

Last Week a Negro Fellow in this City, had one of his Ears cut off, by Sentence of a Magistrate, for offering to strike his Overfeer.

Mr. GREEN,

AS the Press has always been a Friend to LIBERTY, I hope you will give the following Order of Court a Place in your Paper; as, at other Times, I shall trouble you with some Observations upon it. I shall endeavour to shew with what Views it was made; I shall consider how far it is either founded on Custom, or our Acts of Assembly; and I shall enumerate the dreadful Consequences of such a Power in our County Courts.

### ADVERTISEMENTS.

To be SOLD by Public Sale, at Mrs. Martiot's, in the City of ANNAPOLIS,

ON Wednesday the 9th Day of March next, A very valuable Tract of Land called the *Forest*, containing 1800 Acres, lying in Baltimore County, near the Head of Patapsco River, and known by the Name of *Taylor's Manor*; it is exceedingly well Timber'd, and several rich Mines of Iron Ore thereon, convenient to the said River.

The Sale will begin at Two o' Clock in the Afternoon.

SAMUEL GALLOWAY.

RUN away, the 13th of January, from on board the *Snow Thomas*, Edward Ogle Commander, now lying in *Severn*, one *George Koppie*, a Carpenter, about 25 Years of Age, of a swarthy Complexion, born in *North-Britain*, and speaks very broad. Had on when he went away, a blue Jacket, and a Pair of Trowsers.

Whoever apprehends him, and secures him in any Goal, and gives Notice thereof to the said *Ogle*, or brings him to the said Ship, shall have FIVE POUNDS Reward, and reasonable Charges, paid by

EDWARD OGLE.

To be sold for Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Money; LIKELY young Negro Wench, fit for Country Business. Any person inclining to purchase, may enquire of the Printer hereof.

There is to be SOLD by the Subscriber, on board the Schooner *John and Mildred*, now lying in the Dock, at Annapolis;

CHOICE West-India Coffee, Chocolate, single refin'd Loaf Sugar, a Quantity of good Hops, Saddles, Men's Pumps and Shoes, Window Glafs of several sizes, Melasses, one young Negro Man, and two Women, &c. very reasonable for Ready Money. I propose to stay but a few Days, being bound to *Virginia*.

WILLOCK MACKY.

ANY one, or more, who may want to Charter a Vessel; that is suppoed to carry about 200 Hogheads of Tobacco, and can give her Dispatch, for any Port in *Great-Britain*, may be supplied by applying to the Subscriber, at or before the first Week in *February* next: His Letters are desired to be directed to him at *Chester-Town*, or to the Post Office at *Annapolis*.

WM. DAMES.

N. B. She is a new strong Vessel, and has the Character of a prime Sailer. The Subscriber has also a Parcel of choice Irish Beef to dispose of.

To be SOLD by the Subscriber, at the Sign of the Duke of CUMBERLAND in Annapolis,

VERY good Raisins of the Sun, English Beer in Barrels, fine white Bisket in ditto, Melasses, Turpentine, Barron, Carpenter's Tools, Large Spying-Glasses: And a very fine Billiard-Table with good Tacks and Balls.

SAMUEL MIDDLETON.

WHEREAS several Persons who employed me in their Business (as a Lawyer) lodged their Writings in my Hands; and the Causes wherein such Writings could have been of any Use, being determined; I hereby request those concerned, to send for their Writings, lest any Misfortune should happen by Fire, or otherwise, which may destroy them.

D. DULANY.

This is to give NOTICE

To all GENTLEMEN, STOREKEEPERS, and others, THAT a young Man, lately from *London*, well acquainted with Business, especially in the Wholesale and Retail Linnen Drapery, is now in want of Employ with a

any Gentleman wanting such an Assistant, are desired to direct N. B. to be left at the Post-Office, in Annapolis, and they shall be waited on according to their Direction.

I doubt not but I shall be censured for making thus bold with Magistracy, but as I have no Quarrel to Names or Persons, I can give the less Offence. The thinking Part of Mankind will allow, that tho' Magistracy be a great and honourable Trust, yet, it is a Trust which ought to be bounded with many and strong Restraints; and every Violation of it, the smallest Violation of it, ought to meet with a proportionable Punishment, because Indulgence to the least Faults of Magistrates may be Cruelty to a whole People.

It is the Bulwark of a *British* Constitution, that our Lives and Properties are secured by Laws, made by ourselves and executed by our Magistrates; and whenever these Laws are wilfully or ignorantly misconstrued, to serve certain Purposes or by Ends, and not the Good of the People in general, our Constitution affords a Remedy, a tried and practicable Remedy; and while I only contend, that no Steps ought ever to be taken by any Set of Men whatever, to destroy, or even frustrate that valuable Branch of Liberty left in the People, a Liberty to lay their Wants and Complaints, by Petition, before the Legislature, I doubt not but the Prayers and good Wishes of every honest Man will attend me,

A FREEHOLDER.

Anno Domini, 1747.

Prince George's } AT a County Court of the Right Honourable CHARLES, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. held at *Upper-Marlborough Town*, in and for said County, on the fourth Tuesday, and twenty-fourth Day, of *November*, in the thirty-third Year of his Lordship's Dominion; &c.

### PRESENT

The Worshipful EDWARD SPRIGG, Chief Justice;

Richard Keene, John Contee, John Hawkins, junior; William Smith, Thomas Marshall, John Cooke, Francis Waring, James Edmonston, Henry Trueman, and George Parker, Thomas Prather,

Gentlemen Justices by his said Lordship's Commission, in and for the County aforesaid, lawfully authorized and assigned. Osborn Sprigg, Sheriff, Thomas Lee, Clerk.

Amongst others were the following Proceedings; viz.

THE Court taking under their Consideration the Insecurity of the County Records, from the Court-House's being very rotten and infirm, resolve to put the said House in Repair; and for that End, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of this County, one hundred thousand Pounds of Tobacco, by two Assessments: To which Resolution Mr. James Edmonston dissents, and requires the same to be made a Matter of Record. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and affixed the Seal of *Prince George's* County, this 22d Day of December, 1747.

L. C. S.

THO. LEE, Cl. Com. praed.

Prince George's } I HEREBY further certify, that in consequence of the Rule of Court aforesaid, the Inhabitants of this County were, in the last Levy, tax'd fifty-one thousand nine hundred and forty-four Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purposes therein mentioned; and that the Gentlemen, Justices, who signed that Levy, were Edward Sprigg, Thomas Marshall, John Cooke, junior, George Parker, Francis Waring, John Cooke, and Thomas Prather.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, and affixed the Seal of *Prince George's* County, this 22d Day of December, 1747.

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