

Maryland, August 8, 1747.

W Hereas we have lately seen in this, and Pennsylvania Gazettes, an Advertisement of Robert Sutcliffe, wherein he asserts a pretended Right to about 470*l.* Sterling, due from us, and thereupon has made several groundless and unjust Resolutions on us. Therefore, to prevent it's making any Impressions on our Prejudice, on the Minds of Readers who are unacquainted with the Affair, we think it necessary to inform them, That at the last Provincial Court held for this Province, we obtained a Judgment for an Attacment against the Effects of Robert Sutcliffe, and *Wills Bowen*, for a considerable Balance due to us; and that before Robert Sutcliffe left this Province, we often proposed to him to leave our Accounts to indifferent Merchants, or other Gentlemen here, to be settled (as Mr. Sprigg had to him in *London*, to Merchants in this Trade, which he declined; and have done the same to his Attorneys in Fact, before and since he went away, which they all have refused to do; and now we are still willing to do the same, altho' we have little Doubt of having the Effect of our Judgment; that then it will best appear to the World wherein either of us have done the other Justice, or have been ungrateful. But we declare that we are not willing to have our Accounts arbitrated at *Philadelphia*, because we are apprehensive that the Merchants there may not be acquainted with the Customs of our Trade; and because the settling our Affairs at so great a Distance from our Habitations will necessarily be attended with a great deal of Trouble, Loss of Time, and Expence, and put us under Difficulty to get our Witnesses there; and if he should delay the Settlement, he will the very effect what he threaten'd, to plague us all he could. That as he by his Advertisement has owned the Possession of our Bond, and has not denied that it is fully paid and satisfied, we submit to the Judgment of others the Justice of his Refusal to deliver it up, and whether we are not justifiable in publishing what we did to prevent the Assignment of it, since we never heard, 'til his Advertisement, what became of it, or the Use he intended to make of it. As the rest of his Advertisement relates to a Discourse with *John Hepburn*, Esq; concerning our Bond, we refer the Reader to his Letter, for the Truth of Robert Sutcliffe's Assertions relating thereto.

OSBORN SPRIGG,  
THOMAS CLARK,  
JOSEPH BELT, Junior.

'Messieurs Sprigg, Clark, and Belt.

Gentlemen, *Mariborough, Aug. 4, 1747.*

I N Answer to yours of the first Instant, I assure you, that on reading Mr. Robert Sutcliffe's Advertisement, I was much surprized at that Paragraph wherein he asserts, that on his leaving *Maryland*, you got me to endeavour to get your Bond from him, by Arguments with which you furnish'd me; a Fact he well knew to be absolutely false. I never in any Manner applied to get your Bond from him, or any Person concern'd for him; nor was I ever desir'd so to do by either of you: On the contrary, the last Time I saw Mr. Sutcliffe, after some Conversation on an Account of my own, he introduced the Subject of your and his Difference in Accounts, and of his detaining your Bond: At his Request I look'd over his Account against you, and objected to some Articles of Charge, that I thought unprecedented in the Tobacco Trade, and that could not be supported: He then told me, that on his State of the Account (of which he would give up no particular Article), there was a Balance due him of 460*l.* If you would pay him 400*l.* he would give up the remaining 60*l.* and your Bond; or if you would enter into Bonds to arbitrate the Accounts by Merchants at *Philadelphia*, where only he could expect an impartial Adjustment of them; that then he would leave your Bond in my Hands to be deliver'd up, otherwise he would make every Use he could of it, to compel the Payment of the Sum he claimed. I freely told him my own sentiments, how unlikely either of the Proposals were to take Effect; and how ill it appeared to me to obtain that Bond, the Payment of which I had seen very fully acknowledge by a Receipt in your Hands; tho' I was well assur'd the Bond could not avail him to the Purposes he intended: He then answer'd me, that he knew it was not strictly justifiable, but that you had used him ill, and he was determin'd to fight you with your own Weapons; on which I dropt the Subject. As to the low Reflection design'd on me, think it too contemptible to deserve any Notice. I am, Gentlemen,

Your humble Servant, JOHN HEPBURN.

