

lamentation and woe, throughout America, because her virtuous  
 refuse to be the slaves of Britain. I not only see the justice of  
 even in thus insatiating Britain, but I see also its mercy and good-  
 to mankind; for it at once will deprive that proud, cruel and  
 useful nation, of the ability to tyrannize over other nations, and  
 by leading America through the wilderness from the house of  
 bondage, establish it in the land that floweth with milk and honey,  
 in a state of independence, liberty and peace. These blessings,  
 which Great Britain (as she proudly called herself) could only have  
 an idea of, the glorious united American states will substanti-  
 ally enjoy, and their bright example diffuse throughout the habitable  
 world. Tyrants, warned by the fate of George the Third, will rule  
 with milder sway, and make their wretched subjects smile. Man-  
 kind will shortly know that the laws alone should rule, and that  
 magistrates are to execute the laws for the good of the  
 people, and are accountable to the people for their conduct, and will no  
 longer suffer the lust or wild ambition of a single man to plunge them  
 into destructive bloody wars, nor will they longer suffer bigotry and  
 persecution to make a Gorgon of religion's beautiful face, and fix it  
 as a brazen shield. All will be peace, harmony, and  
 happiness; blessed state! into which mankind is to be brought by our means,  
 as we all as Heaven has plainly directed; but if we slight her invi-  
 tations and instructions we shall suffer disgrace, infamy, and misery.  
 Let it be expressed, and a more virtuous generation after us will finish  
 the mighty work which we shamefully deserted and left undone. But,  
 Heaven be praised, the glorious work is far advanced, and if the  
 demon of America does not possess too many American breasts, this cam-  
 paign may finish it.

AN AMERICAN.

Extract from a late London paper.

Lord Mulgrave, in the Ardent man of war, took the other day, on  
 his cruise in the channel of Dutch vessels, with 300 barrels of gun-  
 powder on board, no part of which was to be found in her bills of  
 lading. On board her were likewise several French officers of dis-  
 tinction, and a German Count, disguised as mariners, who were dis-  
 covered, it seems, by one of them being heard to speak elegant French.  
 Finding they could no longer conceal themselves, they went down into  
 the cabin, and soon after came up dressed in their French uniforms,  
 denied they were bound for America and insisted upon being released,  
 as officers of the King of France. Lord Mulgrave, however, refus-  
 ed to release them, but told them, that if they expected to be treated  
 like gentlemen, they must honourably confess the errand on which they  
 were going, for that he was convinced their intended voyage was to  
 join the rebel forces in America. This had the desired effect, for it  
 extorted from them a confession, that they had each of them received  
 commissions from the Congress, and on their landing at Boston, were  
 to have been invested with separate commands of great consequence.

TRENTON, March 25:

YESTERDAY Major General LEE passed through Bordentown,  
 from New York, on his way to Philadelphia, where, it is  
 said, he is likely to be exchanged.

Extract of a letter from Martinico, dated February 8.

"The last advices from Europe mention that the Grand Signior  
 has given orders to seize all the Russian vessels in the different ports of  
 his dominions, and that war was expected to be declared between  
 those two powers in a very short time; likewise that the port of Lis-  
 bon would be shut from the first of January, 1778, against all arm-  
 ed vessels belonging to his Britannic Majesty."

NEWBERN, May 1.

SINCE our last, the General Assembly now sitting here, proceeded  
 to the appointment of continental delegates, when the choice fell  
 on Cornelius Harnett, and John Penn, Esqrs. and the Hon. John  
 Williams, Esq; speaker of the house of commons; which office vacat-  
 ing his seat in that house, the Hon. Thomas Benbury, Esq; was  
 unanimously elected to the chair in his room, and seated accord-  
 ingly.

The Assembly have passed a bill for filling up the several regiments  
 of this state, and have offered a bounty of a hundred dollars for vol-  
 unteers, otherwise every regiment to ballot their quota of men, with  
 a bounty of fifty dollars.

We are advised by letters from Congress, that General Burgoyne,  
 by the force of many letters, written in a different style from his pro-  
 clamations, has at last obtained leave to go home, where he may, in  
 his own proper person, give his haughty court a more descriptive ac-  
 count of the battle of Saratoga, and the prowess of Morgan's rifle-  
 men.

