

Last Monday gen. Lee, with his retinue and about 30 riflemen, arrived at New port, Rhode-Island, from the camp at Cambridge; the same day also gen. Putnam arrived there.

12 CAMBRIDGE, December, 28.

Capt. Nowell, of Newbury-port, was one of the shipmasters who made his escape from Boston, as mentioned in our last. He informs that gen. Burgoyne failed for England on the 16th inst. in the Tartar man of war; and that gen. Howe, besides ordering houses to be taken down for fuel, has directed, for the same purpose, all the wharfs, from the north battery round to Charlestown ferry, to be taken up.

BOSTON, December 14.

Last Thursday a piratical brig, with 10 carriage guns and 75 men, fitted out at Plymouth, and commanded by one Martingale, was taken by the Powey man of war and brought in here. The prisoners we hear are to be sent to England in the Tartar, which sails this day. Several other ships likewise sail this day for England, two of which carry the officers of the 18th and 59th regiments.

It is currently reported that the continental congress have declared the colonies in a state of independence.

We are informed that there is now fitting up at the theatre, and will be performed in the course of a fortnight, a new farce called the Blockade of Boston. [It is more probable, before that time, the poor wretches will be presented with a tragedy called the Bombardment of Bolton.]

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.

The lion convention of Virginia on the 8th ult. resolved, That the treasurer of that colony for the time being be required to purchase for the public use all good and merchantable gunpowder that may be imported into it, or manufactured there, at any time within six months, and allow the price of six shillings per pound for the same.

In COMMITTEE of the city and liberties, Jan. 2, 1776.

Resolved, That no master or owner of any vessel or vessels, shall ship any provisions, goods or merchandize, of any kind, from this port, without first giving satisfaction to or receiving the approbation of this committee.

By order of the committee, ROBERT STRETTELL JONES, Sec.

WILLIAMSBURG, January 6.

By an express from Norfolk, and letters from colonel Howe, we learn, that all the ships and tenders which had been drawn up close to the town with springs on their cables, began a heavy fire at three o'clock in the evening of Monday last; that after about an hour's firing, a few boats were sent ashore under cover of the cannon, and concealed by their smoke, which was blown in on the shore, and several houses were set on fire in different places along the river, that this was done so suddenly, and amidst so much smoke and noise, that it was impossible to prevent it; the wind being favourable to their design, the flames spread with great rapidity, and when the fire had run to a great extent, and our enemies imagined they had spread confusion and terror amongst our young troops, by such an incessant cannonade as they had kept up, and by the conflagration around them, they attempted to land a number of men in different parts of the town, but were repulsed with considerable loss in every attempt; all our centinels and guards kept their posts notwithstanding, and had pretty smartly chastised those who set fire to the houses; they were reinforced by lieutenant colonel Stephens, with about two hundred marksmen, who behaved with great bravery. Six of the enemy were left dead on the shore, and great numbers were supposed to be carried off in their boats. We did not lose a man, but had six or seven wounded. Some poor women were killed in endeavouring to move out of town. It was a shocking scene to see the poor women and children running about through the fire, and exposed to the guns from the ships, and some of them with children at their breasts. Let our countrymen view and contemplate this scene! Colonel Howe speaks highly of colonel Woodford, colonel Stephens, and all the officers and men. The cannonade had lasted twenty-five hours when the express came away, and the flames were raging (it being impossible to extinguish them on account of the heavy fire from the ships) and had consumed two thirds of the town. Our men, notwithstanding this, still kept their posts. The ships which fired were the Liverpool, Kingfisher, and Otter, men of war, lord Dunmore's large ships, the William and Eilbeck, the store ships; and all the tenders. It is affirmed that one hundred cannon played on the town almost incessantly for twenty-five hours, and the express says he heard the firing all the way on the road. Notwithstanding this heavy firing, and the town in flames around them, our men had the resolution to maintain their posts, and the coolness to aim as usual. They seem animated in their glorious cause, and appear to be shielded as the favourites of heaven.

Upwards of thirty of Jack Dunmore's hopeful gang, consisting of soldiers, sailors, and negroes, arrived here yesterday at prisoners, under a strong guard. They are taken proper care of.

