

Does it follow that all correspondence deserves to be punished? it might have been to apprise them of their danger, and to reform their crimes. By what law does a correspondence with a criminal transfer or communicate to us the knowledge of those who aid and adhere to enemies; and those who correspond with them to enable them to carry their designs into execution in the eye of the law. But the law is not to be broken. Can proclamations, according to the law of reason and justice and the constitution go on the law?

Perhaps, the principle of reason and justice and the constitution will not prevail. Experience suggests to us that if they should not, we must resort to the sword. In the name of the people of these united colonies, by authority, according to the purest representation derived from them, declare, ever punishment shall be inflicted upon any person who shall be proved to have favoured, aided, or abetted the power of our enemies for favouring, aiding, or abetting the cause of American liberty, shall be in the same kind and the same degree upon our power, who have favoured, aided, or abetted the power of our enemies, or who have favoured, aided, or abetted the system of ministerial oppression. The essential difference between our enemies, might justify a severer punishment; but the law of retaliation will unquestionably be equally severe.

It is not, however, by this declaration, to multiply punishments: our sole view is to prevent. In this unhappy and unnatural controversy, Britons fight against Britons and the defenceless, let the calamities immediately incidental war justice. We hope additions will not be made to them on one side; we trust the necessity, if laid under the necessity, of them on the other.

Extract from the minutes,
CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

LLIAMSBURG, December 2.
Dunmore's proclamation made its appearance, it is said he has recruited his army, in the county of Princess Anne and Norfolk, to the amount of 2000 men, including his black regiment, which is to be a considerable part, with this inscription: "Liberty to Slaves." How the rivers will henceforth be strictly watched, and every possible precaution taken. It is hoped others will be prevented from joining those his lordship has already collected.

It is said that he went down last week, under command. Woodford, to obstruct Dunmore's progress in the lower counties, fell in with a party of twelve or thirteen of Dunmore's friends, and with one prisoner. Lieut. Col. Scott, with the guard, upon his arrival at the Great Bridge, the enemy entrenched there, and it is said a smart engagement by some of the riflemen, which was continued a considerable time on both sides to what effect we know not. It is also said, that on Friday last was fixed upon by our troops to be a general attack; they were healthy, in good spirits, and had great prospect of success.

Accounts from Norfolk are, that Dunmore's army demolished several houses back of the town, and killed themselves; also, that Col. Hutchings, and other gentlemen, their prisoners, had been retaken on account of the gaol having been broken.

the Oath extracted from the people of Norfolk and Princess Anne by Lord Dunmore.
The inhabitants of —, being fully sensible of the errors and guilt into which this colony hath fallen, under colour of seeking redress of grievances that a set of factious men, filling themselves with conceits, conventions, and congresses, have violently, and by various pretences, usurped the legislative and executive powers of government, and are thereby endeavouring to overturn our most happy constitution, and to carry the guilt of actual rebellion against our most gracious sovereign: We have therefore taken an solemn oath, and solemnly promising, in the presence of Almighty God, to bear faith and true allegiance to his sacred Majesty George the third; and will, to the utmost of our power and ability, maintain, and defend his crown and dignity, against all traitorous attempts and conspiracies whatsoever, and will, as far as in us lies, collect, in various parts of this colony, without any legal authority, and will be informed, that however unwilling it may be to shed the blood of our countrymen, we are discharged of our duty to God and the king, and of the constitution and laws of our country, their marching into this county, where they can answer no good end, but, on the contrary, to expose us to the ravages and horrors of a civil war, that purpose, we are determined to take advantage of our happy situation, and will defend the peace of our county, and neighbourhood, to the last drop of blood.

Wednesday night some of Dunmore's banditti, negroes, came ashore, and went to the house of Benjamin Wells, at Mulberry Island; after threatening and abusing him in a most infamous manner, they carried off his most valuable effects, and carried away several negro women.

Two of them (two of them women) who had been during to get to Norfolk in an open boat, and put at Point Comfort, were fired upon by some party of the militia, taken and brought here on Thursday; the fellows are wounded, and it is expected the boat will be made examples of.

A meeting of the committee of Elizabeth city and county of Hampton, October 9, 1775, present, William Cow, Wilford Curle, Henry King, John Tabb, Westwood, William Armistead, Cary Selden, Wray, John Cary, and Miles King. Mr. Joseph King being summoned to appear before this committee on account of the business which had lately in view to wait on Lord Dunmore several times on the ship William, appeared, and informed this committee, that he was sent the first time by his father about twenty pounds due his lordship from the county since October last; and that, at another time he went on board to pray his lordship would release him from the custody of Capt. Squire, who

had seized him on his passage to Norfolk, with others, when going on his own private business; upon which information this committee, being satisfied with the young gentleman, ordered him to be discharged.
ROBERT BRIGHT, clerk.