STATE of NORTH CAROLINA.

By his EXCELLENCY

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

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the demands of the army of the United States  
 of America make it necessary that the exportation of  
 provisions be prohibited; I have therefore thought proper, in

in pursuance of a resolve of the general Assembly, to issue this  
 proclamation hereby prohibiting the exportation of corn, pease,  
 flour, pork, bacon and beef, out of this State, by land or by  
 water after this date, except such as shall be sent thereout  
 for the use of the continental army, or any troops sent out of  
 this State, and such quantity as may be really necessary for the  
 crew of any vessel going out on a voyage or cruise, and such as  
 may be purchased by the agents of the United States, as sea-  
 stores for any vessels in the continental service on a voyage or  
 cruise.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal at Arms, at Newbern, the  
 17th Day of April, in the Year of our Lord 1778, and in  
 the second Year of our Independence.

RICHARD CASWELL.

By his Excellency's Command,

J. GLASGOW, Sec.

## ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOBBS, APRIL 20, 1778.

RUN away from the Subscriber, about the Middle of Au-  
 gust last, a new negro fellow who answers to the name of  
 PETER, about 5 feet 5 inches high, about 40 years of age,  
 can't or won't speak English, has a small hole in one of his ears,  
 is remarkable for making snuff, and taking it off one of his  
 thumbs, and had on a coarse frock. Whoever delivers him to  
 me, or secures him in any gaol that I may get him, shall have  
 5l. reward.

BENJAMIN CASWELL.

RUN away from the Subscriber in Bladen county, a negro man  
 named CAESAR, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, about 20  
 years of age, tolerable well set, has a scar on one of his hips, and I  
 believe has lost one of his fore teeth. He was seen on Cape Fear,  
 making northwardly, is very sensible, and has some papers or letters  
 by which he passes, pretending to be going on my business. A reward  
 of 10l. will be given to any person who shall apprehend and confine  
 him in any gaol in this state, so as I get him, or shall execute him ac-  
 cording to law, he being outlawed the 14th of April 1778.

THOMAS AMIS.

FOR sale, at the next superior court to be held for the district of  
 Newbern, a tract of land situate on Trent, in Craven county,  
 known by the name of the Tuckahoe meadows. For terms apply at  
 the abovementioned time, at Newbern.

JAS. IRDELL.

NEWBERN, April 24.

THIS is to inform Usebious Stone, that a tract of land and  
 stock of cattle, was left to him by Marmaduke Norfleet,  
 deceased, late of Northampton County, and that on his making  
 application to the subscribers or either of them, he may receive  
 the same.

REUBEN NORFLEET.

W. BAKER.

J. HOGUN.

NEWBERN, April 24.

MADE his escape from the deputy sheriff of Craven Coun-  
 ty, on the 20th instant, William Alcock, who was taken  
 on a writ at the suit of Edward Boucher Hodges. Whoever ap-  
 prehends and delivers him to me shall have twenty shillings re-  
 ward.

JOHN KENNEDY.

HALIFAX, March 14.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERTED from me the 12th instant on their march for  
 Halifax, two soldiers belonging to the 5th battalion of  
 this state, William Watson and Charles Peters, Watson has desert-  
 ed five times, he has also cost the public twenty odd pounds  
 for taking him up, and jail fees, he is about five feet ten inches  
 high, dark complected, black hair, lives on or near Bay river,  
 below Newbern. Peters is an East-India Indian, formerly the  
 property of Mr. Thomlinson in Newbern. Whoever delivers one  
 or both of the above deserters to me at Bath or to any continent-  
 al officer, taking their receipt for the same, shall have the a-  
 bove reward.

BEN. STEADMAN.

## BUCKSKIN

STANDS at my plantation in Pitt County this season, to  
 cover mares at the moderate price of ten dollars the season,  
 or fifteen dollars to insure. He is full blood, six years old, up-  
 wards of five feet high, of a good colour, and beautifully mark-  
 ed. He is of as good a breed as any in America, strong,  
 healthy, and well proportioned. Good pasturage for mares  
 gratis.

EDWARD SALTER.