

way consists only of the King and two military favourites) are certainly hatching something. Whether their manœuvres will be confined to Germany alone, Poland in particular, or whether it will affect any other part of Europe, time only can determine. The Prussian troops are kept in as perfect order, and good discipline, as if a war was on the point of instantly breaking out. This, however, does not appear to be the case at present, unless between Russia and the Porte, and the winter season will keep them quiet at least for some months. The Prussian court is much crowded with military people, several Americans, and a few English. Lord L——n, in his continental tour, has been both at Berlin and Potsdam, but his *bon vivant* is not generally relished."

NEWBERN, December 26.

ON Wednesday last the General Assembly of this State, finished the Business of the Session, having passed 48 Bills, many of them of great Consequence, particularly a Bill for establishing Courts of Law, and a Bill for opening the Land Office, and granting the vacant Lands in this State. After which the two Houses adjourned till the first Monday in April next, then to be held at the Palace in Newbern.

The Honourable Samuel Ashe, Samuel Spencer, and James Iredell, Esqrs. are appointed Judges of the supreme Courts of this District, and Waitstill Avery, Esq; is appointed Attorney General for the State.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

NEWBERN, December 20, 1777.

WHEREAS it hath pleased his Excellency Richard Caswell, Esq; Governor, &c. of this State, to order a Court of Enquiry to be held by the continental Officers under my Command, to take into Consideration the Petition of sundry Persons, who are or were Soldiers in the continental Army raised in this State, and suggest they have served the Time for which they were enlisted, and from whom Discharges are withheld: Therefore I hereby desire all Officers now within this State, that are on the continental Establishment, to meet me at Newbern the 7th of January next, to hold the aforementioned Court; at which place all those who think they are intitled to Discharges, are also desired to attend.

JOHN LUTTRILL.

December 20, 1777.

NEWBERN, December 24.

By virtue of a resolve made at Newbern by the Assembly at their last session, will be sold by public vendue, at Wilmington, the 17th of February next.

THE armed Brigantine WASHINGTON, with her guns, stores, tackle, apparel and furniture. The terms of sale will be prompt payment, and the property not to be altered till the money is paid. She is a swift sailer, well calculated for a privateer or merchant vessel, and well found. An inventory will be produced on the day of sale.

WILLIAM HOOPER }
HEN. TOOMER } Commissioners.

HALIFAX, December 10.

HAVE still on hand, belonging to the estate of Joseph Montford, deceased, sundry tracts of land, in this State, which will sell cheap for ready money or short credit, viz, about 600 acres in the county of Tryon, 370 acres in Orange county near Hillsborough, about 6000 acres in Bute county, in different parts thereof, about 1500 acres in Halifax county, also sundry other small tracts in different parts of this State. It is very fine land either for corn, wheat, tobacco, or hemp. All persons who have any demands against the said estate, are desired to make them known on or before the first day of May next, as I propose to make a division of the said estate on that day, and no claims that is not brought in before then will be considered by,

HENRY MONTFORD, Executor.

WANTED,

Journeyman PRINTER. Any person that is a good hand, may have great Wages, and constant Employ, by applying at the printing Office in Newbern.

On Thursday the 8th January next, pursuant to the Will of Mr Edward Batchelor, deceased, will be sold by public Vendue, at the Stores of said Batchelor,

THREE quarters of the Ship HARMONY HALL as she now lies at Mr. Cornell's wharf, with her cargo on board and completely fitted for sea, being furnished with choice anchors and cables, sails, all her running rigging entirely new, has provisions for a voyage on board and is a remarkable fast sailer. At the same time will be sold a half share of the schooner POLLY burthen about 95 tons, as she now lies at said Batchelor's wharf, has good anchors, cables, sails, &c. Inventories of the whole may be seen the day of sale.

THOMAS HASLEN, Executor.
FRANCES BATCHELOR, Executrix.

A PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq; General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United States of America.

WHEREAS sundry soldiers, belonging to the armies of the said States, have deserted from the same: These are to make known to all those, who have so offended, and who shall return to their respective corps, or surrender themselves to the officers appointed to receive recruits and deserters in their several states, or to any continental commissioned officer, before the first day of January next, that they shall obtain a full and free pardon.

And I do further declare to all such obstinate offenders, as do not avail themselves of the indulgence her by offered, that they may depend, when apprehended, on being prosecuted with the utmost rigour, and suffering the punishment justly due to crimes of such enormity.

Let the hope of escaping punishment by remaining undiscovered, should tempt any to reject the terms now held out to them, they may be assured, that the most effectual measures will be pursued, in every State, for apprehending, and bringing them to a speedy trial.

GIVEN under my hand, at Head Quarters, this 24th day of October, Anno Domini 1777.

G. WASHINGTON.

By his Excellency's command,
Robt. Harrison, Sec.

NEWBERN, Dec. 1st, 1777.

TO the end that deserters may have an opportunity of availing themselves of the pardon offered by the above proclamation, and for the more speedy and effectual apprehending and bringing to condign punishment, all those who are lost to every sense of honour, I have been ordered into this State for the express purpose of apprehending and receiving all deserted soldiers, and that none may hereafter plead ignorance, I hereby give notice that every deserted soldier from the continental troops, who shall surrender himself to me at Kingston, in Dobbs County, or to any officer under my command, before the first day of January next, will be entitled to pardon. And I do promise a reward of ten dollars for each deserter who shall be delivered to me at Kingston aforesaid, or to any officer under my command, after that time.

WILLIAM CASWELL, Capt. 5th N. Carolina battalion.

December 4, 1777.

TO be sold on Tarr-River at the house of the subscriber just below Col. Simpson's, at public sale to the highest bidder for ready money, on the 1st and 2d day of January next, 70 or 80 barrels corn, twenty head of cattle, some sheep, about 12 bushels rice in the rough, a new desk and Mahogany tea-table, a dining table, and kitchen tables, two pair fire dogs, chairs, bedsteads, flanders flax seed, bonny vefs beens, a quantity of cotton in the seed, some new cyder barrels, some books of law and divinity, sundry other articles too tedious to mention will be sold the above days. About 3 or 4 thousand weight of pork to be sold at private sale, will be fit to kill about three weeks from this date, also about six hundred and fifty acres of very good land with a large plantation on it lately cleared, about 1400 young bearing peach trees, and 250 apple trees of the best sort of fruit, a dwelling house 24 by 16 feet, a kitchen 16 by 12, a milk-house 12 by 8, a smoke-house 12 feet square, and corn crib, the place is well attended with springs, it joins great Contentny creek and Nauhunte swamp, above Col Shepherd's in Dobbs County, is very good range winter and summer for cattle and hogs, about 350 acres very good summer range for cattle and hogs, plenty of lightwood on it and joins Richard Hodges's, upon wheat swamp, about eight miles from Neuse-river above Kingston in Dobbs. The above lands I would sell cheap for the money, as I propose moving very shortly into the South Province.

FREDERICK GIBBLE.