

ing the lake.  
e militia of this city, with a number  
the other parts of the province, have  
Jersey.

al Kalendar, for the year 1776.

ing on the North-American Station,  
Asia, captain George Van der Put, 64.  
ntwell, 70. Eagle, vice adm. Howe,  
Somerlet, G. Gurry, 64.

ritol, com. Sir Peter Parker, John  
urion, Rich. Braithwait, 50. Clat.  
Shuldham, J. Kayner, 50. Experi-  
ler, 50. Jersey, hospital ship, W. A.  
C. Douglass, 50. Preston, J. Ro-  
own, F. Banks, 50.

londe, P. Pownal, 32. Brune, 31.  
ell, 32. Niger, G. albot, 32. Or-  
32. Pearl, J. O'Hara, 32. Phoe-  
jun. 44. Kobuck, Andrew Snape  
itis, 32.

Edoa, C. Atkins, 28. Active, W.  
oreas, C. Thomson, 28. Carryfort,  
Cerberus, 28. Deal Castle, Womb,  
Montagu, 24. Fox, Fotheringham,  
24. Glasgow, T. Howe, 24. Fire-  
Lizard, 28. Mercury, 24. Mil-  
3. Role, J. Wallace, 20. S. arbo-  
Barclay, 20. Seaford, J. Colpo, 20.

ons, 28. Sphinx, A. Hunt, 20. J-  
ux, 28. Tartar, 28. Triton, Skiff,  
20.

A, T. Underwood, 16. Carcas, R.  
er, F. Parry, 8. Falcon, J. Lindze,  
odney, 18. Hawke, R. Cooper, 10.  
Martin, W. Parker, 14. Merlin, C.  
tautilus, J. Collins, 16. Otter, M.  
age, H. Bromedge, 8. Scorpion, J.  
Senegal, W. Duddingston, 16. Swan,  
10. Tamer, E. Thornborough, 16.

Canceaux, Cherokee, Lieut. Fergus-  
Labrador, Magdalen, Lieut. John  
hunder, J. Reid.

# UTION of NEW-JERSEY.

all the constitutional authority ever  
ings of Great-Britain over these colo-  
dominions, was by compact derived  
and held of them for the common in-  
society, allegiance and protection are,  
nings, reciprocal ties, each equally de-  
other, and liable to be dissolved by  
refused or withdrawn. And whereas  
d, king of Great Britain, has retained  
good people of these colonies; and, by  
acts of the British parliament, at-  
tack them to the absolute dominion of  
has also made war upon them in the  
unnatural manner, for no other cause  
their just rights, all civil authority under  
y at an end, and a dissolution of go-  
colony has consequently taken place,  
in the present deplorable situation of  
exposed to the fury of a cruel and re-  
sonable form of government is a violent  
y for the preservation of good order,  
e effectually to unite the people, and  
ort their whole force in their own de-  
and as the honourable the continental  
reme council of the American Colo-  
such of the colonies as have not yet  
easure, to adopt for themselves respec-  
nment as shall best conduce to their  
a safety, and the well being of Ame-  
We, the representatives of the Colonies  
aving been elected by all the counties  
ner, and in congress assembled, have,  
eration, agreed upon a set of charter  
orm of a constitution, in manner fol-

government of this province shall be  
rnor, legislative council, and general

aid legislative council and general as-  
sosen, for the first time, on the second  
t next; the members whereof shall  
umber and qualifications as is herein  
and shall be and remain vested with  
d authority to be held by any future  
d assembly of this colony, until the  
n October, which will be in the year  
thousand seven hundred and seventy-

