

December 21.

gentlemen, new
city, dated London,

...ing made, since
...re than 800 miles.
...ed, visited all the
...which are truly
...will fail in a few
...nicate some of my
...future well being
...here, the more
...are much happier
...eland; especially
...le, who are loaded
...d the people here
...critically observing
...government, and
...My travelling,
...as an American,
...the sentiments of
...say, that, if we
...and pay our debts;
...plest people in the
...ne conversation in
...merica. Many in
...and shall be more
...to pay their taxes.
...high, but they may
...to high as in Eng-
...will all cheerfully
...mericans who com-
...Ireland, and see
...taxes to support
...&c. in luxury and
...e, cheerfully pay
...hemselfes the hap-

...the 13th instant, at
...has been passing ra-
...y in the zenith of
...ain after it, of fe-
...d its disappearance

December 24.

...general, marquis de
...last, embarked on
...ch was waiting for
...was accompanied
...vernor of this state.
...Webb, the consul
...her brother officers,
...tizens; as he passed
...thirteen guns; after
...ristian majesty's fri-
...with a continental
...the artillery of the
...marquis was hand-
...ellency the governor
...by the consul of
...to the valour and
...n; curing the late
...himself brave in the
...but a warm, steady,
...end at the court of

...C'rier de Europe
...or Port l'Orient.

...ran aground on the
...ed in a late paper,
...it is said, received

...d at Halifax, from
...government of his
...New-Brunswick.

...ifax, from London,
...rohibited by the go-

...as at last broke that
...rigidly observed to-
...States; and has ap-
...his minister to the
...e is preparing for his
...h all possible expedi-
...ted to arrive in this

...hofen delegates to sit
...ed that congress will
...be a separate govern-
...confederation.

...master at Quebec, to
...ing the winter, from
...that the postage will

...Fitt's, that a vessel
...Barbados, the master
...Monday, the 18th ult.
...fle bay, a most dread-
...Barbados, preceded by
...great damage all over
...ar plantations border-
...of St. Andrew, com-
...fuge of which remains
...which these estates oc-
...sult water. He further
...il until five days after
...convulsion of the earth
...is departure, by which

...the brig Eagle, arrived
...23d of November, he
...carried away his main-

top-mast and trussel-trees, in hauling on a wind,
Cape-François bearing S. by E. four leagues dis-
tant.

Dec. 29. We have the happiness to announce to
the public, that congress on their adjourning for the
holidays at Trenton, resolved that their next meet-
ing should be held in this city on the 11th of Janu-
ary, then to sit for the dispatch of business. This
pleasing event will undoubtedly be an advantage of
the first magnitude to New-York; exclusive of the
great name it will give us, among nations, there
cannot be a doubt entertained in the breast of the
most fluctuating politician, but what this city will
be the first on the continent: congress will every
day increase in consequence, and it being certain
that the necessity of augmenting the power of that
august body, is acknowledged by every state in the
union, it is expected that the different legislatures
of the Thirteen States, will be unanimous in giving
powers to their superior council; and this necessary
confidence there can be little hesitation to grant,
since there is not one instance of that confidence
having as yet been abused. An infant republic will
necessarily have many arrangements to settle, that
will not only employ much time, but also increase
that throng which is ever attendant on public ad-
ministrations. Our fellow citizens therefore will
have the superlative satisfaction of beholding their
port resorted to by strangers of every denomination,
and such a stream of wealth diffused, as will
amply compensate for the ravages and misfortunes
of the war.

PHILADELPHIA, December 31.

A MESSAGE from the president and supreme
executive council to the general assembly.

GENTLEMEN,

THE president having reported in council a con-
versation between general Washington and himself,
respecting Mr. Thomas Paine, we have thereby
been induced to take the services and situation of
that gentleman, at this time, into our particular
consideration.

Arriving in America just before the war broke
out, he commenced his residence here, and became
a citizen of this commonwealth, by taking the oath
of allegiance at a very early period.

So important and disinterested were his services
during the late contest, that those persons whose
own merits in the course of it have been the most
distinguished, concur with a highly honourable uni-
animity, in entertaining sentiments of esteem for him,
and interesting themselves in his deserts.

It is unnecessary for us to enlarge on this subject.
If the general assembly shall be pleased to appoint a
committee, they will then receive information that,
we doubt not, will prove satisfactory.

We confide that you, gentlemen, will then feel
that the attention of Pennsylvania is drawn towards
Mr. Paine, by motives equally grateful to the hu-
man heart and reputable to the republic; and that
you will join with us in opinion, that a suitable ac-
knowledgment of his eminent services, and a proper
provision towards a continuance of them in an in-
dependent manner, should be made on the part of
this state.

JOHN DICKINSON.

Council chamber,
Philadelphia, December 6, 1784.

Extract of a letter from Shelburn, dated November 16.

