

...by a resolution passed the... did direct, that every vessel in... colonies gunpowder, salt-petre, sul... several colonies to the end there... date thereof, should be permitte... produce of, these colonies to the... and stores aforesaid, the non-ex... notwithstanding, by permits from... several colonies, to the end there... may be the better informed of... stores which are or shall be im... produce exported in consequence of...

...by order of congress,
CHARLES THOMPSON, Sec.

...in every part of Boston. The... had it are under ihoculation, ... security against any attack by the... ship load of the inhabitants is... It is thought almost impos... port out of the camp and country... caution is taken which prudence

...from Cambridge, Dec. 13.
...to tell you things wear a... than they have done for some... is filling up. The barracks go... comes in. The soldiers are made... Our privaters meet with suc... cesses that were going to the relief... in is in great distress; besides... necessary, they are inoculating... the dysentery and black jaundice... the officers unweary. No troops... Ireland. The three men of war... rhead, are since gone off with...

...General LEE to General... ROYNE.

...on Prof. G. Hill, Dec. 14, 1775.

...formed you are ready to embark... refrain from once more trespass... An opportunity is now pres... yourself as the favour of your... British empire stands tottering... and you have it in your power to... hope, but it will admit of no de... avail yourself of the precious... to the delusion, exert the voice... ize, and tell the people at home... ately rescind all their impolitic... ruderous acts; that they mult... antic system, or that they arg... your letter, if it is independence... is aim? I answer no; the idea... American's head, until a most... erced it upon them. All they... masters of their own property, ... same equitable laws which they... first formation of the colonies, ... which bound them to their pa... near to them, that he who would... touched them would have been... pious of mortals; but these... who have violated or baffled... and rights of the people at home, ... account for their treasures, tar... nihilated the importance of the... I say, so dear to every Ame... administration are now rending

...is the weight of taxes of which... er no, it is the principle they... and be guilty in the eyes of God... world and all posterity did they... ere admitted, they would have... call their own. They would... than the wretched slaves in the... little peculium has ever been... wherefore should I dwell on... of Ireland the same with theirs... o the British empire; they are... jament of Great-Britain; but... Why, as the case is similar, do... But you know, Mr. Bur... ministry are, they dare not at... part of your letter which I... ibly understand. If I recollect... ly have not the letter by me... ege of taxing themselves is what... content is at an end. You... the propositions of North; it is... old, not think with me, and all... positions are no more or less... abominable oppression, a more... to recur to the question of... pendence? Do any intrusion of... to their representatives or dele... und for this suspicion? On the... ll breathe the strongest attach... their parent country? But if... al tenderness of a mother, and... ep-dame, it must naturally be... tions cease; the ministry leave... service, *aus alicuius iubent*; it... a moral obligation to adopt the... ration has not yet taken place, ... e self, my friends, may perhaps... ministry, I am afraid, you can... r to repeat a hackneyed quot-

...They are in blood
Should they wade no more,
Leticus as go o'er.

...break off all connexions with
you will wive all considerations

...at the salvation of your country, Great-Britain may... stand as much indebted to general Burgoyne as Rome... was to her Camillus. Do not, I entreat you, my dear... sir, think this the mad rambling of an enthusiast, nor... the capt of a factious deluding man, for in these co... counts I am told I am frequently painted. I wear, by... all that's sacred, as I hope for comfort and honour in... this world, and to avoid misery in the next, that I most... earnestly and devoutly love my native country; that I... with the same happy relation to submit for ages betwixt... her and her children, which has raised the wide arch of... her empire to so stupendous and enviable a height; but... at the same time I avow that if the Parliament and... people should be deprived enough to support any... longer the present ministry in their infernal scheme, my... zeal and reverence for the rights of humanity are so... much greater than my fondness for any particular spot... even the place of my nativity; that had I any influence... in the councils of America, I would advise not to hesi... tate a single instant, but decisively to cut the Gordian... knot now beset with civil blood.

