

ADVERTISEMENTS.

NORTH-CAROLINA.

By his Excellency JOSIAH MARTIN, Esq; Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the said Province.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have received certain Information that sundry ill-disposed Persons have been, and are still going about the County of Brunswick, and other Counties of this Province, industriously propagating false, seditious, and scandalous Reports, derogatory to the Honour and Justice of the King and his Government, tending to excite the most unnatural jealousies and Suspicions, to create Discord among the People, and to alienate their Affections from his Majesty; giving out that the Parliament of Great-Britain; and the King's Ministers, have formed Designs to enslave his Majesty's American Subjects, by imposing upon them grievous and intolerable Taxes, without the Consent or Participation of their Representative in General Assembly, by vacating the Royal Grants under which the People hold their Lands, and by depriving them entirely of the Use and Benefit of Provincial Assemblies, and all other the Rights and Privileges they have heretofore enjoyed. AND WHEREAS I have undoubted Information that these evil-minded Persons, by such and numberless other most wicked, vile, false, and inflammatory Suggestions and Insinuations, of the like Nature, are endeavouring to engage the People to subscribe Papers, obliging themselves to be prepared with Arms, to array themselves in Companies, and to submit to the illegal and usurped Authorities of Committees, covering their flagitious and abominable Designs with pretended Apprehensions of intestine Insurrections, and Professions of Duty and Allegiance to the King, in Order the more effectually to deceive and betray the innocent and unwary People into the most flagrant Violations thereof. AND WHEREAS, among other wicked Devices, calculated to mislead and impose upon the People, it is attempted to infuse into their Minds a Belief that the Parliament, and his Majesty's Ministers, are pursuing Measures against America, contrary to the Sense of his Majesty, and subversive of his Government; and that the illegal Combinations which the People are invited to enter into, are intended to support his Majesty against the evil Designs of the said Parliament and Ministers. AND WHEREAS the Incendiaries who spread these false and seditious Reports, where they fail by such base Deceits and Artifices to seduce his Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects to join in their licentious and criminal Combinations, proceeded to the Extravagance of threatening Individuals with tarring and feathering, with seizing their Lands and Properties, and making Division thereof among the deluded Followers, and menacing them even with Death if they should persevere in their Duty to their Sovereign; and the Laws of their Country, to the great Terror and Dismay of many of his Majesty's said loyal and faithful Subjects: I HAVE THOUGHT IT PROPER, and indispensably necessary, in Discharge of my Duty to the King, and to his Majesty's good Subjects within this Province, to issue this Proclamation, to prevent their being misled to Ruin and Destruction by such false, seditious, infamous, and groundless Reports and Suggestions, that are the base Contrivances of desperate, unprincipled, ignorant, and abandoned Men; to make the People instrumental to the horrid Purposes of their own lawless Ambition; to which they are aiming to sacrifice the dearest Rights and Privileges of the People, while they are pretending to defend them from Invasions and Encroachments, that are meditated only by themselves. AND I DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ASSURE HIS MAJESTY'S PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE, that the King, his Parliament, and Ministers, so far from being divided in their Councils, as has been falsely represented to the People by Tools of Faction, are in the strictest Harmony; and pursue the Plans concerted for the Safety and Welfare of the Empire with the utmost Unanimity and Firmness. THAT with Regard to Taxation in America, it appears by a late Resolution of the House of Commons, which has been made public, to be the Sense of that Branch of the British Parliament, that the King's Subjects in the Provinces of America should be required to tax themselves, by their respective General Assemblies, only their contingent Proportions towards defraying the Charge of the general Defence of the British Empire, according to their several Circumstances and Abilities, and for their own civil Government, and the Administration of Justice; the Generosity and Equity of which Proportions, founded on the equal Protection that the Fleets and Armies of his Majesty afford to the Subjects in the European and American Dominions, can never be denied, nor such Contribution refused, upon any Principle of Reason or Justice, by the People of America, while they wish to enjoy the Blessings of the British Constitution, and the Advantages of Bri-