the said second Tuesday in October,  
year for ever (with the privilege of ad-  
y to day as occasion may require) the  
verally chuse, one person to be a mem-  
ber of this council, who shall  
n, for one whole year next before the  
bitant and freeholder in the county in  
osen, and worth at least one thousand  
ation money, of real and personal es-  
tate in this colony: That, at the same time,  
also chuse three members of assembly;  
person shall be entitled to a seat in the  
els he be and have been, for one whole  
e, the election an inhabitant of the  
represent, and worth five hundred  
ation money, in real and personal es-  
tate in this colony: That, on the second Tuesday  
y of election, the council and assembly  
meet; and that the content of both  
necessary to every law; provided, that  
quorum of the council for doing busi-  
d law shall pass, unless there be a ma-  
representatives of each body personally  
eing thereto: Provided always, that if  
representatives of this province in  
eral assembly convened, shall, at any  
reater, judge it equitable and proper to  
with the number or proportion of the  
nly for any county or counties in this  
d in such case, the same may, on the  
ore equal representation, be lawfully  
in this charter to the contrary notwith-

at the whole number of representatives

That all inhabitants of this colony, of full age,  
who are worth fifty pounds, proclamation money, clear  
estate in the same, and have resided within the county  
in which they claim a vote for twelve months immedi-  
ately preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote for  
representatives in council and assembly; and also for all  
other public officers that shall be elected by the people  
of the county at large.

V. That the assembly, when met, shall have power  
to choose a speaker, and other their officers; to be  
judges of the qualifications and elections of their own  
members; sit upon their own adjournments; prepare  
bills to be passed into laws, and to empower their  
speaker to convene them, whenever any extraordinary  
occurrence shall render it necessary.

VI. That the council shall also have power to pre-  
pare bills to pass into laws, and have other like powers  
as the assembly, and in all respects to be a free and in-  
dependent branch of the legislature of this colony; save  
only, that they shall not prepare or alter any money-  
bill, which shall be the privilege of the assembly; that  
the council shall, from time to time, be chosen by the  
governor or vice-president, but must be convened at all  
times when the assembly sits; for which purpose the  
speaker of the house of assembly shall always, immedi-  
ately after an adjournment, give notice to the governor  
or vice-president of the time and place to which the  
house is adjourned.

VII. That the council and assembly jointly, at their  
first meeting after each annual election, shall, by a ma-  
jority of votes, elect some fit person within the colony  
to be a governor for one year; who shall be constant  
president of the council, and have a casting vote in their  
proceedings; and that the council themselves shall  
choose a vice-president, who shall act as such in the ab-  
sence of the governor.

VIII. That the governor, or in his absence, the  
vice-president of the council, shall have the supreme exe-  
cutive power, be chancellor of the colony, and act as  
captain-general and commander in chief of all the mil-  
itia, and other military force, in this colony; and that  
any three or more of the council shall, at all times, be  
a privy council to consult them; and that the governor  
be ordinary or surrogate therefor.

IX. That the governor and council (seven whereof  
shall be a quorum) be the court of appeals in the last  
recort in all clauses of law as heretofore; and that they  
possess the power of granting pardons to criminals after  
condemnation, in all cases of treason, felony, or other  
offences.

X. That captains, and all other inferior officers of  
the militia, shall be chosen by the companies in the re-  
spective counties; but field and general officers by the  
council and assembly.

XI. That the council and assembly shall have power  
to make the great seal of this colony, which shall be  
kept by the governor, or, in his absence, by the vice-  
president of the council, to be used by them as occasion  
may require; and it shall be called the Great Seal of the  
colony of New-Jersey.

XII. That the judges of the supreme court shall  
continue in office for seven years, the judges of the in-  
ferior court of common-pleas in the several counties,  
justices of the peace, clerks of the supreme court, clerks  
of the inferior courts of common-pleas, and quarter-  
sessions, the attorney-general and provincial secretary,  
shall continue in office for five years, and the provin-  
cial treasurer shall continue in office for one year; and  
that they shall be severally appointed by the council  
and assembly in manner aforesaid, and commissioned by  
the governor, or, in his absence, by the vice-president  
of the council. Provided always, that the said officers  
severally shall be capable of being re-appointed at the  
end of the terms severally before limited; and that any  
of the said officers shall be liable to be dismissed, when  
adjudged guilty of misbehaviour by the council, on an  
impeachment of the assembly.