...I know is strong emphatic language, and... might pass with men, who are strangers to the flame... which the love of liberty is capable of lighting up in... the human breast, for a proof of my insanity; but you, ... Sir, you, unless I have mistaken you from the begin... ning, will conceive that a man in his sober senses may... possess such feelings. In my former senses, therefore, ... permit me once more most earnestly to entreat and con... ture you to exert your whole force, energy, and talents, ... to stop the ministry in this their headlong career. If... you labour in vain (as I must repeat I think will be the... case) address yourself to the people at large; by adopt... ing this method, I am so sanguine as to assure myself of... your success; and your public character will be as il... lustrious as your personal qualities are amiable to all... who intimately know you. By your means, the colo... nists will long continue the farmers, planters, and ship... wrights of Great-Britain; but if the present course is... pursued in an internal divorce must inevitably take... place. As to the idea of subduing them into servitude, ... and indemnifying yourselves for the expence, you must... be convinced, long before this, of its absurdity.

...I should not, perhaps, be extravagant, if I ad... vanced that all the ships of the world would be too few... to transport force sufficient to conquer three millions of... people unanimously determined to sacrifice every thing to... liberty; but if it were possible, the victory would be... no less ruinous than the defeat. You would only des... troy your own strength. No revenue can possibly be... extracted out of this country. The army of placcmen... might be increased, but her circuitous commerce, ... founded on perfect freedom, which alone can furnish... riches to the metropolis, would fall to the ground. ... But the dignity of Great-Britain, it seems, is at stake. ... Would you, sir, in the heat of passion you had... struck a simple drummer of your regiment, and after... wards discovered that you had done it unjustly, think it... any tortuure of your dignity to acknowledge the... wrong? No (I am well acquainted with your disposi... tion) you would ask him pardon at the head of your... regiment.

...I shall now conclude (if you will excuse the pe... donomy) with a sentence of Latin. *Justum est bellum*
quod non est iustum, et pro arina quibus milis, nisi in armis,
et pro arina quibus milis, nisi in armis,
et pro arina quibus milis, nisi in armis,
I most sincerely wish you a quick and... prosperous voyage, and that your happiness and glory... may be equal to the idea I have of your merits, and am... with the greatest truth and affection, yours,

C. LEE

WILLIAMSBURG, Dec 12

Last night col. Bullit arrived from the army, with... Dr. Campbell of Norfolk, who, besides several other... gentlemen of that borough, had rendered themselves... to col. Woodford, and sued for protection. Lord Dun... more, we hear, swears most furiously that he will bom... bard Norfolk, should the shirtmen come into it. They... most certainly will, so that we need not be amazed to... hear, soon, of that place being laid in ashes.

In CONVENTION, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1775.

Resolved, That the president be desired to write to... col. Woodford, directing him that all such stories taken... by him who shall, upon examination before the field... officers, appear to have borne arms against this colony, ... be sent to the city of Williamsburg; and that all others... who, upon such examination, shall appear inimical to... the liberties of America, be detained by him, till the... farther order of the convention or committee of safety; ... That he extend all reasonable indulgence to such as ap... pear to have taken the part of lord Dunmore through... necessity; that he take the distressed Highlanders, with... their families, into his protection, permit them to pass... by land unmolested to the Carolinas, and supply them... with such provisions as they may be in immediate... want of.

To the OFFICER commanding at Norfolk.

Captain Squire's compliments to the commanding... officer, informs him that several musquet balls were... last night fired at the king's ship from some people at... Norfolk. Capt. Squire did not return the fire, from a... supposition it was done out of wantonness. Capt. Squire... does not mean to fire on the town of Norfolk unless... first fired at; must beg to know if any hostile intention... was meant to him in jolly's ship, and people under his... command.

Once loop, off Norfolk, December 15, 1775.

ANSWER TO THE ABOVE.

Colonel Howe's and colonel Woodford's compliments... to capt. Squire, and assure him they gave no orders... to fire upon the Otter, and conceive the musquet balls... mentioned in capt. Squire's message to have come from

our guard, who fired by mistake upon one of our... parties.

ROBERT HOWE,
WILLIAM WOODFORD.

A morning return of the forces now under the command... of colonel Howe.

Virginia ad regiment, 3501 Virginia minute bat... talion, 165. A detachment of the 1st Virginia regi... ment, 172. North Carolina ad regiment, 4381 North... Carolina volunteers, 150. Total strength of compa... nies, 1235.

Extract of a letter from col. Scott to capt. Southall, dated... Norfolk, December 17.