ish Trade, that can only be preserved by the superior Power and Strength of the Empire, and its constant Readiness to resist the Attempts of the jealous and powerful States of Europe, that are ever vigilant to reduce her Power, and to abridge her Commerce, which is the great Source and Support of it. AND I do further assure the good People of this Province, that there is nothing more foreign to the Intentions of his Majesty, his Parliament and Ministry, than the Design, falsely and groundlessly imputed to them, of vacating the Royal Patents, under which the King's Subjects hold their Lands, and of refusing the same, and of depriving them of the Use and Benefit of General Assemblies; and that such Reports are base Artifices, calculated by the Promoters of Sedition, to seduce the People from their Duty, and to delude them into their dangerous Combinations and Confederacies, which are repugnant to every Idea of Liberty, and subversive of the British Constitution. AND I do moreover think it my Duty, in Tenderness to the People of this Province, and to prevent their being deceived and deluded by the Tools of Sedition, to their Ruin and Destruction, to declare to them, that they can only hazard the Loss of their Lands by following the wicked and pernicious Counsels of the abandoned Inventors of those unparalleled Falsehoods, which are contrived to involve them in Crimes of the most dangerous Nature; that will, inevitably, expose them not only to the Forfeiture of their Lands and Properties, but to the Loss of Life, and every Thing they hold dear and valuable. WHEREFORE I do most earnestly exhort and advise ALL his Majesty's liege Subjects within this Province, firmly and stedfastly to withstand and resist all Attempts of the Seditious to seduce them from the Duty and Allegiance they owe to his Majesty, and the Laws and Constitution of their Country; and that they do by no Means degrade themselves, by submitting to the Regulations of Committees, or any other such illegal, usurped, unconstitutional Authorities whatsoever; hereby most solemnly pledging myself to the People of this Colony, for his Majesty's most gracious Protection of all his dutiful and faithful Subjects, in the free and full Enjoyment of all their constitutional Rights, Liberties, and Privileges. AND I do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and other Officers and Ministers, to be aiding and assisting, to the utmost of their Power, in counteracting and opposing all Promoters of Sedition, and Disturbers of the Peace and Tranquillity of this Colony.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Fort Johnston, this Sixteenth Day of June, 1775, and in the Fifteenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

JO. MARTIN:

GOD save the KING.

By his EXCELLENCY'S Command;

Alexander Maclean, per James Biggleston, D. S.

WHEREAS a Boat belonging to the Governor was, on Sunday the 11th Instant, conveyed by Persons unknown from the Boat-house behind the Palace in Newbern, to Mr. Ellis's Wharf, and three Swivel Guns, the Property of his Majesty, which lay in the said Boat for Ballast, at the same Time stolen out of her: This is to give Notice, that a Reward of Twenty Pounds will be given to any Person or Persons who shall discover and make known the Thief or Thieves who committed this Robbery; so as that one or all of them may be brought to Justice for the same; by me JO. MARTIN. Fort Johnston, June 21, 1775.

FOR SALE, A VALUABLE Negro Man seasoned to the Country. June 28, 1775. J. W. STANLY.

JUST PUBLISHED, And to be sold at the Printing Office, Price Eight Pence,

THE SPEECH of the Right Honourable the EARL OF CHATHAM, in the House of LORDS, January 20, 1775. On a MOTION for an ADDRESS to his MAJESTY, to give immediate Orders for removing his TROOPS from BOSTON forthwith, in Order to quiet the Minds, and take away the Apprehensions of his good Subjects in AMERICA.

In No. 322 of this Paper we gave what then appeared to be Lord Chatham's Speech. But to preserve the Purity of that great Man's Thoughts on American Liberty, an exact Copy of the original Speech, taken down as it was spoken in the House of Lords, has been transmitted to Philadelphia in Manuscript, and there published in an elegant Pamphlet. From that Copy the same is now published here, and ought by every true American to be preserved, as the liveliest Picture ever drawn of his Rights and Liberties, invaded by a wicked and tyrannical Ministry.