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND.

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION, December 11, 1775.
RESOLVED, That the parliamentary post be not permitted or suffered to travel in or pass through this province with any mail, packages, or letters; and that the several committees of observation are requested and directed to see this resolution strictly observed and executed.

Resolved, That no boat or other vessel belonging to this province, go out of this province without a licence in writing from this convention, the council of safety hereafter to be appointed, or from some committee of observation, in which the particular place such boat or vessel shall be designed to go to, shall be expressed in all licences granted by the committees of observation. And if any such boat or vessel shall be navigated beyond the limits of this province without such licence, or if, after having obtained such licence, the skipper thereof shall, without absolute and inevitable necessity, go to, or touch at any place out of this province other than that mentioned in such licence, or shall carry any person or letter, of which he shall not give previous notice to such committee, or shall bring back any person or letter, of which he shall not give notice to some committee of observation, as soon as may be after his return, such skipper and all other persons accessory to such misbehaviour, may be punished by imprisonment; but it is understood that this resolution is not to prohibit the crossing Patowmack, although the boats or vessels employed or used therefor should go up the creeks or arms of Patowmack river, making into Virginia, or to prohibit the passing and repassing at the ferry on Pocomoke river.
Signed by order,
G. DUVAL, clerk.

The general assembly of this province is further prorogued to Monday the 18th instant.

Extract of a letter from Philadelphia, of December 9, to a gentleman in this city.
"This morning we received intelligence, that one of our privateers has brought into Beverly, a store ship bound for Quebec, in which we have taken 30 tons of powder, made up in cartridges; 2500 stand of arms; 2 brass 24 pounders; 2 ditto 18 pounders; 2 1/2 inch mortar; some smaller mortars, &c. the whole estimated at 30,000l. sterling."

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY desirous of forwarding the intentions of the convention in promoting the manufacture of salt, salt-petre, gunpowder, and fire-arms, request any persons who are inclined to engage on liberal encouragement in the manufacture of fire-arms, or to erect a powder-mill in the neighbourhood of Baltimore-town, where it will be most beneficial, or salt, or salt-petre works, that they will send their proposals in writing to Gabriel Duval, clerk of the council of safety, and they shall be attended to and speedily answered.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-Office,
THE
MARYLAND
ALMANACK
AND
EPHEMERIS
For the Year of our Lord 1776.

George-town, Patowmack river, Dec. 13, 1775.
IF Richard Phelps is living, who came over from London, with Leonard Brooke, about the year 1764, and lived as a schoolmaster with Dr. Leonard Holiday, Patient; application to me, will hear of something to his advantage.
WILL DEAKINS, jun.

Anne-Arundel county, Dec. 9, 1775.
On Tuesday the 10th of this month, will be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash, or London bills of exchange;
JOSEPH WILLIAMS'S dwelling plantation, containing about three hundred acres of good land, lying on the head of South-river, adjoining the water, with a good dwelling-house; and all other houses convenient for cropping; the land is well wooded and watered, and as for the soil very good. Likewise sundry valuable negroes, stock of every kind, and household furniture. The sale to be at the dwelling-house of Joseph Williams, son of Benjamin; at the head of South-river, in Anne-Arundel county.
THOMAS KING, trustee, Joseph Williams.

December 5, 1775.
To be rented for either cash or tobacco as may be agreed on, and entered upon the 1st of January next,
THAT valuable plantation whereon Mr. George Wheeler now lives, lying in Calvert county, on Battle creek; the soil is well known to be some of the best in the county, most convenient for both fish and oysters, and has a large apple-orchard upon it; there is ground enough to work ten or a dozen hands on, and have a shift. I will either rent the whole to one person, or to two or three, as may best suit. Any person inclinable to rent, may know the terms, by applying to
MICHAEL TANEY.

Annapolis, Nov. 27, 1775.
To be sold at public vendue, at the dwelling-house of John Steele, on Friday 22d instant,
TWO likely negro boys; and sundry household furniture, for ready cash only. All persons indebted to the estate of John Steele, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, are desired to make speedy payment; and all persons having any just claims against the said estate, are desired to make them known to
JOHN STEELE, admr.

