brought off our ammunition, all our field pieces, the greatest part of our stores, and had four rivers to pass. None can say that our retreat was precipitate, for we were near three weeks in performing it, that the country might have time to come in. Twice we marched back to meet the enemy and remained out till dark. The sign of fear was not seen in our camp, and had not some of the cowardly and disaffected inhabitants spread false alarms through the country, the Jerseys had never been ravaged. Once more we are again collected and collecting; our new army at both ends of the continent is recruiting fast, and we shall be able to open the next campaign with forty thousand men, well armed and cloathed. This is our situation, and who will may know it. By perseverance and fortitude we have the prospect of a glorious issue; by cowardice and submission, the sad choice of a variety of evils—a ravaged country—a depopulated city—habitations without safety, and servitude without hope—our homes turned into barracks and bandy-houses for Hessians, and a future race to provide for whom fathers we shall disdain of.—Look on this picture, and weep over it! and if there yet remains one thoughtless wretch who believes it not, let him suffer it unlamented.

BOSTON, *December* 5.

By a late arrival from Spain, we are informed, that an American armed vessel was lately seized in one of their ports, at the instance of a British factor; but upon the master's making a spirited opposition to the court of Spain, the following order was sent to the commissary of marine, by the marquis of Grimaldi, minister to that court:

"By your letter of the 4th inst. and the testimony that accompanied it, his majesty is acquainted with what has occurred respecting the American schooner Hawk, capt. John Lee, from the time of his entry to the time of your arresting her under a formal embargo, by obliging her to deliver up the tillery, all at the instance of don Vera Francisco Gomez de la Torre, inhabitants of your place. His majesty has likewise seen the protest of said American captain, against all the damages that might ensue. In consequence of which, says to you, that whereas his majesty, from the great friendship he possesses for his Britannic majesty, maintains a perfect neutrality in the present war, not giving to the colonists any of these aids, prohibited in like cases, so likewise it corresponds to the same neutrality, not to deny them entrance into his ports, which they have been always used to enjoy, so long as they respect the territories of his majesty, in proper terms. Besides the above, his majesty thinks Mr. Gomez an improper person to solicit a proceeding of this nature, you will therefore be pleased immediately to put said American in full liberty, returning him all his papers, and permitting him to purchase what provisions and goods he needs, to return to his own country, but without assisting in any prohibited articles."

Signed, MARQUIS of GRIMALDI.

St. Ildephonso, October 7, 1776.

And we are also advised, that the commissary was instructed to inform captain Lee, "That all American bottoms, whether privateers, prizes, or any other vessels, should henceforward be freely admitted to enter, repair, or act as they think proper, paying due respect to his majesty's territories and orders."

BALTIMORE, *December* 30.

Congress received the following intelligence from the Council of Safety, as coming from "an officer of distinction in the army."

Head Quarters, Newtown, Bucks county, Dec. 27

It was determined some days ago, that our army should pass over to Jersey at three different places and attack the enemy; accordingly, about 2500 men and 20 brass field pieces, with his excellency general Washington at their head, and major general Sullivan and general Green in command of two divisions, passed over on the night of Christmas, and about three o'clock a. m. were on their march by two routs towards Trenton.—The night was sleety and cold and the roads slippery, that it was day break when we were two miles from Trenton, but happily the enemy were not apprised of our design, and our advance party were on their guards at half a mile from town, where general Sullivan's and general Green's divisions soon came into the same road.

Their guard gave our advance party several smart fires as we drove them, but we soon got two field pieces at play and several others in a small time, and one of our columns pushing down on the right while the other advanced on the left into the town, the enemy, consisting of about 1500 Hessians under col. Rohl, formed, and made some smart fires from their musquetry and six field pieces, but our people pressed from every quarter and drove them from their cannon.---They retired towards a field behind a piece of woods up the creek from Trenton and formed in two bodies, which I expected would have brought on a smart action from our troops who had formed very near them; but at that instant, as I came in full view of them from the back of the woods with his excellency general Washington, an officer informed him that one party had grounded their arms and surrendered prisoners.---The other soon followed their example, except a part which had got off in the hazy weather towards Princeton; their light horse made off on our first approach.---Too much praise cannot be given to the officers and men of every regiment, who seemed to vie with each other, and by their active spirited behaviour, they soon put an honourable issue to this glorious day.

You may rejoice and be exceeding glad at this intelligence of our success, which I hope and believe will prevent the enemy from passing the river.

