

Bare innocence is no support  
 When you are try'd in scandal's court,  
 The world a willing stander-by,  
 Inclines to aid a specious lie:  
 Alas! they would not do you wrong  
 —But—all appearances are strong.  
 Yet whence proceeds this weight we lay  
 On what detracting people say?  
 For let mankind discharge their tongues  
 In venom, till they burst their lungs,  
 Their utmost malice cannot make  
 Your head, your tooth, or finger ache,  
 The most effectual way to banish  
 Their malice is to let them talk.

# To be Sold cheap,

And on very easy terms, the following valuable

## LANDS,

Lying between ten and twenty miles from Wilmington.

**SMITHFIELD**, situate on both sides of the North-West, between Blue Banks and Drury Allen's, containing 2000 acres of land, about 400 whereof are very rich swamp, the remainder well timbered. The high swamp fit for corn or indigo, extends 25 chains back from the river, which is uncommon in that neighbourhood; and part of the lower swamp may be overflowed with great ease, by a never-falling stream, upon which is just finished an exceeding good SAW-MILL, very near to the river. — There are handsome situations for settlements between the mill and the river, on good corn land.

**BLUE BANKS**, situate on both sides of the river, below Smithfield, containing 2332 acres of land, 410 whereof is rich swamp, about 130 acres being cleared, of which 80 acres may be watered at any time with great ease. The remainder fit for corn or indigo. — The uncleared swamp contains a vast body of cypress timber, and the high land has two streams fit for gristmills running through it; between 2 and 300 acres are cleared, part of it being very good corn land. — There is a DWELLING-HOUSE containing a hall, parlour, four chambers and closets, a kitchen, stable, and large brick barn. The beauty and healthiness of this place is too well known to require further description.

**BELLEFONT**, situate on both sides of the North-West, joining and below Blue Banks, being one of the best high swamp plantations on the river. — It contains about 3000 acres of land, 800 acres whereof the best swamp, about 200 acres being cleared, most of which can be watered by a stream issuing out of the highland, which is likewise capable of supplying a small grist-mill. There are on the premises a BRICK HOUSE, containing four rooms, a kitchen, barn, and other necessary out-buildings.

One thousand acres of land on the waters of Livingston creek, containing some good rice land, and a quantity of very fine turpentine trees. The range for stock excellent.

A small piece of land lying on Rattle-Snake Branch, near the North-West road, in an advantageous stand for a tavern, containing 200 acres.

A piece of land on the North-East side of Black River, in the neighbourhood of Maultly's point, great part of which is tide swamp, or meadow; the whole containing 200 acres.

A tract joining and below the last-mentioned, formerly patented to James Colson; most of this is prime tide swamp and cane meadow. The high land situate in a remarkable fine range. It contains of high and low land about 1000 acres.

**A P P L E B Y**, adjoining the above, containing in the whole 866 acres, 546 acres being good tide cane meadow and rich swamp, 30 acres completely ditched round, and 45 acres nearly finished; on the high land, which is situate in a fine range, is a very pretty and healthy situation for a settlement.

An Island of tide swamp, lying opposite to the last mentioned tracts, containing 276 acres.

A piece of land on the North-East side of the North-West, just below the mouth of Black River, great part of which is tide cane meadow, containing, by deed, 200 acres.

A piece adjoining and below the last-mentioned, most of which is tide swamp and cane meadow, containing, by patent, 320 acres.

Another piece between the last and that valuable body of rich swamp, called the Cat-Fish lands, containing about 200 acres.

The fertility, timber, situation of these lands on navigable waters, between Wilmington and Fayette-Ville, will probably in a short time become the capital of the State, make them desirable possessions for present profit, and afford certain assurances of their becoming extremely valuable at a period not very distant. — A approved old bonds, especially of the late Mr. Dry's or Capt. Rowan's, and any debts of the subscriber will be allowed in part payment; and any person purchasing the whole, shall have their bargain in a great bargain. For further particulars, apply to

**BENJAMIN SMITH.**

Belvidere, July 2, 1782. 18—20 Jan.

### T O B E L E T,

The BRICK HOUSE, TAVERN, and FERRIES; opposite Wilmington,

Three good Carpenters, a Shoemaker, and Bricklayer, that have served their apprenticeships in Charleston, to be hired out to any persons who will use them properly, and pay punctually. — Apply as above.

Messrs. Bowen and Howard,

THE last General Assembly having ordered the Comptroller of Accounts to commence suits against several persons who were held up to public view as delinquents in the payment of arrears due by them when acting as servants of the public, and my name appearing among the number, in justice to myself, and for the satisfaction of my securities in office in particular, and my friends in general, I think proper to request you to publish the underwritten certificate of my final settlement, which I flatter myself will extenuate every unfavourable impression that may have been made on the minds of those who have attended to such an illiberal procedure against me.

Your humble servant,

**PETER MALLET.**

Wilmington, July 16. 20—23

### C O P Y.

State of North-Carolina, §.

No. 532.

THIS certifies, that Peter Mallett, Esq. former Commissary General, exhibited into the Comptroller's office his account upon oath, wherein he charges the public for cash credited in his account settled in the Comptroller's Office, in December 1782, and for cash and a warrant paid into the hands of Thomas Amis, Assistant Commissary, the sum of seven hundred and thirty-two thousand four hundred pounds currency, and for which he produced vouchers, and lodged them in said office. And he credits the public for cash received for sundry warrants on the treasury, and for ten barrels of flour received of John Bradley for Joseph Green, the sum of six hundred and sixty-eight hundred pounds, which being deducted from the above mentioned sum, leaves a balance of two hundred and forty-four thousand four hundred pounds currency, due from the public to the said Peter Mallett, which, according to the scale of depreciation in the month of August, 1780 (being then one hundred for one) is equal to six hundred and forty-four pounds specie, for which I have granted him a certificate, No. 533, and which is in full of his account.

Given at Hillsborough, this 18th day of May, anno domini, 1788.

**FRANCIS CHILD, Comptroller.**

N. B. The above balance is, exclusive of £. 1954 18s. 3d. due Mr. Mallett, by settlement in December, 1782.

**F. CHILD, Comptroller.**

Subscribers request all persons having any demands against the estate of the late JOHN GRANGE, sen. Esq. deceased, to render in their accounts to them as speedily as possible, properly attested, as they wish to have the accounts against the said estate adjusted, that they may as soon as possible discharge the same; and also request all persons indebted to said estate, to make immediate payments, to prevent prosecution.

Thomas Neale, jun. } Administrators.  
 John Hall, }  
 July 15, 1788. 21—

## WANTED,

By the Commissioners of the Navigation, one hundred thousand

## B R I C K S.

Apply to  
**WILLIAM NUTT, Clerk.**  
 Wilmington, June 11, 1788.

## B L A N K S,

OF VARIOUS KINDS,  
 For sale by the printers hereof.