

what would be the effect of that independency? I cannot see into futurity; but it is big with many possible evils. Independency, with a cordial love between us, is one thing; with an union with our enemies fatal. From their independency a danger arises from a great naval power; a danger also to our other possessions. I do not think that we should yield to it, till our resources are much lowered. Independency is not beneficial to America. She cannot be so happy, so easy, cannot have such personal liberty, as if she remains dependent on us. If independent, she must be loaded with heavy burthens, more heavy than she had; her personal liberty will not be so great. Her present situation, as compared with ours, is ten times more grievous. Her farmers are ruined; when all the necessaries of life sell at prices the most high, they are compelled to sell the produce of their land at a small price in comparison. I was assured that at Albany, tea, a necessary article there, sold a 16 dollars per pound; at salt at 30 dollars per bushel. Thinking that men in this situation will be inclined to peace upon just and reasonable terms, I move the house for leave to bring in two bills, &c. &c.

Draughts of the two bills were accordingly brought in by his lordship, which will be inserted in our next, together with the resolutions of Congress on the matter. The honourable board have taken up, and fully entered into the spirit and intentions of this insidious plan, again circulated by the emissaries of that haughty and imperious court, with a view, if possible to delude us into a fatal security, and remission of our strenuous efforts, in our justifiable defence; and have thereupon unanimously resolved, that the united states cannot hold any conference or treaty with any commissioners on the part of Great-Britain, unless they shall, as the first preliminary, withdraw their fleets and armies, or else, in positive and express terms, acknowledge the independence of the said states. To which, may all the friends of American liberty say, amen, amen!

By letters from Congress, which may be depended on, General Howe is certainly recalled, and his stud will be succeeded by General Clinton. That great commotions have happened in Philadelphia among the soldiery and Tories, on the apprehension of a change of measures; which will stop the sanguinary chiefs from their beloved object, the shedding American blood, and put the Tories in a situation to make an atonement for their manifold sins and wickednesses wantonly exercised against their brethren.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS.

**D**ESERTED from Col. Charioll's regiment, in the service of this state, a soldier named Marc Clement, a native of France, about 5 feet 5 inches high, dark complexion, has seven scars on his left hand, occasioned by fire, speaks bad English. Whoever secures said deserter in any gaol of this state, or delivers him to the commanding officer at Newbern, shall have five pounds reward.

**R**UN away from the subscriber at Wilmington in June 1776, a negro fellow named Prince, 5 feet 6 inches high, 20 years of age, slim bodied and large legs, wants one or more of his fore teeth, marked with the smallpox and whisp. Party desired will be given to any person that will secure said negro so that I may get him. Campbellton, May 1. ROBERT ROWAN.

**I**GAVE a bond to Mr. John Kinchen of Hillsborough in 1775, payable in January 1778, which bond the said Kinchen endorsed to Mr. Mc Nair, the 1st of March in Hillsborough; this is to desire Mr. Mc Nair, or his agents to produce the said bond to me, as I am ready to discharge it, and will not after this pay any interest on the said bond; Also a note to John Cruden, which was payable in 1776, this is to desire the said Cruden, or his agents to produce the said note, as I am now ready to discharge the same, and will not after this pay any interest. Cape Fear, May 1. ROGER MOORE.

**T**O BE SOLD a small schooner, 35 tons burthen, now lying at Newbern, well fitted, sails exceeding well, provisions now on board for a voyage, she has been a privateer in the present war. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms and see an inventory of her, by applying to me. WILLIAM GOOD.

N. B. The said vessel is ready to take freight, if not sold.

**T**AKEN up by the subscriber a negro fellow who says his name formerly was Tom, but now he says his name is Scipio, will not or cannot tell his master's name, or give any further account of himself, he had nothing on but an old piece of breeches when taken up. The owner is desired to prove him his property, pay charges, and take him away. Wilmington, April 29. JOHN BURRUSS.

N. B. He was advertised in the North Carolina Gazette, by the name of Tom, in 1776.

DOBBS, APRIL 20, 1778.

**R**UN away from the Subscriber, about the Middle of August 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.

**R**UN 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 according to law, he being outlawed the 14th of April 1778. THOMAS AMIS.

**F**OR 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 above-mentioned time, at Newbern. JAS. IREDELL.

**T**HIS is to inform Ufebios 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.

**M**ADE his escape from the deputy sheriff of Craven County, on the 20th instant, William Alcock, who was taken on a writ at the suit of Edward Boucher Hodges. Whoever apprehends and delivers him to me shall have twenty shillings reward. JOHN KENNEDY.

**D**ESERTED 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 deserted 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 complexioned, 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 officer, taking their receipt for the same, shall have the above reward. BEN. STEADMAN.

**B**UCKSKIN 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, upwards of five feet high, of a good colour, and beautifully marked. He is of as good a breed as any in America, strong, healthy, and well proportioned. Good pasturage for mares gratis. EDWARD SALTER. NEWBERN, April 3.

**R**UN away from this place a negro fellow named Salem, about 5 feet 9 inches high, luty and well made, speaks good English, and is used to the river trade; had on when he went away a green jacket, dirty trowsers, blue stockings, new shoes, white metal buckles, and a chip hat; he is supposed to have gone down the river, as he took with him a small boat marked on the stern H. S. Whoever brings the said slave to boat to Newbern, shall have the above reward. FRANCES BATCHELOR.

**T**AKEN up by the subscriber, near musselshell, a large mare, of a brown colour, about 8 years old, branded with A on the off buttock, and shoulder, paces slow. The owner proving his property, and paying charges, may have her of ELISHA STAFFORD.

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