

... were taken in one day off that bar, by a Spanish Privateer of ten Guns, who chased five more, which got safe; one of which, a stout cat of 15 hands, they engaged some time and boarded, but were beat off and obliged to leave her, with several Men dead behind them. A Brig. thereupon was immediately fitted out of Charles-Town, mann'd by the Man of War then lying there, and sent in quest of the Enemy; but was unable to meet with a French Privateer of 14 Guns, with whom they engaged for two or three Hours; but the French having kill'd them two or three Men, and much wounded one of their masts, they were obliged to return without effecting any Thing. The Prisoners set on shore say, they learnt that no less than seven Privateers were sail'd, or sailing from the Savannah, in order to cruise on those coasts.

ANNAPOLIS.  
*Extract of a Letter from a Merchant in London, to his Friend here.*

"I am sorry to advise you, that Tobacco still continues low; and without its being good in quantity, and heavy, will not answer the monstrous Charge that at present attends it. The great quantities of Irish that is shipped, lowers the price of our Tobacco, which A one would seem to good advantage. I wish this could be removed, and can see no other method of doing it but by bringing it under the Regulation of an Import-Duty, in following the Example of your neighbouring Colonies; without which your Tobacco will never be in the same Demand with that of Virginia: Though, if this was done, I think you would have the preference, as I am certain you have the advantage of a better soil, and I hope we are equally industrious. I'm afraid without some sudden amendment in your Tobacco, the Virginians will run you of the whole Trade; at least they will always have the preference for all they can make, which will soon be sufficient to supply the whole Demand; and if this should happen, you'll find it difficult to retrieve the Trade; and, bad as it is, I do believe it had to employ your Hands in any thing else equally advantageous. I wish both the Proprietors and People would consider the necessity there is for this Law: I am sure if they did, and saw it in a just Light, they would soon agree on the means to bring it about, by making the necessary alterations in your present Constitution, without which every Man must naturally oppose such a Law."

The General Assembly of this Province, is to meet and sit here, according to their last Prorogation, on the 15th of next Month.

Last Saturday *Thomas Lamb* and *James Knowland*, were indicted at the Bar of the Provincial Court, for the Murder of a Maratto Man in *Prince-George's County*, last Fall; *Lamb* as a Principal, *Knowland* as an Accenary. The former pleaded Guilty; the latter was Acquitted.

On Saturday Evening last, we had a violent Thunder Gust. The Lightning struck the Main-Top-gallant-Mast of the *Mercury*, (Capt. *Hargrave*, lying near the Town) split it to pieces, tore the Main-Top-gallant-Yard, the Main-Top-Mast, and ran down the Main-Mast to the Deck, sending out large pieces; but did no other Damage.

Ca tom-Hote, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,  
 Sloop Bohemia Batchelor, Sepimus Noel, from Virginia.  
*Cleared for Departure,*  
 Sloop Unity, Solomon Davis, for Bolton;  
 Sloop Dolphin, Richard Courtney, for ditto;  
 Sloop Cheler Town, John Seagar, for ditto;  
 schooner Mercury, William Marsh, for South Carolina.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

PRINCEGEORGE'S County School being vacant, any Person qualified for a Master, by applying to the Visitors, will meet with suitable Encouragement.

*Sign'd per Order,*  
 JAMES BECK, Register.  
 N. B. Any Person well qualified and recommended, would meet with great Encouragement, besides the Salary, from private Subscriptions.

To be SOLD, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, Gold, or Tobacco, the following Tracts of Land in *Prince-George's County*, viz.

PART of one Tract called *Hermitage*, containing eight hundred and seventy three Acres.  
 One other Tract called *Poplar Neck and Addition*, containing 400 Acres.  
 A fo part of one other Tract called *Hopkinson's-Folly*, containing 100 Acres.  
 And likewise three Lots in *Nottingham*.  
 All Persons inclinable to purchase, may treat with the Subscriber in *St. Mary's County*, or at the City of *Annapolis*.  
 G. FLATER.

To be SOLD by Public Vendue, on Friday the 15th of May, by the Subscriber, at his Plantation near *Queen-Anne*, for Bills of Exchange or Current Money,

SEVERAL choice young Negro Slaves, sundry Cattle, Horses, Hogs, and sheep. The sale to begin precisely at ten of the Clock.  
 AARON RAWLINGS.

JUST IMPORTED by James Johnson, and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his Store in *Annapolis*, for ready Pay, at reasonable Rates, in Paper Money, Gold, or Bills of Exchange.

GREAT variety of European and India Goods, by Wholesale or Retail.  
 ROBERT SWAN.

April 21, 1747.  
 RUN away Yesterday from *Annapolis*, an Irish Servant Man belonging to the Subscriber, named *William Helms*, about 25 or 26 Years of Age, a Blacksmith by Trade. He had short black Hair, speaks a little thro' his Nose, which is a little bent; Had on a blue cloth Coat without Sleeves, a country cloth Jacket, dirty Oznabrigs Shirt, Sailor's Trowsers, and country Cloth Breeches under them, and coarse Yarn Stockings.

Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and secures him so that he may be had again, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows.  
 SAMUEL HOWARD.

April 13, 1747.  
 To be SOLD by Public Vendue,

ON the 15th of May next, at *Chesler-Town* in *Kent County* (for the sole Advantage of *John Owen* of *London*, and the proper Representatives of *William Belch* deceased), Eighteen Years Lease of one Moiety of a Lot in *Chesler-Town*; belonging to the Estate of Capt. *Richard Lux*, deceased; on which is a Dwelling-House, 40 Feet in front, and 20 Feet deep, completely finished, with a Brick Ceilar under it; a Storehouse, bakehouse, two large Ovens for carrying on the Baking Business; a Kitchen, Stable, a palcd Garden and Yard, with a Brick Well; all the Improvements are new, and in good Repair. There is a Clause in the Lease, which obliges the Heir at Law, if he re enters on the Premises at the Expiration of the Term, to pay the Person in Possession what two indifferent Men, chose by them, shall judge the Improvements to be worth.  
 JOHN GALLOWAY, Administrator.

At the same Time and Place will be exposed to Sale 400 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called *Batchellor's Resolution*, lying on *Morgan's Creek* in the County aforesaid, belonging to the Heirs of *Edward Bathurst*, deceased, on which *Elizabeth Ricketts* lately dwelt, by

JOHN GALLOWAY, and SAMUEL GALLOWAY.

TO BE SOLD,  
 A PLANTATION adjoining to Mr. *John Smith* *Pratters*, near *Bell-Town*, in *Prince-George's County*, containing 200 Acres of good Land, a good Orchard, and other Improvements.

Any Person inclinable to purchase, may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber near *Queen-Anne* Town, or at the said Land on the 4th Day of *May* next.

THOMAS ALLEN.  
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