"This place exhibits a most striking view of the
numerous and solid advantages which may be de-
rived from the efforts of industry and perseverance.
It is not nineteen months since impendable and
desart woods bounded the sites of this excellent
habitat; and anxious as those persons were to complete
their determination of building a town, yet the dis-
advantages preponderated so highly against the ex-
pected advantages, that they were some time unde-
termined whether to settle here, or endeavour to
find out a more inviting and eligible situation. We
have now a town, well laid out to the east, and fine
improvements from Rokeneth Island, on both sides
to the town; but the most material and pleasing
circumstance is the prospect of an extensive com-
merce, there being at this time upwards of sixty sail
of vessels lying in this harbour, and some on con-
siderable bulk."

Extract of a letter from Hadonfield, New Jersey, dated
December 24, 1784.

"A most melancholy accident happened near
this place early this morning by fire. A man of
the name of Kinsey, alias Benoit, being married
the preceding day, his wife, and children, (by an-
other wife) and several wedding guests being there,
and lying all night at said Kinsey's, the house un-
fortunately took fire by a cedar log in the chimney
wall, and Kinsey, his son, a young woman, and a
Mr. George Hudson's son, (a young man) were un-
fortunately burnt to ashes in the flames, and one
hundred pounds worth of effects, besides several
more persons badly burnt in making their escape.
The fire was providentially discovered by said Mr.
Hudson (father to the deceased) lying below in the
house. Being awaked by the flames, happily time
enough to save some of the people, and even Kinsey
himself, had he not attempted to save the remaining
children and people, and lost his own life. From
the time the fire broke out it was not above five mi-
nutes before the house was consumed. The wind
being high, drove the cinders of the ruins upwards
of two yards from the place.

"The above unfortunate man, has left a wife
and six children in ruined circumstances to lament
their loss.

"We infer this by way of a caution to the world
at large, to be particularly careful of that excellent
servant, but turbulent and slaying master, fire.

"N. B. The coroner's inquest sat on the remains
of the bodies, and brought in their verdict, acci-
dental death."

By letters from Bilbao, of the 18th of October,
to gentlemen in Beverly, we have authentic in-
formation, that James Gardoqui, Esq; has been
honoured, by his Catholic Majesty, with the cha-
racter of minister from the court of Madrid to the
United States of America; and that he was then
on the road to Cadiz, where the Caiman frigate,
of the Spanish navy, was ready to convey him to
this continent.

Jan. 3. Monday arrived the schooner Experiment,
captain Tillinghurst, in 42 days from St. Eustatia;
on the 12th ult. he spoke with the brig Mary, Wat-
son, from Whitehaven, bound to the Rappahanock;
and on the 23d fell in with a schooner, Rhodes,
from Jamaica, which had lost her jib and main-top-
mast, and was otherwise materially injured in a gale
of wind, the captain intended to make the first port
he could, being then off the capes of Virginia.

On Wednesday last, the schooner Polly, Burke,
from Jamaica, and Hispaniola, improved a favour-
able opportunity and came up to this city, without
suffering any injury by the ice.

Jan. 4. About a week ago a woman was committed
to Chester gaol, on suspicion of murdering her two
tucking infant twins, whose bodies were found under
some brush. A traveler passing by, observed his dog
scratching among the brush, and presently after brought
out the head of a child, in his mouth. This induced
his master to light, and examine further, when he found
the bodies of the two innocent babes, who had been put
to death not long before. The woman was charged
with the murder, which she denies, but acknowledged
having placed the children by the road side, in order
that any person passing that way, and who had hu-
manity enough, might take them up. The head which
the dog brought out, had been cut off, and the woman
was seen tucking the children near the spot but a little
time before the bodies were discovered.

Extract of a letter from Charleston, South-Carolina, dated
December 14.

"William Price, one of the murderers and pirates,
who rose upon the crew of the schooner Friendship,
bound from Portsmouth, in Virginia, to St. Thomas's,
and murdered Mr. Lewis, the captain, Mr. Cha-wick,
the mate, Mr. Wilkinson, passenger, and a negro man,
is apprehended and committed to the gaol of this city."

BALTIMORE, January 7.

The ship Eagle, George Carr, master, lately ar-
rived here from Liverpool, on the 5th of December,
in lat. 37. long 73. 30 at 11 A. M. Spoke with the
sloop Betsey, Joseph Rundle, master, from Halifax,
34 days out, bound to North-Carolina, much in
want of water and provisions, part of the latter he
supplied him with.

And on the 12th of said month, at 12 meridian,
in lat. 37. 21. long. 74. 0. spoke with the brig
Peggy, George Curney, master, from Bourdeaux,
14 weeks out, and had been out weeks on the
coast, bound to Baltimore, in want of water and
bread.

Jan. 11. Last Saturday, about three o'clock in the
afternoon, this town was alarmed with an explosion,
which happened at the house of Mr. Isaac Abrabams,
merchant, in Market street.—About two hundred
weight of gunpowder was in the upper loft, which un-
fortunately blew up, and took with it the roof of the
said house; but providentially no lives were lost, nor any
personal injury sustained, though part of the family
were below, and a number of people passing before the
door.—Several houses on the opposite side of the street
had their windows broke; but Mr. McFarlin, who lives
next door, was the greatest sufferer, as there was a con-
siderable breakage in his glass and china store.

This should be a warning to those who deal in gunpow-
der (in the language of Shakespear, a dreadful trade!)
that they use the greatest care and caution to prevent si-
milar accidents—however, it is said, a negro wench is
committed to gaol, under suspicion of having been the
cause of this disaster.

