution to preserve the persons and properties of the subjects; as if the utter destruction of the estates could ever be deemed a preference of serious and properties.

That the military power, agreeable to the constitution, is and ought to be under the control of the civil; and notwithstanding the utility of the state of the town, the body corporate of the will never tamely submit to the invasion of the laws, by the dangerous and untimely interference of military force.

That this corporation will continue to adhere to those substantial principles of good government, which ought to actuate the minds of all its faithful subjects, and that they embrace every opportunity to make this public and solemn declaration, notwithstanding their exposed and situation which cannot be remedied, unless unappalled at the threats of unlawful power, never desert the righteous cause of their plunged as it is into dreadful and unexpected

That a copy of this resolution be, by the transmitted to John Macartney, Esq; commander of his majesty's ship Mercury.

JOHN BOUSH, T. C. of his ship Mercury, at Norfolk, August 25, 1775.

much obliged for your polite favour, which in some strictures by the corporation of Norfolk, first letter to you. I must beg you will be publish the letters which have passed between Virginia news-paper, that a candid public of the motives which actuate my conduct. I first wrote to you, it was not my intention a political discussion with the inhabitants or to ascertain in particular cases the limits of civil or military jurisdictions. I was desirous majesty's subjects should know I ardently peace of this province, to promote which, I adhere to the tenor of my first letter. I respectful compliments to all your family, and honour to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN MACARTNEY.

Loyall, Esq; Mayor of Norfolk, Virginia.

L I A M S B U R G, September 1. the PRESIDENT and the rest of the DELEGATES of the people of VIRGINIA, now sitting in the petition of sundry merchants, and others, to GREAT-BRITAIN, and resident in this colony, sheweth,

Your petitioners being chiefly agents for some persons who from their youth, have been employed in the business of commerce, time interfered with the civil institutions; but have always acted in conformity to the laws, under which they have enjoyed the best security for their persons and property. With this expectation of protection derived from salutary laws, and the happy intercourse they have enjoyed with the many of your petitioners have formed of the most endearing nature, and have in considerable proportions of their property in a view of continuing their residence among those whom they have hitherto lived in such affectionate and friendly relations. Your petitioners beg leave to represent, that they are much awakened from the ill-grounded which they are informed actuate the minds of the people of this colony against your petitioners, who are not natives of the land; and the which being accidental, cannot be imputed to a fault; and therefore, on that account, they did in the same light with other subjects who are subject to the laws. They are sensible the unhappy subsisting between the parent state and the colony, given rise to distinctions to their petitioners, the natives of the country, and excluded them which otherwise had never existed. From the rest of the society, and placed on a point of view, they presume to lay their innumerable hardships of their situation, the sincerity of their hearts, to declare, that the people in the highest estimation as friends of the parent state, and that in war or peace they will contribute with them to the exigencies of the common state; that, in all internal commotions and seditions, they pledge their faith, at the same time, to defend the country, and to assist in the defence of the colony, and in the event of an attack from the troops of Great-Britain, will not aid in any manner, or communicate to them by letter or otherwise. Permit your petitioners to assure this honourable house that they will not be disappointed from the hardships and burthens to

which the people of this country are exposed from the will continue to participate in all instances except raising up arms against those people among whom they were born, and with whom perhaps they are connected by the nearest ties of consanguinity. To this circumstance they entreat your impartial and favourable attention, and that you would be pleased to mark out a line of conduct by which your petitioners, in this dangerous crisis, may move as useful members to the community, without being held to the necessity of shedding the blood of their countrymen; an act at which nature recoils, and which every feeling of humanity forbids. This allowed your petitioners, they again repeat their readiness to stand up with the foremost in defence of the country against internal insurrections, and in its support by the most liberal and cheerful contributions. That the supreme director of the universe may inspire you with wisdom to put a period to this unnatural contest, and restore this once happy land to peace, safety, and union with its parent state, is the ardent wish of your dutiful and respectful petitioners.

FRIDAY, August 25, 1775.

The foregoing petition was presented to the convention, and the following resolutions thereupon unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, that the said petition is reasonable, and it is recommended to the committee of the several counties and corporations, and others—the good people of this colony, to treat all such natives of Great-Britain resident here as do not shew themselves enemies to the common cause of America with lenity and friendship; to protect all persons whatsoever in the just enjoyment of their civil rights and liberty; to discountenance all national reflections; to preserve, to the utmost of their power, internal peace and good order; and to promote union, harmony, and mutual good will, among all ranks of people.