A large snow from Cork, laden with beef, butter, and potatoes, and a fine brig from the West-Indies, laden with rum and sugar, were taken, last Thursday, by our good old friend, captain Barron. He was in a small vessel, with only six swivels and nine men. The prizes are sent up to Cumberland-Town to unload.

In CONVENTION, December 22, 1775.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this convention are justly due to the brave officers, gentlemen volunteers, and soldiers, of North-Carolina, as well as to our brethren of that province in general, for their prompt and generous aid in defence of our common rights against the enemies to America, and of the British constitution.

TO be sold by the subscriber, an excellent work wench, two children, and her husband, who is a good shoemaker, has worked four or five years at the carpenters trade, and is very handy about every kind of plantation business. The wench is a very great scold, for which fault only she is sold. She would suit a bachelor well, being remarkably neat, and understands housekeeping.

DANIEL JENIFER.

Prince-George's county, Jan. 5, 1776.

ALL persons having legal claims against the estate of Samuel Nickolls, late of Queen Anne town, are requested to bring them in; and all indebted to said estate are desired to settle their accounts with Messrs. Richard and Singleton Woodton, who I have empowered for that purpose. Those who cannot pay immediately it is hoped will give their notes with security, as I am bound to settle the estate and do justice to the creditors of the deceased; such therefore who are so unable as not to settle their accounts as above (if any such there be) will put me under the disagreeable necessity of making application to have suits brought without respect to persons, of which all concerned will please take notice.

WILLIAM NICKOLLS, administrator of Samuel Nickolls deceased.

LEFT a Mr. Lancelot Jacques's store, a quantity of whole fagots of English square steel, with neither marks nor numbers, by whom unknown. The owner or owners are desired to take them away, paying the cost of this advertisement and storage.

GEORGETOWN, Jan. 17, 1776.

WANTED, an OVERSEER, SOBER, industrious man, who is a good farmer. A married man with a small family will be most agreeable. Apply to

DAVID KERR.

Annapolis, Jan. 16, 1776.

WHEREAS divers ill designing persons have of late harboured and entertained my servants, whereby my business has been greatly neglected; I therefore hereby notify to, and forewarn all persons from having intercourse or dealing with them hereafter, as I am determined upon discovery to proceed against such persons with all the rigour of the law.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS.

P. S. Particularly my servants, Robert Walker, John Holloway, and John Christian.

THERE is at the plantation of John Marriot, living on Elk-Ridge, a red steer, about five years old, marked with a crop, set and under cut in the left ear, and a crop in the right. The owner may be gained on proving property and paying charges.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS.

THERE is at the plantation of John Baptist Bellwell, living in the lower part of Prince George's county, near Capt. Thomas Haulon Marshall's, a large red and white cow, marked in the right ear with a notch, and the left ear cropped, and a piece about three inches long cut off the under side; she has been about my plantation about five or six weeks. The owner may have her again on paying for her wintering and the charges of this advertisement.

Baltimore, Jan. 18, 1776.

THE brig Nancy, Capt. Sund, will sail for London the first of February. Those gentlemen who want to send letters by her will send them to Messrs. Wallace and Davidson, or the subscribers, before that day. Very good accommodation for passengers, who are to apply to the matter, or

LUX and BOWLY.

Annapolis, Jan. 2, 1776.

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 200 acres of land, lying in Anne-Arundel county, in the Park of Patuxent, being part of Snowden's second Addition to his manor, with the improvements thereunto belonging, now in the possession of Mr. Stephen Gathrell, taken in execution by virtue of his lordship's writ of fieri facias to me directed, at suit of Rezin Moberly 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 MANUFACTORY, immediately to be established in Frederick-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 finishers, and liberal rewards to others according to their skill and application. Whitesmiths, though they may not have been used to work on gunlocks, will be employed. Many servants who would be very useful in the gunlock manufactory are employed 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 committee of the counties, as well as all other friends of the public, are intreated to favour this necessary work, by searching out, and forwarding or giving notice of proper 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.

STEPHEN STEWARD.