We took three standards, six fine brass cannon, and near one thousand stand of arms. They must have had about twenty or thirty killed.

I was immediately sent off with the prisoners to M'Conkey's ferry, and have got about seven hundred and safe in town and a few miles from here, on this side the ferry, viz. one lieutenant-colonel, two majors, four captains, seven lieutenants, and eight ensigns. We left col. Rohl, the commandant, wounded, on his parole, and several other officers and wounded men, at Trenton. We lost but two of our men that I can hear of, a few wounded, and one brave officer, capt. Washington, who assisted in securing their artillery, shot in both hands. Indeed every officer and private behaved well, and it was a fortunate day to our arms, which I the more rejoice at, having an active part in it. The records of this day will greatly animate our friends, and add fresh courage to our new army, which, when formed, will be sufficient to secure us from the depredations or insults of our enemy.

"Gen. Ewing's division could not pass at Trenton for the ice, which also impeded gen. Cadwalader passing over with all his cannon and the militia, though part of his troops were over; and if the whole could have passed, we should have swept the coast to Philadelphia.

Published by order of congress,

CHARLES THOMSON, *secretary.*

ANNAPOLIS.

In COUNCIL of SAFETY.

October 23, 1776.

A QUANTITY of strong coarse STOCKINGS wanted for the use of this State. The Council will contract with any person therefor.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, clk.

To be SOLD,

By the Subscribers, in ANNAPOLIS,

A PARCEL of choice JAMAICA SPIRIT, in hogsheads, tierces, and kegs; MUSCOVADO SUGAR, in hogsheads and barrels; PICKED COTTON; COFFEE, and GINGER.—These goods were shipped in JAMAICA for the BRITISH market, and are of the very best quality.

tf 1 WILLIAM WILKINS, JOHN MUIR.

Baltimore, December 31, 1776.

TWO HUNDRED and SIXTY POUNDS REWARD.

MADE their escape on the night of the 29th inst. from the prison of Baltimore, the six following prisoners, enemies to the United American States, viz.

WILLIAM GOODRIDGE and BRIDGER GOODRIDGE, both born in Virginia, and two of the most noted traitors in America; being both partisans of lord Dunmore, and very active agents for him in all the piracies and depredations committed by him in Chesapeake Bay.

William Goodridge is a well made lusty man, about 34 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, stoop shoulder'd, smooth faced, ful. eyed, and sometimes looks redish about the eyes, generally wears short light or yellow coloured curly hair. He got a black coat made before he escaped from prison, but had a dark brown coat before.

Bridger Goodridge is about 5 feet 10 inches high, stoop shoulder'd, a genteel well looking young man, about 24 years of age, of a daring bold countenance, light colour'd hair, his face a little freckled.

KENNETH M'DONALD, ALEXANDER M'CLEOD, DANIEL M'CLEOD, and MURDOCK M'CASTLE, four of the Scots tories, belonging to North Carolina.

Kenneth M'Donald is about 5 feet 7 inches high, 30 years of age, wears his own hair black and long, generally tied behind; had on a blue coat and breeches.

Alexander M'Cleod, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, with short black hair, a light blue coat, other dress unknown.

Daniel M'Cleod, about 23 years of age, middle size, had on a blue coat.

Murdock M'Castle, about 28 or 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, a slender made man, had on a green coat, other cloaths uncertain.

Whoever apprehends any of the said persons and delivers them to the committee of Baltimore, shall receive for William and Bridger Goodridge, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS current money for each, and for each of the others FIFTEEN POUNDS current money.

Annapolis, December 27, 1776.

THE subscriber having declined business, and has many accounts unsettled, will be much obliged to those who are indebted to him to discharge their respective balances; and, if it is not convenient to pay them, he hopes they will not delay settling them by bond or note of hand. This reasonable request he flatters himself will not be objected to by any person who means well.

To be let, a two story brick HOUSE, near the public building where I now live, suitable for a genteel family, has a good well of water in the yard, and necessary out-buildings, garden, &c.

tf THOMAS HYDE.

N. B. A small parcel of European goods to be sold by the lump, at a small advance. T. H.

December 15, 1776.

STRAYED or stolen, from the plantation of John Ray, sen. near Bladensburgh, in Prince-George's county, on the 25th day of November last, a bay MARE, about 15 hands high, branded on the near thigh with S R; she paces short, gallops, and trots a little, part of one of her hind legs of a greyish colour, about seven years of age, and is forward with foal.—Whoever secures the said mare, so that she may be had again, and thief, if stolen, shall receive five pounds reward, and if strayed, they shall receive fifty shillings, by me,

w4 WILLIAM RAY.