Dorchester county, December 2, 1775.
COMMITTED AS A RUNAWAY,
A NEGRO lad by the name of Jack, appears to be about 18 or 20 years of age, has a swelling or lump on the right side of his neck or throat, talks very hoarse, and says he came from London, to this province, with one Capt. Lawrence.
ROBERTSON STEVENS, Sheriff.

Annapolis Constitutional Post-Office.

December 5, 1775.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the Northward and Southward mails arrive at this office every Friday at two o'clock, and return the same day at six; and on every Monday a rider leaves this town for Baltimore, and returns on Tuesday with the Northward mail.
The constitutional office having been instituted by the congress, for the security and ready conveyance of letters, and all kind of intelligence through this continent; and as the same has been attended with a great expense, it is not doubted that all well-wishers to the present laudable opposition in America, will promote the same, by sending and procuring to be sent, all letters, packages, &c. to the constitutional post-office.
WILLIAM WHELCROFT, Post-master.

TO BE SOLD,
A TRACT of land containing 430 acres, situated upon Patuxent river, in Prince George's county, within four miles of Nottingham, and seven of Upper-Marlborough—150 acres whereof are in woods, 75 in a valuable marsh, and the whole under inclosure, a sufficient quantity of low land may be made meadow—the buildings on this land are well finished and in good repair—they consist of a brick dwelling-house, 44 feet by 30, with four rooms and a passage below stairs, and as many above—a brick kitchen and other convenient houses of wood—this tract is well watered and calculated for raising stock of every kind.
THOMAS SIM LEE.

To be sold to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 23d of December, at the house of Mr. John Ball, in Annapolis, (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.

To be sold to the subscribers, on Saturday the 6th day of January next, to the highest bidder; at the late dwelling-house of William Carr, near Herring creek church, for sterling cash, or current money, by virtue of a deed of trust to me directed by said Carr,
PART of a tract of land called Jervis, lying and being in Anne-Arundel county, said to contain one hundred and eighteen acres of land, with a good dwelling-house, and sundry other convenient out-houses; and at the same time and place will be sold a likely country-born negro girl.
STEPHEN STEWARD.

To be sold to the highest bidder, at the late dwelling-house of Ebenezer Edmonston Orme, deceased, near Upper-Marlborough, on Tuesday the 12th day of December, 1775,
SUNDY negroes and white servants, a waggon, sundry hoes, and household furniture of all sorts, by THO. SNOWDEN, administrator.
N. B. The sale will begin precisely at 12 o'clock.
STRAYED or stolen from Annapolis, on the 24th of November, a bright bay horse, about 14 hands and an inch high, paces, trots, and gallops, has a long mane, is shod before, and has a scar upon his back occasioned by a set fall. Whoever will deliver him to Mr. Garretson, in Annapolis, or to the subscriber, shall receive 25 shillings.
OVERTON CARR.

THE several creditors of Joseph Hobberd, Andrew Hews, John Kidwell, Richard Flowerdew, George Stevens, Caleb Sparks, jun., John Parker, and Douglas M. Clain, insolvent debtors, released from Queen-Anne's county jail, are desired to meet at Queen's-town in the county aforesaid, on Monday the first day of January next, to consult on certain lists of debts and bonds, delivered into my hands, for the use of the said creditors.
PHILIP DOWNES, Sheriff.

November 23, 1775.
To be sold by the subscriber in Annapolis, between three and four hundred pounds cost of goods, for cash and charges.
IT is earnestly requested of all persons who have open accounts with me, that they will discharge the same, and if they cannot comply with this request, I hope they will be so obliging as to settle them by note or bond, as many of them have been long standing; it is hoped no person will refuse to close their accounts at this particular time, with their humble servant,
THOMAS HYDE.
P. S. I have a large quantity of ready made coarse shoes and leather for sale; for ready money only.

To be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for current money, or good London bills of exchange, on Monday the 18th day of December next, on the premises,
ALL that tract or parcel of land called Cheney's purchase, lying in Anne-Arundel county; containing one hundred acres, together with the improvements thereon, late the property of Benjamin Welsh, deceased. Also to be sold on Wednesday the 20th of December next, in the same manner, on the premises; part of a tract of land called Welsh's Discovery, lying in Prince George's county, near Snowdens works, containing by estimation, one hundred and sixty acres with the improvements thereon, late the property of said Benjamin Welsh. These lands are sold for the benefit of the creditors of Benjamin Welsh, in pursuance of the will of Thomas Rutland, by
LEONARD WAYMAN, executor.