XIII. That the inhabitants of each county, quali-  
fied to vote as aforesaid, shall, at the time and place of  
electing their representatives, annually elect one sheriff,  
and one or more coroners; and that they may re-elect  
the same person to such offices until he shall have served  
three years, but no longer; after which three years must  
elapse before the same person is capable of being elected  
again. When the election is deferred to the governor  
or vice president, under the said six freeholders of  
the county for which they were elected, they shall be  
immediately commissioned to serve in their respective  
offices.

XIV. That the townships, at their annual town  
meetings for electing other officers, shall choose constables  
for the districts respectively; and also three or more  
judicious freeholders of good character; to hear and fi-  
nally determine all appeals relative to unjust assessments  
in case of public taxation; which commissioners of ap-  
peal shall, for that purpose, sit at the suitable time or  
times to be by them appointed, and made known to the  
people by advertisements.

XV. That the laws of this colony shall begin in the  
following style, viz. *Be it enacted by the council and gen-  
eral assembly of this colony, and it is hereby enacted by the  
entirety of the same:* That all commissions granted by  
the governor or vice-president shall run thus—*The Go-  
vernor of New-Jersey to A. B. Esq. greetings: And that all  
writs shall likewise run in the name of the colony:* And  
that all indictments shall conclude in the following  
manner, viz. *against the peace of this colony, the govern-  
ment and dignity of the same.*

XVI. That all criminals shall be admitted to the  
same privileges of witnesses and counsel, as their prose-  
cutors are or shall be entitled to.

XVII. That the estates of such persons as shall de-  
stroy their own lives shall not, for that offence, be for-  
feited; but shall descend in the same manner as they  
would have done had such persons died in the natural  
way; nor shall any article which may occasion acciden-  
tally the death of any one be henceforth deemed a de-  
fendant, or in any wise forfeited, on account of such mis-  
fortune.

XVIII. That no person shall ever, within this co-  
lony, be deprived of the inestimable privilege of wor-  
shipping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the  
 dictates of his own conscience, nor under any pre-  
text whatsoever compelled to attend any place of wor-  
ship, contrary to his own faith and judgment; nor  
shall any person within this colony ever be obliged to  
pay tithes, taxes, or any other rates, for the purpose of  
building or repairing any other church or churches,

any minister of ministry, contrary to what he believes  
to be right; or has deliberately or voluntarily engaged  
himself to perform.

XIX. That there shall be no establishment of any  
one religious sect in this province in preference to an-  
other; and that no protestant inhabitants of this colony  
shall be denied the enjoyment of any civil right merely  
on account of his religious principles; but that all per-  
sons professing a belief in the faith of any protestant  
sect who shall demean themselves peaceably under the  
government as hereby established, shall be capable of  
being elected into any office of profit or trust, or being  
a member of either branch of the legislature, and shall  
fully and freely enjoy every privilege and immunity en-  
joyed by others their fellow-subjects.

(To be concluded in our next.)

## WILLIAMSBURG, July 12.

Camp before Gwynn's Island, July 10, 1776.

Yesterday morning brigadier-general Lewis, accom-  
panied by the colonels Stephen, Woodford, Weedon,  
and Buckner, arrived here, when a vigorous attack was  
made on the fleet and camp of the enemy. The ships  
were so roughly handled, that the *Dunmore*, and several  
others, were in a short time towed off; and the  
enemy abandoned their works, after carrying away all  
their cannon, except a six pounder. We have taken  
the *Lady Charlotte* tender, with three guns, a very fine  
schooner and pilot boat, which they made use of as  
tenders. The want of boats prevented our seizing  
many torries, all their cannon, the greatest part of their  
baggage, and the negroes. The enemy have burnt fe-  
veral of their vessels, among them a very fine ship, sup-  
posed to be the *Dunmore*, which was rendered unfit for  
sea. His lordship lost his china by a double-headed  
shot, and it is said he himself was wounded in the leg  
by a splinter. The fleet is drove off without water;  
and although they have plenty of prize flour, there is not  
a biscuit on board. The houses, ovens, and fortifica-  
tions, which they had begun on the island, plainly prove  
that they had no intention of leaving it in so precipi-  
tate a manner. All the loss was sustained in poor  
capt. Arundel, of the artillery, who was killed by the  
bursting of a mortar. The officers and soldiers of col.  
Daingerfield's regiment behaved with great bravery.