Annapolis, December 27, 1776.

WILLIAM ROBERTS wants two thousand weight of HOG MEAT more than he has, he will give the governing price of the market.

Stolen or strayed, from the aforesaid city, a large red and white COW, with a white face. The subscriber will give twenty shillings to know where she is, so that he can have her again.

WILLIAM ROBERTS.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

December 24, 1776.

WENT away from the subscriber's plantation, in Prince-George's county, near Snowders Iron works, on the 9th day of last October, a short well set negro fellow, named JACOB, about twenty-eight years of age, five feet four or five inches high, and has had (not for his honesty) the under part of both his ears taken off. He has also a scar on the upper part of one of his thighs, occasioned by a burn. The apparel he had on when he went away was an oznabrig shirt, a dye coloured country cloth coat and breeches, old yarn stockings, old hat, and old shoes; but as he is notoriously addicted to every kind of villainy, he has, no doubt, ere now, furnished himself with other and better cloathing; and being of a yellowish complexion, he will very possibly endeavour to impose himself upon the credulous for a freeman. Whoever takes up said negro, and secures him in any jail, so that I get him again, shall receive five pounds, current money, and if brought home, the above reward.

w4 THOMAS WELSH.

Just published, and to be sold at the Printing-office,

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CONVENTION

OF THE

PROVINCE OF MARYLAND,

Held at the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 14th of August, 1776.

Head of Severn, Dec. 20, 1776.

ALL persons who have any claims against the estate of Mr. John Stevens, sen. of the north side of Severn, late deceased, are desired to bring them in to the subscriber, duly authenticated and proved, that they may be adjusted and discharged by him: And all those who are indebted in any wise to said estate; are requested to come without delay, and discharge, or otherwise settle, the same with their humble servant,

4w 2 RACHEL STEVENS.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Lower district, Frederick county, Maryland Nov. 26, 1776.

RAN away last night from the subscriber, living in the fork of Hawling's river, near the chapel, an Irish servant man, named THOMAS PEARLE, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, a well set fellow, of a fair complexion, wears his own brown hair, has very little if any beard; had on, when he went away, two country cloth jackets, both kersey were, and fulled, the upper one black and white, much worn, the under one white, breeches of the same kind of cloth as the under jacket, much worn and patched, coarse country linen shirt, thread stockings, new shoes double soaled, with iron plates on the soals, and nails in the heels, tied with strings, a Dutch cap tarred on the crown of it; he has lost one of his upper fore teeth, and has a scar on his chin opposite the left tooth, occasioned by a kick of a horse. Whoever takes up said servant, and secures him in any gaol, and gives notice to his master, shall receive ten dollars, and if brought home, the above reward, including what the law allows, paid by

w6 2 RICHARD GREEN.

TEN POUNDS REWARD.

December 4, 1776.

STOLEN from the subscriber, last night, a BAY HORSE, between 14 and 15 hands high, branded on the near shoulder E B, both his hind feet white, a long narrow star in his forehead, paces tolerably well, lately trimmed and newly shod before, has a sunken place upon his neck, or withers, like he'd had a fistula. Whoever takes up the thief, or secures him in any gaol, so that he may be brought to justice, shall have the above reward; and for the horse alone, so that I get him again, forty shillings, paid by

3w 2 PHILIP HAMMOND of the head of Severn

ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM, Cabinet-maker, in ANNAPOLIS,

TAKES this opportunity of informing his old customers and friends in general, that the partnership of SHAW and CHISHOLM is dissolved, and that he has removed from the house lately occupied by the company, to the opposite side of the same street, at the house lately possessed by Mr. Charles Peale; where he continues to carry on the cabinet, chair making, and turning business: He likewise makes sword scabbards, fifes, and billiard tacks, in the neatest manner

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

Frederick county, Dec. 4, 1776.

STOLEN, from ISAAC WITESTER's plantation, on Patuxent river, Frederick county, about the 25th ult. a BLACK HORSE, about six years old, has two white feet, and is undocked or branded; he is a round bodied horse, better than 14 hands high, and used to the draught.---Whoever takes up the said horse and thief, and brings them to the subscriber, shall receive, if ten miles from home, 10 s. if twenty miles 20 s. if thirty miles 30 s. if fifty miles, or out of the province, 3 l. for the horse; and if the thief is brought to justice, the above reward, and reasonable charges, by

w6 4 WILLIAM WATERS.

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