POETS CORNER.

The HUE and CRY.

O YES!—hear, all ye Beaux and Wits, Musicians, Poets, 'Squires, and Cits, All, who in Town or Country dwell! Say, can you Tale or Tidings tell Of Tortorella's hasty Flight? Why in new Groves she takes Delight, And if in Concert, or alone, The cooing Murmurer makes her moan! Now learn the Marks, by which you may Trace out and stop the lovely Stray! Some Wit, more Folly, and no Care, Thoughtless her Conduct, free her Air; Gay, scornful, sober, indiscreet, In whom all Contradictions meet: Civil, affronting, peevish, easy, Form'd both to charm you and displease you; Much Want of Judgment, none of Pride, Modish her Dreis, her Hoop full wide; Brown Skin, her Eyes of fable Hue, Angel, when pleas'd, when vex'd, a Shrew. Genteel her Motion, when she walks. Sweetly she sings, and loudly talks; Knows all the World, and its Affairs, Who goes to Court, to Plays, to Prayers, Who keeps, who marries, fails or thrives, Leads honest, or dishonest, Lives; What Money match'd each Youth or Maid, And who was at each Masquerade: Of all fine Things in this fine Town, She's only to herself unknown. By this Description, if you meet her, With lowly Bows, and Homage greet her; And if you bring the vagrant Beauty Back to her Mother and her Duty, Ask for reward a Lover's Bliss; And (if she'll let you) take a Kiss; Or more, if more you wish and pray, Try if at Church the Words she'll say, Then make her, if you can—"obey."

AGREEABLE to the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Elizabeth Fulmore, deceased, at her late Dwelling-House in Newbern, in the Afternoon of Thursday the 13th Day of July next, will be sold at Public Vantage, the said Dwelling-House, with the Lot of Land, and other Improvements; and also all the Household Goods and Effects of the said Deceased. Six Months Credit, on Bond and Security, will be given the Purchasers for all Sums exceeding Forty Shillings.

JAMES COOR, Executor.

Newbern, June 16, 1775.

CRAVEN COUNTY, ff. By JOHN HAWKS, and LANCELOT GRAVE BERRY, Esquires, Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for said County.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made to us, by James Biggleston, that a Negro Slave belonging to him, named JEM, about 18 Years of Age, a stout likely Fellow, about 5 Feet 7 Inches high, and is Country born; had on when he went away, a light coloured milled Duffil Jacket and Breeches, and check Shirt, hath run away from his said Master, and is supposed to be lurking about, doing Acts of Felony in this Province.

THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name to command the said Slave forthwith to surrender himself, and return home to his said Master. And we do hereby command the Sheriff of the said County of Craven to make diligent Search after the abovementioned Slave, and him having found, to apprehend and secure, so that he may be conveyed to his said Master, or otherwise discharged as the Law directs; and the said Sheriff is hereby empowered to raise and take with him such Power of his County as he shall think fit for apprehending the said Slave. And we do hereby, by Virtue of an Act of Assembly of this Province concerning Servants and Slaves, intimate and declare, if the said Jem doth not surrender himself, and return home immediately after the Publication of these Presents, that any Person or Persons may kill and destroy the said Slave, by such Means as he or they shall think fit, without Impeachment or Accusation of any Crime or Offence for so doing, or without incurring any Penalty or Forfeiture thereby.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seals, this 3d Day of May, 1775, and in the 15th Year of his Majesty's Reign.

JOHN HAWKS, L. G. BERRY.

N. B. The above Negro Slave is supposed to be harboured, or kept out by his Wife, named Rachel, a Wench belonging to Mr. Isaac Fonvielle, and it is very possible he is lurking in the Neighbourhood of his Plantation. Whoever will take him up and bring him to me; shall receive a Reward of three Pounds for his Trouble.

JAMES BIGGLESTON,