The post-master in Frederickburg writes, of last  
Wednesday, that, by a gentleman just arrived from  
Philadelphia, he had seen an Evening Post of the 2d  
instant, which mentions that the hon. the continental  
congress had that day declared the *United Colonies free  
and independent states.*

## ANNAPOLIS.

IN CONVENTION, July 6, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a bounty of one shilling, com-  
mon money, be paid by the council of safety, for every  
bushel of salt imported into this colony, and delivered  
above Point Lookout, before the first day of March  
next, and that the importer be allowed to sell the same  
at any price not exceeding 7s. 6d. common money,  
per bushel.

Extract from the minutes.

G. DUVALL, clk.

## IN COUNCIL of SAFETY, July 9, 1776.

WANTED immediately, for the use of the province,  
three thousand four hundred canteens, or wooden bot-  
tles, to hold one quart each; three thousand four  
hundred knapsacks with haversacks; three thousand four  
hundred priming wires and brushes; and five hundred  
small iron pots, or kettles with bales, to answer the pur-  
pose of camp kettles. Any person or persons willing to  
contract for supplying the same, are desired to send their  
proposals to the council of safety as soon as possible.

July 10, 1776.

WANTED immediately a number of labourers...  
Persons applying to the commanding officer of the ar-  
tillery at Annapolis for that purpose, will meet with  
encouragement.

WANTED immediately, for the service of the pro-  
vince, an armourer... Any person of skill in that busi-  
ness, by applying to the council of safety, will meet with  
encouragement.

By order,

R. Ridgely, assist. clk.

## IN CONVENTION, May 22, 1776.

RESOLVED, That a public salt-work be erected  
on or near the Bay, near the mouth of Patowmack, and  
another on the sea-board of this province; and that the  
said works be carried on at the public account, under  
the management and direction of such persons as shall  
be appointed by the Council of Safety for the time be-  
ing; and that any sum of public money, not exceeding  
the sum of five hundred pounds, may, by order of the  
said Council of Safety, be expended in erecting and  
carrying on each of the said works.

Extract from the minutes.

G. DUVALL, clk.

## IN COUNCIL of SAFETY, June 10, 1776.

ALL persons who are willing to undertake the erect-  
ing and carrying on salt-works, agreeable to the above  
resolve of the late Convention, are requested to attend  
the Council, and give in their proposals, which will be  
duly attended to.

By order,

G. DUVALL, clk.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## CONVENTION

OF THE

## PROVINCE of MARYLAND.

Held at the city of Annapolis, on Friday the 21st  
of June, 1776.

WANTED immediately, for the public use at  
Annapolis, several good WHEELWRIGHTS...  
Such will meet with good encouragement, by ap-  
plying to the Council of Safety of Maryland.

THE schooner JOHN, lately from sea, and  
commanded by Francis Speake, lying now in  
Chingateague inlet, in Accomack county, Virginia,  
She is near 4000 bushels burthen, seven years old on  
the 22d of next month, sound with sails, rigging,  
anchors, and cables, and may be readily sent to sea  
from the place she lies at. Any person inclinable to  
purchase her may know the terms by applying to  
R. Hooe on the spot, or to capt. James Martin of  
Snow-Hill, who will be authorized to sell her for  
JENIFER & HOOE.

To be sold, at Shaw and Chisholm's, in Church-  
Street, near the Dock, Annapolis, a quantity  
of fine sugar, in bags; likewise loaf sugar by

Near Mr. Beale's ordinary, Frederick county,  
July 20, 1776.

