

to Williamsburg, York, Portsmouth, &c. in order to be in readiness to receive the enemy, wherefoever they should make a descent. In consequence of these orders, the militia from the neighbouring counties have already repaired to their appointed rendezvous with the utmost alacrity, and seem determined to lend their assistance to their country on this extraordinary occasion with a cheerfulness that will ever do honour to them. An instance of the extraordinary readiness of these brave friends to liberty to enter the field may be produced in the Suffolk militia, who, being warned out on Saturday, encamped on Sunday evening on the banks of James river forty miles from home. So rapid a march is scarcely to be paralleled.

In pursuance of the powers granted by Act of Assembly, his Excellency the Governor, immediately on his return to Williamsburg, with the advice of the Council, appointed THOMAS NELSON, jun. esq; county lieutenant of York, brigadier general and commander in chief of the forces in this commonwealth. The appointment of a gentleman so universally beloved and esteemed for his zealous attachment to our sacred cause, cannot fail of giving the most unfeigned pleasure to every friend to his country, who reflects, that, except our noble general in the north, there is not a native of America to whose standard so great a number of warm friends and respectable persons would repair as to that truly noble and worthy gentleman's.

We are also informed, from undoubted authority, that the worthy general has accepted the command upon the most disinterested motives, as he has refused a salary, his table only being supported at the expence of the commonwealth. Such instances of genuine patriotism mark the most generous attachment to his country, and its liberties.

Yesterday evening the troops in this city, both regulars and militia, were reviewed on the College green by general Nelson, who expressed himself much satisfied with their readiness to attend on the present occasion, and made a most animating speech to them on the present prospect before us.

#### NEW BERN, September 5, 1777.

Since our last arrived here Capt. Demson, in the Sloop Heart of Oak; from Surinam. The Captain reports, that in Lat. 34. Lon. 73. he fell in with an English Fleet of 63 sail, consisting of Ships, Brigs, Sloops and Schooners, among them 7 or 8 Flags; they were steering to the Eastward. The Captain says he was attacked by one of the Fleet, a small Tender, but had the good Fortune to escape.

Just now arrived a Vessel here from the Bar, she was outward bound, and just after getting out, was chased by an English Brig, called the Lord Howe, and obliged to put back, and that the Brig now lies off the Bar. We hear our Provincial Vessel the Pennsylvania Farmer, still lies at Core Sound, but in no Condition to make any Defence.

#### STATE of NORTH CAROLINA.

By his EXCELLENCY

RICHARD CASWELL, Esquire, Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, of the said State.

#### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it will be difficult for the Inhabitants of this State to supply themselves with Common Salt, unless the Exportation and Transportation thereof be prohibited, I have therefore thought proper by and with the Advice of the Council of State, to issue this my Proclamation hereby prohibiting the Exportation and Transportation of Salt from this State after this date, untill the Expiration of thirty Days from the date hereof; of which all Naval Officers, Merchants, and other Persons are required to take notice.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal at Arms, at Newbern, the 2d Day of September, in the Year of our Lord 1777, and in the second Year of our Independence.

RICHARD CASWELL.

By his Excellency's Command.

J. GLASGOW, Sec.

#### ADVERTISEMENT S.

#### TO THE PUBLIC,

ATTENDANCE on the Assemblies for a Number of Years past, as their Clerk, and the frequent Meetings of the Congress and Councils of Safety as their Secretary, together with the business which made it necessary to be done during their recess, hath so much impaired my Health, that I shall be under the Necessity of resigning my present Appointment, as Clerk of the Senate, at the next Meeting.

I did intend to give Notice of my Resignation at the foot of the Journals; but as there is but little probability of their being printed before the sitting of the succeeding Assembly, I think it a duty I owe the Public, to make my Intention known, before that time, that Persons may apply, qualified, to expedite the Business of the Session, and, out of whom the House may form a Choice.

Sept. 1, 1777.

J. GREEN, jun.

TO BE SOLD on very reasonable terms, 1697 acres of Land situate on the fertile and pleasant river of Pee Dee in the county of Craven in SOUTH CAROLINA, bounded on the lands of John Saunders Esq; Mr. Laroach and others, on which there is a small dwelling house and about 100 acres cleared; the fertility of this tract for rice and indigo is well known there, its situation pleasant and convenient, being near the Cherrawis court house and has an excellent bluff for a landing.

Also 400 acres situate in St. George's parish Berkly county bounding on the lands of Mr. Permain, the heirs of Peter Bacot and others. The above tracts of land were part of the estate of Doctor Philip Ayton deceased, and owes their present uncultivated state to the long time they lay unclaimed in the hands of the executors. Any person inclinable to purchase the above tracts or either of them, may apply to Mr. James Ballantine merchant in Charles Town, or the subscriber in Newbern, who will give a good title for the same.

JAMES BALLANTINE.

N. B. Negroes, produce, continental or approved european bills will be taken in payment.

Mr. Printer,

Newbern Sept. 2d, 1777.

WHEREAS some of the principal Officers formerly belonging to the Sturdy Beggar, then under my Command, has has wontonly and cruelly spread, and circulated scandalous and malicious Stories to the Prejudice of my Reputation, and whereas every Mans Character ought to be dearer to him than Life, I held that Man unworthy to live that will not vindicate himself when wontonly attacked, I therefore beg leave through the Medium of your Paper, to give the Public the Sentiments of Mr. Daniel Bowly, and Mr. David Stewart, two of the Owners of the Sturdy Beggar, and doubt not but the other Owners will be equally ready to do me Justice.

I am Sir your humble Servant.

JOHN M'KEEL.

Capt. John M'Keel,

Newbern August 10, 1777.

Dear Sir,

We are very sorry to be informed by you that the Tongue of Slander has been busy with your Character, malicious Persons are to be met with in every part of the World, who are enemies to Truth, and Pests of Society; it is with great Pleasure we give our Testimony in your favour, and assure you that we are fully satisfied with your Courage and Conduct while you commanded the Sturdy Beggar of whom we are part Owners.

We are Sir your obedient Servant,

DAVID STEWART.

DNIEL BOWLY.

AUGUST 25, 1777.

To be SOLD at Auction, on Wednesday the 24th of September next, at Black Creek, in Carteret County,

THE valuable and noted Saw Mill, one Half of a Grist Mill with bolting Cloths, and 400 Acres of Land, lately belonging to Henry Stanton, deceased. A full Tide flows to the Mill Tail, which lies about 14 Miles from Beaufort. The Pond contains about 100 Acres of rich flat Bottom fit for Rice, in some Parts gradual Risings, and spacious second Flats intervene between the Bottom and Uplands. About 30 Acres, including some of each Sort, have been cleared and planted with Rice two different Seasons. In the Dam there is a Breast of well constructed strong built waste Gates, settled below the Surface of the Land deep enough to drain the Creek and Pond above Dam down to low Water, and fitted ready for Tide Gates when Occasion requires. Three Years Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Judgment Bond, with approved Security, and paying Interest after the first six Months.

At the same Time will be sold to the highest Bidders, on six Months Credit, Working Oxen, Log Carriage, Chains, &c. some planting Utensils, a good Set of Blacksmiths Tools, some Iron, a Set of Turners Tools, some Carpenters Tools, Cows and Calves, other Cattle and Horses, Household Furniture, Hives of Bees, a small Still, a swift sailing Boat with a Suit of Sails, and a great many Articles, and other Things, too tedious to be mentioned in this Notoriety, that will be produced, and other Particulars to be made known on the Day of Sale.

HOPE STANTON, Executrix.