

Jesus Christ, that my repentance, however late, however imperfect, may not be in vain.

"The little good that now remains in my power, is to warn others against those temptations by which I have been seduced. I have always sinned against conviction; my principles have never been shaken; I have always considered the Christian religion as a revelation from God, and its divine author as the Saviour of the world; but the laws of God, though never disowned by me, have often been forgotten. I was led astray from religious strictness by the delusion of shew, and the delights of voluptuousness. I never knew nor attended to the calls of frugality, nor needful oeconomy of life. Vanity and pleasure, into which I plunged, required expence disproportionate to my income; expence brought distress upon me, distress, importunate distress, urged me to temporary fraud.

"For this fraud I am to die; and I die declaring, in the most solemn manner, that however I have deviated from my own precepts, I have taught others to the best of my knowledge, and with all sincerity the true way to eternal happiness. My life for some few unhappy years past has been dreadfully erroneous, but my ministry has always been sincere. I have constantly believed, and now I leave the world solemnly avowing my conviction, that there is no other name under Heaven, by which we can be saved, but only the name of the Lord Jesus; and I entreat all who are here to join with me in my last petition, that for the sake of that Lord Jesus Christ, my sins may be forgiven, and my soul received into his everlasting kingdom.

WILLIAM DODD."

JULY 10. The following article of intelligence was received by Thursday's mail, in a letter from Berlin, dated June 28, and its authenticity is vouched:

"A few weeks ago two American gentlemen, said to be deputies from the Congress, arrived here at the hotel de Corfica. [One of them said to be Dr. Lee from Madrid on his return to France.] They have already bought and contracted for immense quantities of linnen and woollen cloth, tents, arms, &c. for the use of the American army. They are visited and invited by the first nobility here, who, as well as other ranks of people, receive them with the greatest courtesy and politeness. It was universally reported, that they have with them an address from the Congress to our King, which they were to have delivered in a public manner. Two or three days ago, whilst they were upon a visit at a nobleman's seat a few miles from town, their apartments at the hotel were broke open, the locks of all their trunks and coffers forced, and all the papers they contained carried off. It is very singular that all the cash and bank notes, drafts upon the most eminent bankers at Paris, Amsterdam and Hamburgh, (to a very considerable amount) were left untouched; which circumstance leaves not the least doubt but the felony was committed by a state's burglar. And last night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, all the papers were found in a bag before the gate of the hotel, except such as were of the highest interest and import, which are still missing.

An Irish house at Rotterdam is appointed agent for the Americans; two ships have been consigned to it from Carolina; but one of them has been taken, and was brought in by a man of war sloop on Thursday last.

AUGUST 8. The English minister at Berlin, in getting possession of all the papers of the American deputies, by a well laid stratagem, has proved of the highest advantage to the administration in England, as it has made them acquainted with the designs of the Congress in their European negotiations, and with their real state at home, and necessity of foreign assistance.

The Lords of the Admiralty have ordered the copper sheathing to be taken off several ships in the navy, to whose timbers and planking it has proved very prejudicial.

AUGUST 12. It is said that Governor Pownall and General Tryon, are to have the two ribbons, now vacant by the death of Sir Charles Montague and Lord Inchiquin.

AUGUST 14. The divisions in the cabinet for and against a war with France stood as under:

For a war.	Against it.
Lord George Germaine,	Lord North,
Lord Suffolk,	Lord Mansfield,
Lord Barrington,	Lord Weymouth,
Lord Gower,	Lord Nugent,
Mr. Weddeburne,	Mr. Jenkinson,
Mr. Rigby,	Mr. Ellis.

Against it, the KING.

CHARLESTOWN, Dec. 4.

TWO of the enemy's ships have been for some days past seen off the coast. They are said to be the Lizard, Capt. Mackenzie, of 28 guns, and the Perseus, Capt. Elphinstone, of 20.

By Capt. Coombes, who arrived yesterday in seven weeks from Nantz, we have accounts of a letter of marque brig belong-

ing to this port, having taken and carried into France the ship Manning, Capt. Brewer, bound from Jamaica for London, with 700 hogheads of rum and sugar.

IN CONGRESS, November 4, 1777.  
RESOLVED, That his Excellency Governor Caswell, of North Carolina, be requested to erect a monument of the value of five hundred dollars, at the expence of these United States, in honour of the memory of Brigadier General Francis Nash, who fell in the battle of Germantown on the 4th day of October, 1777, bravely contending for the independence of his country.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of Congress in their own name, and in behalf of the inhabitants of the Thirteen United States, be presented to Major General Gates, Commander in Chief in the northern department, and to Major Generals Lincoln and Arnold, and the rest of the officers and troops under his command, for their brave and successful efforts in support of the independence of their country, whereby an army of the enemy of ten thousand men has been totally defeated; one large detachment of it strongly posted and intrenched, having been conquered at Bennington; another repulsed with loss and disgrace from Fort Mifflin, and the main army of six thousand men, under Lieutenant General Burgoyne, after being beaten in different actions, and driven from a formidable post and strong intrenchments, reduced to the necessity of surrendering themselves, upon terms honourable and advantageous to these States on the 17th day of October last, to Major General Gates; and that a medal of gold be struck under the direction of the board of war, in commemoration of this great event, and in the name of these United States presented by the president to Major General Gates.

RESOLVED, That Congress have an high sense of the merit of Colonel Green, and the officers and men under his command, in their late gallant defence of the fort at Red-Bank, on Delaware River; and that an elegant sword be provided by the board of war, and presented to Colonel Green.

RESOLVED, That Congress have an high sense of the merit of Lieutenant Colonel Smith, and the officers and men under his command, in their late gallant defence of Fort Mifflin, on the river Delaware; and that an elegant sword be provided by the board of war, and presented to Lieutenant Colonel Smith.

RESOLVED, That Congress have an high sense of the merit of Commodore Hazlewood, the commander of the naval force on Delaware river, in the service of the common-wealth of Pennsylvania, and of the officers and men under his command, in their late gallant defence of their country against the British fleet, whereby two of their men of war were destroyed, and four others compelled to retire; and that an elegant sword be provided by the marine committee, and presented to Commodore Hazlewood.

Extract from the minutes,

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'y.

STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA.

By his EXCELLENCY

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

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS it appears by the petition of Captain John Shepherd, that sundry persons living near Occacock Bar, have unlawfully possessed themselves of a large quantity of goods, the property of said Shepherd, and part of the cargo of the snow Diamond, lately wrecked there: therefore in order to prevent such practices, and punish the perpetrators, agreeable to the laws of this State, I do, agreeable to resolve of the general Assembly, issue this Proclamation, hereby offering a reward of fifty pounds to any white freeman who will, on oath, inform the Attorney General of this State, of the names and places of abode of all or any of the aforesaid persons.

GIVEN under my hand, and seal at arms, at Newbern, the tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, and in the second year of the independence of the said State.

RICHARD CASWELL.

By his Excellency's command.

JAMES GLASGOW Sec'y.

STATE of NORTH-CAROLINA.

His Excellency RICHARD CASWELL, Esq; Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of the said State.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS it hath been certified to me, that the following persons have been appointed clerks of the superior courts of law within this State, to wit: John Cook, Esq; for