TAKEN up in the Bay off *Chester-River*, on Saturday the 15th Instant, a CANNOE of an uncommon Size and Make, and may possibly be much esteem'd by the Owner, who, on applying to the Subscriber, may have her again, paying the Charge of this Advertisement.

Aug. 17. 1747.

WM. GOVANI.

LET by Capt. German's Sailors, when he was last in the Country, at the House of Mr. Benjamin Allen, at *Pig Point*, a BUNDLE, mark'd PD (in a Diamond) N<sup>o</sup>. 1. The Owner may have it, on application to the said Mr. Allen, and paying the Charge of this Advertisement.

*Prince George's County, August 6, 1747.*

RAN away from the Subscriber, near *Patuxent* Iron-Works, about a Month ago, a likely young Mulatto Fellow, Slave to Mr. John Hepburn, and Apprentice to the Subscriber; he had on a Cotton Waistcoat, an Osnabrigs Shirt, and Leather Breeches: He has been at Mr. Hepburn's Quarry, near *Mariborough*, and frequently seen in that Neighbourhood. Whoever brings the said Slave to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows.

RENALDO MORR.

*Queen-Anne's County, near Queen's Town, Aug. 3. 1747.*

TO BE SOLD, for Bills of Exchange, Current Money, or *scrippable Tobacco*,

A LARGE sortment of English and India Goods, at reasonable Rates, in Wholesale or Retail, by

CHARLES BROWNE.

VERY good FRESH LIMES, to be SOLD by

ZACHARIAH HOOD.

STRAYED or Stolen, from the Plantation of the Subscriber, at the Head of *Sewern*, a middle siz'd sorrel Horse; he has a long Switch Tail, and a large blind Brand on his Back and Shoulder.

Whoever takes him up, and brings him home, shall have Fifteen Shillings Reward, and Charges.

THOMAS GOUGH.

RUN away from the Subscriber, living near *London-Town* in *Anne-Arundel County*, on the 25th May last a short well set Mullatto Fellow named *Toby*, about 20 Years of Age, was Born in the Country. He is very arch in giving Answers: His right hand has been hurt, so that he can't well shut it. He had on a Fearnothing Pea-Jacket, a light colour'd Drugget Vest, a Pair of red Everlasting Breeches, and a coarse brown Shirt; but may have Stole other Cloathing, for he is Rogu enough to do it.

Whoever will bring the said Mullatto to the Subscriber, shall have Twenty Shillings Reward if taken in this County, and Forty Shillings if in any other County, besides what the Law allows, paid by

JOHN BREWER.

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. Mordecai Hammond, late of *Anne Arundel County*, deceased, either by Bill, Bond, or Account, are desired forthwith to discharge their respective Debts, and thereby save Trouble to themselves, and

GEORGE STEUART, Administrator.

*June 24, 1747.*

W Hereas there is a Vacancy for a Master in *Queen Anne's County School*: Any Person properly qualified, upon applying to the Visitors, will meet with such Encouragement as the Law relating to Free-Schools will support them in.

Signed by Order,

NATHAN WRIGHT, Register.

ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber, either on Smith's Accounts or otherwise, are desired forthwith to pay off their respective Accounts; which will prevent Trouble to themselves, and

JOHN CONNER.

*Chester-Mill, in Queen Anne's County, June 5, 1747.*

ANY Gentlemen, or Gentlewomen, may be furnish'd with a two Wheel'd Chair and Horse, also a Man to attend upon them, for their convenient travelling between *Chester-Town* and Mrs. Wilson's House at *Kent-Island*, or to *Talbot Court-House*, at a reasonable Rate,

per MATTHEW DOCKETT.