Resolved also, that the said petition, together with this resolve, forthwith be published in the Virginia Gazette.

RO. C. NICHOLAS, president, pro temp. J. TAZEWELL, clk. of the convention.

ANNAPOLIS, September 14.

At a meeting of a number of the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county and city of Annapolis, at the said city, on Tuesday the 12th of September, 1775. Present, eight members of the late Convention.

CHARLES CARROLL, barrister, in the chair. GABRIEL DUVALL, Clerk.

RESOLVED, That Samuel Chafe, Thomas Johnson, jun. John Hall, William Paca, B. T. B. Worthington, Matthias Hammond, Charles Carroll, barrister, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Capt. William Hyde, Rezin Hammond, John Bullen, Dr. Richard Tootell, John Weems, Joseph Galloway, Stephen Steward, John Thomas, Thomas Tillard, Marmaduke Wyvill, Thomas Watkins, jun. Richard Harwood, jun. Thomas Warkins, jun. Thomas Dorsey, John Dorsey, Dr. Ephraim Howard, John Dorsey son of Michael, Edward Gaither, jun. Caleb Dorsey, Richard Stringer, Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield, John Burgess, John Davis, Benjamin Howard, Elijah Rob. son, and Thomas Hammond, or any seven or more of them, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee of observation for this county for the term of one year.

RESOLVED, That Charles Carroll, barrister, Thomas Johnson, jun. Samuel Chafe, William Paca, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; or any three or more of them, be delegates to represent this county in convention for the said term of one year.

In committee, Annapolis, Wednesday 13th instant.

RESOLVED, That Charles Carroll of Carrollton, B. T. B. Worthington, Capt. William Hyde, Matthias Hammond, Dr. Richard Tootell, John Bulken, and John Thomas, be a committee to licence suits in this county during the term of one year.

RESOLVED, That Charles Carroll of Carrollton, B. T. B. Worthington, Capt. William Hyde, Matthias Hammond, and Dr. Richard Tootell, be a committee of correspondence for this county for the said term of one year.

Signed per order, GABRIEL DUVALL, Clerk.

CUSTOM-HOUSE ENTERED.

Ship Charlotte, Thomas Egger, jun. Newcastle. Schooner Betsey, Thomas Muirroe, Grenada. Schooner Peggy, William Gofhold, Antigua.

CLEARED.

Ship Star and Garter, Thomas Hemson, Exeter. Ship Aston-hall, John Parker, London. Schooner Hannah, Theophilus Russell, Barbados. Ship Thornton, Finlay Gray, Glasgow. Ship Anne, Robert Henderson, London. Ship Lord Camden, James Rogers, Liverpool. Schooner Henrietta, Gilbert Anderson, Jamaica. Brig Mary, Robert Wallace, Falmouth. Schooner Mulberry, Alexander Caldcleugh, Jamaica. Ship Rose, Jos. Curry, Bristol. Ship Charlotte, Thomas Egger, jun. Falmouth. Schooner Caroline, Benj. Lucas, Antigua. Brig Charlotte, Robert Hume, Falmouth. Schooner Tryton, Richard Button, Antigua. Brig Patowmack, James Mitchell, London. Ship Chrystie, Abednego Bedfield, Glasgow. Ship Patuxent, David Lewis, London. Sloop Two Sisters, Jos. Oakman, Antigua.

Bladensburg, September 7, 1775.

At the house of Wait Still Stigleton Church, in Bladensburg, on Saturday the 30th of September, will be sold to the highest bidder, for ready money, PART of a tract of land called Norway, lying within two miles of said town, and containing 157 acres. The land is level, has two dwelling houses and a tobacco house upon it, also a small apple-orchard about 30 acres may be made fine meadow, and from its vicinity to town, may in time be very valuable—an indisputable right will be made the purchaser; by THOMAS BELT.

To be sold for cash, or good bills of exchange, on the 5th day of November next, at the house of Mr. William Brown, in London-town.

A GOOD plantation, situate in a good neighbourhood, being about 8 miles from Annapolis; 4 from South-river, and about 5 miles from Patuxent, and near the great main road leading to Virginia, consisting of about two hundred acres of land, one part whereof is well timbered, a good meadow and a large apple and peach-orchard thereon, a good dwelling-house and frame for another; a kitchen, a tobacco-house, a large quantity of hogs with other live stock, and all the implements for husbandry, &c. For further particulars, enquire of John Tidings, living on the premises.

N. B. The title indisputable. 10/31 X

September 3, 1775.