Dear Sir,
I have just time to inform you that we have at last... got possession of the most horrid place I ever beheld, I... mean Norfolk. Almost all the inhabitants fled on board... the ships. Flags are continually passing, asking water, ... provision, or to exchange prisoners. Duty is harder... than I ever saw before. Our guards have not been re... lieved for 48 hours. The men of war fell down last... evening about a mile, and left a brig with 5000 bushels... of salt behind, which our guard took, and brought to... the wharf, but have not got one bushel on shore yet. ... We have got on board the vessel Mr. Cary Mitchell.

ANAPOLIS, January 4, 1776.

The General Assembly of this province, which stood... prorogued to the first instant, is further prorogued to... Monday the fifth day of February next.

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY desirous of forward... ing the intention 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.

Baltimore, December 26, 1775.

To be sold by the subscriber, for ready money only,
a general collection of

DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c.

Among which are the following:

- ALOES.
- Antimon. crud.
- Argent. viv.
- Basil. Capiv.
- Poh.
- Peruv.
- Borax.
- Custor. Russ. & Na.
- Calomel ppt.
- Cantharides.
- Campbor.
- Cortex Peruvian.
- Crem. Tartar.
- Elect. Lætitiv.
- Extract. Cort. Peruv.
- Flores Chamœmel.
- Sulphur.
- Benzoin.
- Fol. Sennæ.
- Genthiocolla.
- Magnes. sib.
- Manna.
- Rad. Ipecac.
- Jalap.
- Rhei.
- Ratur. C. C.
- Sal Glauber.
- Nitri.
- Likewise a negro woman cook, healthy, honest and sober.
- Tart Emetic.
- Vermilion.
- Phials sorted.
- Nipple glasses.
- Shop furniture, such as boxes and trunks labelled.
- Large bottles for distilled waters.
- Tincture and species bottles of different tizes, labelled and plain.
- Ointments.
- Syrups.
- Pill pots of various sizes, labelled and plain.
- Mortars and pestles.
- Searches.
- Surgeons instruments.
- An electrical apparatus, very complete and easily portable.
- A collection of books, mostly modern publications.
- Household and kitchen furniture in general, almost new.

The articles of drugs and medicines will not be sold singly, so it is expected those who want will take an assortment. A considerable discount will be made to a person who will purchase the whole. If not sold by the middle of February, they will be otherwise disposed of.

N. B. I shall leave this place *Joseph M. Wallace*

To be sold at public vendue, on Tuesday the 6th day... of February next, for common current money, to... be paid down, on the premises;

A PLANTATION, containing 100 acres of land, ... lying in Anne Arundel county, in the Fork of... Patuxent, being part of Snowden's second Addition to... his manor, with the improvements thereunto belong... ing, now in the possession of Mr. Stephen Gimmitish, ... taken in execution by virtue of his wife's writ of... fieri facias, to me directed, as well of Rezin Mobberly... and others, assigns of the commissioners of the loan... office. THOMAS DEALE, Sheriff of A. A. county.

December 28, 1775.

WANTED to carry on the GUNLOCK MANU... FACTORY, immediately to be established in Fre... derick-Town in Frederick county, for the use of... THE PUBLIC, a number of workmen in each different... branch of gunlock making; very great encouragement... will be given to fishers; and liberal rewards to others... according to their skill and application. Whitesmiths, ... though they may not have been used to work on gun... locks, will be employed; Many servants who would... be very useful in the gunlock manufactory are employ... ed in common labour, the masters of such, or of others... who might be useful, are requested to let the public... have them on purchase or hire. And the committees... of the county, as well as all other friends of the pub... lic, are intreated to favour this necessary work, by... searching out, and forwarding or giving notice of pro... per hands. Information given or letters directed to... James Johnson, Charles Beatty, and John Hanson, ... jun. will be thankfully attended to.

Nothing is wanted on credit, the cash is in hand to... discharge the necessary contracts.

I HEREBY caution all persons from hunting or... any within my enclosures.

DENTON HAMMOND.

