

W E D N E S D A Y, SEPTEMBER 22, 1773. Numb. 190.

**The CONFESSION of SPENCER DEW,** lately Executed at Duplin, taken by Felix Kenan, Esq. Sheriff of the said County, and signed by the said Spencer Dew, at the Gallows, in presence of a large concourse of people. It is published at the request of Mr. Kenan from the original now in his hands.

I AM about thirty-eight years of age, I was born in Northampton County in this Province, of honest Parents. I was first induced to Steal Cattle and Horses by George Dukes and Constantine Newton, in which we had great success. I then joined in partnership with Ilom and Michael Rogers, and we Stole six Horses, and Passed to the amount of One Thousand Pounds Counterfeit Money, but the greatest part thereof was Virginia Currency, which the said Ilom and Michael made themselves.

In the Year 1771, I joined in partnership with Ephraim and George Lane; and George Lane and myself Stole two Horses and a Mare, and Ephraim Lane bore our expences whilst we were in search of the said Horses, and he drew one third of the money we got for them. Then Ephraim Lane and myself Stole eight head of fat Hogs, and he said he had taken more before, and that they were the property of John Turner. After this, Thomas Hunter and myself broke open a House of Joseph Price on Roanoke river, and took a small Trunk with some money in it, and a large shot Gun.

In the Year 1772, I joined with William and Pearson Lane, and we Stole six Horses and two Mares; we also unlatched the Door of Sarah Hunter, went into the House, and lighted a candle, took a Key out of a Boy's pocket, unlocked the Store door, and went in, and took about Four Pounds in Proclamation Money, and about Fifty Pounds in Goods. I was also in partnership with Thomas Ormond, and we Stole three Horses and a Mare, and about seventeen or eighteen Pounds Virginia Money from John Hill in Craven County, in South Carolina. Then with Ludowick Outlaw we passed about Four Hundred Pounds Counterfeit Proclamation Money that one Captain Johnston made; (he lives on Thompsons Creek in South Carolina) afterwards Ormond, Joseph Clark, William Johnston and myself, broke open the Store of Thomas Collins on Broad-River, and Stole about One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Virginia Money, and Twenty Pair of Blankets. Then with Drury Goodwin, and Samuel Lane, we passed about Three Hundred Pounds Counterfeit Gold, Silver, and Virginia Money. John Nicholas Smith and myself Stole from John McIntosh, a Horse & a Mare, and about Forty Shillings Cash; and from William White in South Carolina about Thirteen Pounds Virginia Money. About the first of March last we were all apprehended in Hillsborough, and Samuel Lane made his escape; but having had notice given us, we hid our Counterfeit Money under the head of a bed, and when we were searched, finding none about us, we were Discharged.

I was in combination with James Davis, Partner in Northampton, and received from him Three Hundred Pounds Proc. which I saw him make to Pass, and I was to give him one half of what I got for it: and in 1773, he also gave me Eight Hundred Pounds more of his own make on the same terms, which I left in the possession of William Marfaut. I have seen James Davis receive from said Davis to the full amount of Two Thousand Pounds Counterfeit to Pass, and I verily do believe that John & George Kennedy, are in Confederacy with said Davis.

William Marfaut and myself Stole from Joseph Holt, nine barrels of Pitch; three barrels of Tar from Mr. Cornell, and two barrels from Mrs. Smith. In January or February, 1772, Robert McLean and myself Stole from Mr. Cornell, two barrels of Pork out of a Boat that came down Neuse River, and attempted to Steal another, but were discovered, I knocked down a man, and we both made our escape. About a Month ago William Stringer got from James Davis One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Counterfeit to Pass on the same terms that I had mine.

Since I broke custody after my Condemnation, I broke open Thomas Smith's House, on Neuse River in Dobbs Coun-

ty, and Stole a Surtout Coat, a Beaver Hat, a pair of Leather Breeches, a plush Jacket, a pair of thread Stockings, a Knife, a Gun, a Chisel, a pound of Powder, a pound of Meal, and a Shoulder of Pork. William Marfaut and myself Stole from Samuel Parsons, thirty eight pound of Bacon; and from Samuel Cornell, two barrels of Corn: We made an attempt to break open John Green's Store, but were prevented by fierce dogs.

It has been maliciously reported, and industriously spread about, that Felix Kenan, Esq. high Sheriff of Duplin County received a Bribe from me, when I was last in his Custody, to favour my Escape. I now Declare before GOD and the WORLD, as I hope for SALVATION, that neither he the said Felix Kenan, nor any other Person, ever received any Bribe or Reward from me for that Purpose; nor was the said Felix Kenan privy to the means by which I made my Escape.

(Signed)

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SPENCER DEW,  
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Spencer Dew was Condemned last June, and Executed the 2d. of August following.

**TAKEN** up by the subscriber in New-Hanover county on the North-East of Cape-Fear river in North Carolina, a new-negro man, calls himself Abraham, he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, between 25 and 30 years of age, with his upper teeth fill'd; had on a negro-cloth jacket and trousers, speaks but very little English. The owner is desired to come and prove his property with paying all charges to

JOHN BUFORD.

September, 1 1773.

**JUST** Imported in the Ship SPENCER, Captain McLeod from London;

**A** LARGE and compleat assortment of European and East-India goods suitable for the season, which will be sold on the most reasonable terms by Sutherland and Cruden in Wilmington and John Cruden and Company at Cross-Creek.

September 21. 1773.

**THE** Partnership of COBHAM and TUCKER will be dissolved the first Day of October next. They request all persons who are indebted to them to make Payment; and those to whom the Company is indebted to send in their Accompts immediately to either of the Partners. The preceeding Requests they hope will be complied with, their affairs rendering a settlement absolutely necessary.

September 22.

**A** NY person having a plantation to dispose of from 500 to 1000 acres of land fit for rice, indico or wheat may hear of a purchaser by sending a particular description and the price that will be asked therefor to

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