By virtue of a deed of trust, to us the subscribers, executed by Mr. Jonathan Pinkney, and for the use of Mr. William Roberts, will be publicly sold to the highest bidder, for sterling money;

A LOT of land lying in the city of Annapolis, distinguished by the number 71, on which are a brick dwelling-house and other improvements, lately in the occupation of Mr. John Ball, landholder; this lot is subject to an incumbrance in the loan-office of £25 sterling, and some interest; this money must be paid out of the purchase, and the residue to the use of William Roberts, by the trustees: this valuable lot, and the improvements, will be sold to the highest bidder, on Friday the 29th day of this present month of September, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon. Six months credit will be given to the purchaser, on giving bond and good security, with lawful interest thereon.

Likewise will be publicly sold to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 30th day of this month September, if it should be a fair day, if not, on the Monday following, (for sterling money)

A VALUABLE plantation on the north-side of Severn river, in Anne-Arundel county, containing by estimate 400 acres more or less, with some improvements; it lies about seven miles from the city of Annapolis, and now in the tenure and occupation of Mr. Jonathan Pinkney. Six months will be given for payment, on giving bond with good security, and paying lawful interest thereon.

THOMAS HARWOOD, jun. JOHN BULLEN.

P. S. The purchasers may have it in their option to pay the ready money, which will save interest, and the trouble of giving bond and security.

September 13, 1775.

To be sold to the highest bidder, for ready cash, on Wednesday the 4th day of October next, if fair, if not the next fair day.

A TRACT of land, containing three hundred acres, lying in St. Mary's county, about three miles below the old city of St. Mary, and within one mile of St. Inigoe's warehouse; there is on the said land a large brick dwelling-house, with four rooms on a floor, and all other houses necessary. The said land, &c. is now rented for six thousand pounds of crop tobacco per year, but may be entered on at Christmas next, and is very convenient to a famous creek for fish and oysters. The sale to be at two o'clock, by BENNET BISCOE.

London bills will be taken at the common exchange.

F O U N D.

Between Annapolis and Newington Rops-walk, A MAN's saddle, with a cross striped saddle-cloth. The owner may have it, by applying at the Printing-office, and paying charges. 10/31 X

Chester-town, September 1, 1775.

To be rented to the highest bidder, that valuable seat of land called Holland's Lot, late the dwelling of Mr. Samuel Budd, lying near Swan creek, in Harford county, now in the tenure of Mr. Amos Garrett.

THERE are between two and three hundred acres of cleared land on the tract, and a good crop of wheat will be put into the ground this season; several valuable stores will be rented with the land. I have never seen this tract of land, but it is esteemed by those who knew it, to be some of the best in the province. I shall attend on the premises on the 10th day of October next, to receive applications, and enter into articles with such person as may offer the most advantageous terms to THOMAS RINGGOLD.

To be sold by the subscriber, in Annapolis,

THREE hearty strong young country born negro fellows. Also a young country born negro wench and her son; the wench has been brought up to house work by the subscriber, and is very comely, likewise a horse and cow; they are part of the estate of Mr. Reverdy Ghiselin, deceased, and sold for discharge his debts, and may be seen and agreed for, by applying to MARY GHISELIN, executrix. As it is impossible in these calamitous times to collect the debts due to my deceased husband's estate; and it will be very difficult for me to support myself and family, I propose keeping a house to board gentlemen who attend courts or other public business, by the day; I will be careful to provide good accommodations, and shall be thankful to those who will favour me in this way. 2 M. G.

Harford county, August, 1775.

COMMITTED to my custody on suspicion of being runaways, the two following persons, viz. Matthew Owing, a tailor, about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, swarthy complexion, black hair mixed with a little grey, and is a down looking fellow; had on when committed, a white flannel jacket with sleeves and cape to it; greasy leather breeches, good shoes, and yarn stockings. William Barrey, a spare fellow, about 25 years of age, dark complexion, black hair, and black eyes; had on an old sagathy coat, striped gingham jacket, serge breeches, old ship trousers, check shirt, and a sailor's cap; they both deny being servants. Their masters, if any they have, are desired to take them away, and pay charges to THOMAS MILLER, Sheriff.

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WANTED immediately, a number of hands who are acquainted in the different branches of the manufacture of fire arms—good wages and encouragement will be given to such as have been used to work in any branch, according to their proficiency and industry, either by the piece or time.—As good locksmiths, or other neat fliers, will be soon handy in making several parts of gun-locks, to such also I will give good encouragement.—There are many servants about the country who would be very useful in the necessary business I am now engaging in; I should be glad to be informed of such, and with to hire them, or purchase their times of service of their masters.