WHEREAS a certain William Langley, about  
5 feet 6 inches high, about 30 years of age,  
of a swarthy complexion, pitted with the small-pox,  
well set, with a light coloured coat pretty  
worn, a light coloured jacket, and trousers  
patched about the knees, and an old hat not tied up,  
broke a horse, bridle and saddle, on Tuesday the 16th  
instant, about 13 hands high, bright bay; branded  
on the near side with a X, a broad place under the  
saddle without hair on the near side, a felon growing  
on his right eye. The saddle is almost new, and  
the bridle is tied in a knot in the middle. Whoever  
takes up the above Langley and secures him, so that  
he may be brought to justice, shall receive a reward  
of fifty shillings for the man, and fifty shillings for  
the horse, bridle and saddle, by me.

ANANIAS OGDEN.

Annapolis, July 22, 1776.

BROKE JAIL last night, the two following per-  
sons, both committed on suspicion of felony,  
viz. Negro JACK, the property of Miss Elizabeth  
Bordley, a tall slim young fellow, about eighteen or  
nineteen years of age: and on when he made his  
escape, a green half-thick jacket without sleeves, of  
nabig shirt and leather breeches; has remarkable  
long fingers and thick lips. JOHN CHAFING, an  
Englishman, about five feet six inches high, well  
set, black hair: had on when he made his escape, a  
pretty good white cloth coat, jacket and breeches,  
white shirt; he either served his time with, or is a  
servant to, Mr. Philip Thomas at West-River, and  
was committed on suspicion of having stolen some  
linen belonging to Mr. Samuel Galloway or Mr.  
Lancelot Jacques. Whoever takes up and secures  
both or either of the said felons, so that they may  
be had again, shall receive thirty shillings reward  
for each of them.

THOMAS DEALE,

Sheriff of Anne Arundel county.

Lower district of Frederick county, Maryland,

July 22, 1776.

RAN away last night from the subscribers, two  
Irish servant men, viz. THOMAS TURNER,  
by trade a tailor, is a lusty well-set fellow, abt 5  
feet 8 inches high, black hair, though I expect he  
has cut it off, as he carried away a pair of scissors:  
his apparel was, when he went away, an old jacket,  
old felt hat, old shirts, old shoes nailed at the bot-  
tom, new trousers of coarse country linen. HENRY  
SMITH, by trade a cooper, is a little fellow, with  
black hair, thin beard, and about 22 years of age,  
very apt to get drunk: he had on when he went a-  
way, an old claret coloured coat with flat buttons,  
and the coat patched with blue patches, old felt hat,  
old shirts, old shoes nailed at the bottom, new trou-  
sers of coarse country linen; they both are apt to  
blush when examined. Whoever takes them up ten  
miles from home shall have forty shillings for each  
or either, and if out of this province eight pounds  
for them or in proportion for either, and reasonable  
travelling charges to be paid, by

W. B. HENRY GAITHER.

N. B. I have a good new falling mill to rent, or  
I would hire a seller if recommended.

## TWELVE DOLLARS REWARD.

July 23, 1776.

RAN away last night from the subscribers, living  
near the Head of Senica in Frederick county,  
three convict servants, viz. EDWARD BADHAM,  
about 17 or 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches  
high, brown straight hair, brown complexion, dark  
eyes, smooth faced, and says he is country born: had  
on and took with him, when he went away, one  
white shirt, one coarse country ditto, a coarse dark  
coloured hunting shirt, the sleeves worn out at the  
elbows, a light coloured country span jacket pretty  
much worn, wool hat, coarse ofnabrig trousers, and  
old shoes. JOHN PINFIELD, about 17 or 18  
years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, well set, much  
marked with the small-pox; had on a coarse country  
shirt and trousers, a pair of old shoes, and a fan-tail  
hat about half worn. GEORGE MILLETT, about  
17 or 18 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high,  
smooth faced; had on a small felt hat, coarse country  
shirt and trousers, a pair of old shoes, and an old  
cotton jacket. It is supposed they will all change  
their names. Whoever will secure said servants, so  
that we get them again, shall receive the above re-  
ward, or thirty shillings for either, including what  
the law allows.

ROBERT OWEN,

EDWARD PENN, son of Benjamin.