To be sold by the subscriber, on Saturday the 27th 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 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.

Annapolis, Nov. 5, 1775.

RAN away last night from the subscriber, the following servants, viz. William Webster, an Englishman, a hatter by trade, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, 23 years of age, long dark brown hair, cued behind, turned up before, and curled at the ears, thin faced, thick lips, and walks parrot-toed; is a forward talkative fellow, and can be very complaisant when he pleases. Had on and took with him, a light blue gray cloth coat and waistcoat, the coat has been turned, one red cloth waistcoat, one pair white Russia drab breeches, one white linen shirt, two brown Russia sheeting ditto. It is probable he has other cloaths, or may have changed those described.

Charles Tipping, or Tip, in, by trade a gardener, and can work a little at the carpenter's business, about 5 feet 6 inches high, remarkably thick set, full face, short brown hair. Had on and took with him, a flaxen brown working coat with metal buttons, a blue cloth jacket with sleeves and metal buttons, good buckskin breeches, one pair white Russia drab ditto, one white shirt, two brown Russia sheeting, ditto, and may haveundry other cloaths.

The above servants went off in a two mast boat, and four oars, in company with some others. They took a pair of dunbrigg sheets, which it is supposed they intend to make use of. Whoever will secure the above servants for their master may get them again, shall receive 20 shillings for each if 40 miles, 40 shillings for each if 100 miles, or if out of the province £5 for each, and if brought home, reasonable charges, paid by

WILLIAM REYNOLDS.

N. B. Webster had on a good castor hat fin-tailed, checked in the military fashion, lined with new white linen, plain pinchbeck knee and shoe buckles; they took with them a large black dog with white feet and breast, and a kobl. far.

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 near or near woods, 75 in a valuable marsh, and the whole under inclosure, a sufficient quantity of low and may be made meadow—the buildings on the 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

November 28, 1775.

To be sold by the subscriber in Annapolis, between three and four hundred pounds cost of goods, for cost 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.

Annapolis, November 3, 1775.

STOLEN in the night of the 25th of October last, from on board a small schooner boat, lying in the harbour of Poplar Island, the main and fore sail of the said boat. The height of the main sail is about 27 feet, and has been much mended; almost a whole breadth taken out of the after part, has been middle stitched through every seam, and has a patch of canvas in the after clew; the fore-sail also, has been much mended, particularly herring-boned, which is faced with a new piece of osnabrig from the clew up to the gaff. Whoever will bring them to, or give sufficient information of them, so that they may be obtained by the subscriber, at his house in Annapolis, may receive 6 dollars reward, and 6 dollars over and above, upon the conviction of the person or persons who stole the said sails.

CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton.

SIX POUNDS REWARD.

STOLEN away from the subscriber, on Tuesday night the 10th instant, a dark bay or brown horse, 10 or 11 years old last spring, upwards of 15 hands high, his hind feet white, and has a few gray hairs in his forehead, paces, trots and gallops, and when rode goes with pretty good spirits, has a hanging main, little foretop, yellow nose, and short back; his tail when trimmed, which was very lately, was intended for a switch, but by the unskillfulness of the person who did it, it was made almost as short as a long bob, the hoofs of his fore-feet were broken on the inside, and he had on a pair of shoes about half worn, but if he has been much rode, it is very probable that one or both may be off by this time. Whoever takes up both thief and horse, so that the thief be convicted, and the horse delivered to me at the Patuxent iron-works, shall receive the above reward, or 20 shillings for the horse only, but if the horse should be a great distance, reasonable charges will be allowed if brought home, paid by

JAMES RAWLINGS.

Annapolis, December 6, 1775.

WANTED to purchase for cash, or bills of exchange, some young able field negroes, boys and wenches, from 15 to 25 years of age, enquire of

WILLIAM ROOKE.

Prince George's county, May 14, 1775.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the subscriber, either by bond, note, or open account, to immediately come and settle their respective debts, as I am determined to give no longer indulgence. I hope this requisition will be adverted to, otherwise I shall take compulsory methods to enforce payment, without any respect to persons.

JOSEPH DUVAL.