Charles Town, Cecil county, Dec. 17, 1775.
I HEREBY caution all persons from hunting or... any within my enclosures. I am a... Englishman who calls himself Freeman Stagg; ... he is about 45 feet high, has sandy hair, and wears a... little he had on when committed, an old blue iron... coat, scarlet jacket, buckskin breeches, and an old... calico hat. He says he came into Patuxent river with... capt. Parker in June 1774, and has lived in and about... the neighbourhood of Baltimore ever since as a free... man. His master, if any, is desired to come, pay... charges, and take him away, otherwise he will be sold... for his feet and hands.

JAMES ORRICK, Sheriff.

To be sold by the subscriber, on Saturday the 15th... of January, at the house of Mrs. John Bail, in... Annapolis, (for selling money)

A VALUABLE plantation on the north side of Se... ven river, in Anne Arundel county, contain... ing by estimate 400 acres more or less, with some im... provements; it lies about seven miles from the city of... Annapolis, and upon the shore 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 by the subscriber, on Saturday the 15th... day of January next, (the sale being put off to that... day, he not being able to attend on the 6th inst.)... to the highest bidder, at the late dwelling-house of... William Cary, near Heron creek church, for ster... ling cash, or current money, by virtue of a deed of... trust to me directed by said Cary,

PART of a tract of land called Jervis, lying and be... lying in Anne Arundel county, said to contain one... hundred and eighteen acres of land, with a good dwel... ling-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.

Charles county, December 10, 1775.

STOLEN from Mrs. Elizabeth Miedleton's plan... tation, on Patowmack, about ten miles below Pif... cataway, on Wednesday night the 29th ult. a black... horse, 14 hands 3 inches high, a natural pacer, hang... ing mane, and switch tail, seven years old next (spring, ... he is a likely strong well made horse, never was brand... ed, has no white about him, and gallops very well to... ride altho' a natural pacer. Also a white horse, 14... and 3rd half hands high, paces, trots and gallops, ... hanging mane and switch tail, about 12 or 13 years... old, no perceivable brand that I remember, and re... markable dull to ride. Whoever apprehends the said... horse, and will bring them to Mrs. E. Middleton's, ... shall be paid hereupon currency, or thirty shillings... currency for either.

BEN. DOUGLASS.

TO BE LET,

A PLANTATION on Hunting Ridge, about four... miles from Baltimore-Town, with seven or eight... negroes, and a large flock—there is a stone dwelling... house thereon containing six rooms, a stone kitchen, a... negro quarter, a large barn, stable, and other out... houses, two apple orchards, and a peach orchard. ... For terms and further particulars enquire of the... Printer.

Agreeable to the last will and testament of John Evis, ... deceased, will be sold at public vendue, on the pre... mises, on Wednesday the 24th day of January next,

THE house in which William Noke now liveth, op... posite to the prison in the city of Annapolis, with... part of a lot of ground thereunto belonging, for com... mon current money. The said house and ground is... subject to the widow's third. The sale to begin at 12... o'clock.

WILLIAM NOKE, } executors.
JONATHAN PINKNEY, }

To be sold by the subscriber, on Tuesday the ninth... day of January next, at the plantation of Elizabeth... Orme, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, near... Snowden's iron works, for sterling or current money,

PART of the estate of the said deceased, consist... ing of most sorts of household furniture, a large flock... of horses, sheep, and neat cattle, among which re... several fine fat steers. Six months credit will be given... for all sums above five pounds, on giving bond and... approved security to

THOMAS SNOWDEN, executor.
N. B. The sale will begin at 12 o'clock.

December 9, 1775.

COMMITTED to my custody as a runaway, ... a negro woman by the name of Nan, who... says she belongs to Thomas Orford, living near... the great Falls of Patowmack; she is a heavy well... looking wench, her cloathing an old negro cotton... jacket and pett coat, a white country cloth ditto; and... an old crocus shirt. Her master is desired to pay... charges and take her from

W. HANSON, Sheriff.

THE subscriber, having now got his mill in excellent... order for grinding and bolting, and having got a... very skillful miller, purposes to grind any kind of grain... for one eighth part thereof should any person send... any quantity not less than twenty bushels of any kind... of grain to the Land of Exce in South river, or any... other landing on said river convenient, he will imme... diately, on notice thereof, cart it to his mill, grind it, ... and dispatch the vessel that brings it, with expedition. ... As he has been at great pains in carrying his mill to do... good work; hopes to meet with the encouragement of... the people in general.

THOMAS RUTLAND.

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