ISAAC HARRIS.
N. B. I want to hire a good file-cutter.

JUSTUS SEABERT, Peruke-maker, and gentlemen and ladies hair-dresser, BEGS leave to inform those gentlemen and ladies that please to honour him with their commands, that he has taken the house formerly possessed by Mr. John Hepburn, upon Cornhill, where he carries on his said trade in all its various branches, viz. cutting of hair in the neatest manner, and making perukes, ladies hair rolls, curls, &c. after the newest taste, and in the genteelst fashion; and as he has had many years experience both at Paris and London, he doubts not but to give full satisfaction to those that please to employ him, and he hopes to meet with the favour and approbation of the public, as he is determined to execute all orders in the neatest manner, upon the most reasonable terms, and with the strictest punctuality.

THE partnership of James Dick and Stewart being expired, all persons indebted to them, are requested to make what payments they possibly can. Persons indebted by open account, and who cannot conveniently pay, are desired to settle by granting their bonds or notes for their several balances; such reasonable request, it is hoped will be complied with; that the subscribers may not be under the disagreeable necessity of making application to have suits brought. Constant attendance will be given at the store, by James Dick and Stewart.

The goods remaining in the late store of James Dick, and Stewart, will be sold on reasonable terms, wholesale or retail by the subscribers. Also all sorts of cordage manufactured at Newington rope-walk, likewise Madeira wine, by the pipe, hhd. or quarter cask.

JAMES DICK.

FIFTEEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away last night from the subscribers, living in Baltimore county, Maryland, near Mr. Robert Cumming's mill, three convict servant men, viz. Thomas Akiter, a Yorkshireman, talks very broad, and slow spoken, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, pretty stout made, has a scar on his upper lip, and is pock-marked; took with him when he went away, an old felt hat, a small swankin jacket with sleeves, and a larger outside ditto of brown tised cloth; three osnabrig shirts, two pair of old trousers, one of roll the other ofsnabrig, and a pair of old shoes with fringes.

Harper John Bumstead, an Englishman, quick spoken, about 5 feet 11 inches high, stout boney man, of a sandy complexion, pock-marked, broad mouth, and thick lips; took with him when he went away, an old castor hat, old fustout coat and red jacket, two shirts, one of white linen, the other of brown, a pair of blue cloth breeches, several pair of old worsted stockings, a pair of old shoes with nails in the heels, and white mottle pewter buckles.

Henry Cook, an Englishman, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, middling thin visage, smooth face; took with him when he went away, an old felt hat tarred and bound round the edge, one check and one osnabrig shirt, a Russia linen frock much tarred, a pair of Russia linen trousers much tarred, a pair coarse country linen ditto, and a pair of old shoes with large brass buckles. It is supposed they took with them two striped dufil blankets. It is probable they will change their cloaths, alter their names, and will forge passes, and may have gone off by water. Whoever takes up said servants, and secures them so as their masters may get them again, shall receive if taken up in this county 40 shillings for each, if taken out of the county, and in the province, three pounds for each, and if out of the province, the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by BENJAMIN MERRYMAN, JOHN ORRICK.

August 30, 1775.

RAN away from the subscriber on the 28th instant, living near Queen-Anne, in Prince George's county, an English servant man, by name James Holmes, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, not over 20 years old, is of a light eye, hair and complexion, his hair much trimmed, has down looks, with little to say when spoken to; remarkable large legs, one of them has lately had a very bad sore, occasioned by a fever falling into it; had on and took with him, two osnabrig shirts and trousers, an old pea jacket, and felt hat, have some reason to think he is trying to get on board some ship; as he has been very inquisitive about those in Patuxent. Whoever takes up the said servant, and delivers him to his master living as above, shall receive as a reward, 20 shillings if taken 20 miles from home, 30 shillings, if 40 miles, 40 shillings, if 40 miles; and 3 pounds if out of the province, besides what the law allows.

N. B. All matters of ships or other craft, are desired to guard against the above servant being taken and concealed on board their vessels by their people; as it sometimes done to the great prejudice of their master.

THOMAS BOYD.

Frederick county, August 15, 1775.

To all whom it may concern, WHEREA Sarah Helm, my wife, hath eloped from me, after running me into sundry debts, the public is hereby desired not to credit her, the said Sarah Helm, any more upon my account, as I will not pay any sums contracted by her, the said Sarah Helm, after the date hereof.

JOSEPH HELM.