April 10, 1775.
TEN POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Kent county, Maryland, the 8th of this instant, two Irish indentured servants, each of which has about three years to serve, viz.
FRANCIS MANIS, about thirty years of age, a very stout well made fellow, about five feet ten inches high, very full faced, short dark hair, had on and took with him, a good brown broad cloth coat, and black velvet jacket and breeches, and a pair of black everlasting breeches, with yellow metal buttons; an old blue coat with new large sleeves, shirts, shoes and stockings; his calling a ditcher or brickmaker.
JOHN DELANY, about 26 years of age, five feet eight inches high, well made, fair skin, ruddy complexion, short brown hair; had on and took with him, a green jacket made sailor fashion, a purple under jacket, a white shirt, one or two check shirts, much worn, a new felt hat, a black silk handkerchief round his neck, a pair of white kersey breeches, and a pair of blue serge breeches, one pair of Scotch Killmarnock, and one pair of Kendall ribbed hose mixed black and white, a pair of half worn shoes, and square steel buckles, he writes a good hand; and they have both been in different parts of Pennsylvania. Whoever takes up the aforesaid servants, and secures them so that the subscriber may have them again, shall receive ten pounds reward, if taken out of the province, if in the province, six pounds, or half the above reward for either, by
RICHARD GRAVES.

Annapolis, November 14, 1775.
TO BE SOLD.

By THOMAS C. WILLIAMS and COMP.
At their Store on the Head of the Dock; an Assortment of dry Goods,
CONSISTING OF
SUPERFINE middling Scarlet cloth cloaks, fashionable silk cloaks, hats and bonnets, Pink, blue and white satin peeloings, Black and white fattins, Black amozens, Ell black and white du-capes, Flowered and tabin'd ditto, Striped linceys, Striped and plain lute-strings, Fine rattines and shal-loons, Ell English Persians, Duranis and calimancoes, Silver table and tea-spoons, Manchester velvets and Silver shoe and knee-buck-velverets, Silver shoe and knee-buck-Plated pint and 1/2 pint mugs, Harry 8th best cards, Cotton candle wick, Mens best shoes and boots, Seine twine and jack lines, Scotch and pearl barley, Split peas in kegs, Dutch ovens, iron pots, Frying pans, spades and shovels, Best Florence oil, by the case or bottle, A few sets blue and white, red, and white, and ena-mell'd china, An assortment of queen's and glass ware, A few casks of glass, delf, and white stone ware, to be sold by the case—many other articles too tedious to mention.

WET GOODS AS USUAL, VIZ.

Old Maderia wine by qr. dia and continent rum, cask or gallon, Melasses, Red and white Lisbon wine Double and single refined in quarter casks, loaf-sugar, Sweet mountain and com-Muscovado sugar, &c. &c. mon wine by the gallon, which they will sell low, Best cane spirits, West In- and for cash only.
All persons indebted to Tho. C. Williams and Co. are desired to call and settle their accounts—those that are able, it is expected will settle by paying their balance, and not take advantage of the times, by keeping us out of our money—those that are really not able to pay, are desired to call and settle their accounts, by giving bond and security, agreeable to the resolves of the convention—all that do not comply with this request in a reasonable time, may depend on being dealt with agreeable to law, and the resolves of the convention in such cases provided.

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

WENT away the first instant from the subscribers, living near Lower-Marlborough, in Calvert county, an English servant man, named Daniel Slude, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, about 26 years of age, brown complexion, his hair very lately been cut off, and the back of his head sore, his thumb and middle finger of his left hand fresh cut, has a fore heel which occasions him to limp at times, News his teeth much when he talks, and has the Norfolk country dialect; by trade a sawyer, though pretends to be a gardener and weaver; had on and took with him two of nabrig of Russia sheeting shirts, two pair of of nabrig trousers, a pair of white serge breeches with metal buttons; a new grey fearnought jacket with black horn buttons, a swanskin jacket with black buttons and bound with black ferret, an old castor hat, a pair of double soled shoes double vamp'd—I understand he intends to change his name, and said he never would own he was a servant, that he intended to travel of nights to make his escape more secure, and that he intended to Boston to general Gage, who he understood would protect all servants who came to him. Whoever takes up said servant and secures him, so that I get him again, shall have the above reward; including what he allows, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by
WILLIAM ALLEN.

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