ANNAPOLIS, January 13.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES,
January 8, 1785.

1. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this
house, that the happiness of the people, and the
good order and preservation of civil government, de-
pend upon morality, religion, and piety; and that
these cannot be generally diffused through a com-
munity, but by the public worship of Almighty
God.

2. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this
house, that it is highly necessary, and the indispen-
sable duty of the legislature of this state, to discour-
age vice and immorality, to enact a law for the
support and encouragement of the christian religion,
as the best means of manifesting our gratitude to
God for his past mercies and deliverances, and pro-
curing his blessing and favour upon all our future
endeavours, for the honour, prosperity, and happi-
ness, of this country.

3. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this
house, that, agreeably to the constitution and form
of government, it is proper for the general assembly
to lay a general and equal tax on all the citizens of
this state, of all denominations of christians (as far
as their present circumstances will permit), for the
support of the ministers of the gospel of all Societies

of christians within this state, without any preference
or discrimination.

4. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this
house, that the bill, entitled, An act to lay a gene-
ral tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel
of all Societies of christians within this state, have a
second reading, and be considered and amended (if
necessary), and afterwards referred to the next ses-
sion of assembly, and taken into consideration on the
fifth day of the session; and that the said bill be
published for the information of our constituents.

ORDERED, That the foregoing resolutions be
published.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

The ship Anne, Copplesone, arrived about the
20th of October at Bristol from Philadelphia.

The ship Africa, Pinkham, of Philadelphia,
arrived about the same time in London, from the
Chesapeake.

It appears by a late Bahama paper, that an armed
transport having arrived at Dominica with distressed
loyalists from East-Florida, governor Ord had
granted a supply of provisions for their present sub-
sistence, and allotted lands for them to settle on,
part of which had been cleared but abandoned for
the want of funds to prosecute their cultivation;
and that his excellency having recommended these
refugees to the attention of the council and assembly,
an exemption from taxes for fifteen years had been
agreed to, likewise to furnish tools and materials for
their building houses on the lands granted to them,
to the amount of one thousand six hundred and fifty-
pounds currency. Governor Ord in his letter to
governor Tonly on this occasion mentions, that he
cannot recommend to these new settlers the culti-
vation of the sugar cane, as requiring too large a
capital; that indigo does not thrive there, and they
have too much wet for cotton; but those who have
begun on a moderate plan with coffee and provi-
sions, have in general found their expectations fully
answered.

"Mort jukka vita!"

"This afternoon, between the hours of one and
two o'clock, died at Chiserry, the seat of James
Phillips, Esq; in Harford county, JOHN PACA,
Esq; father to His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.
This respectable gentleman ever supported an unbi-
ased reputation, and was a singular instance of
providential care in this world. In his offspring pec-
uliarly blessed, and lived to see them also reach the
summit of human felicity; having passed the bound-
ary beyond which all is "declared to be labour and
grief," he was called to joys divine, and relin-
quished mortality in the seventy fourth year of his
age. Steadfast in death, and elevated by piety,
he terminated his course with glory; looking up to
his last moments, "to Jesus the author and finisher
of his faith!"

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixt in him, that nature might stand up
And say to all the world, THIS WAS A MAN."

Jan. 2, 1785

Intendant's office, January 10, 1784.

IN consequence of a resolution of the general assem-
bly, passed the 6th instant, I hereby notice to such
persons, who are possessed of bills of credit of May
session 1781, commonly called red money, or of certi-
ficates for the said money lent the state, that the treas-
urer of the western shore will redeem the same with
gold and silver, provided such bills be carried into the
treasury before the 29th day of June next, after which
time the said bills will not be redeemed; and in order
to save trouble and expence to the holders of such bills
or certificates, that the collectors of the several counties
within this state, have directions to receive the same
as gold and silver for all tax's and arrears of taxes im-
posed by any law or laws of this state, provided the
same be done by the first day of June next.

DANIEL OF ST. THOMAS JENIFER,
intendant of the revenue.

[Mr. Goddard, and the printers at Philadelphia, are
requested to insert the above in their respective gazettes
for four weeks.]

January 11, 1785.

To be SOLD by PUBLIC SALE,
at the Head of South river, on Mon-
day the 24th instant, if fair, if not
the next fair day following.

THE stock, household and kitchen fur-
niture, of Mr. Cornelius Barry, de-
ceased. 10/16

CAME to the plantation of John Mercer, living
on the Head of South river, some time last spring,
a large red and white steer, with a crop in the right
ear, an under and over bit in the left, and a nick in
the left horn. The owner may have him again on
proving property and paying charges. 10/16

FOUND on the western side of Kent Island, on
the 23d of December 1784, a BOAT about six-
teen feet keel, clinch work, with a white bottom,
marked on her stern ARETHUSA. The owner may
have her again on proving property and paying charges.
JOHN SLINEX.

To be SOLD, for want of employ,
A HEALTHY, young, NEGRO wench,
who has been used to household and kitchen
work from a child, and has had the small-pox.
Enquire of the printers. 21