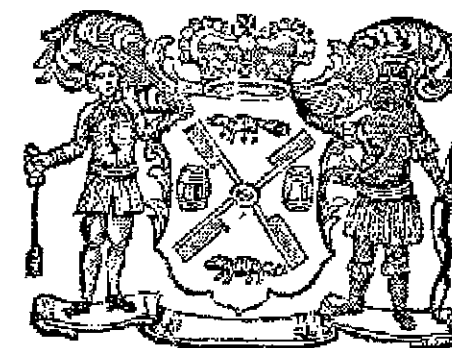


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his respective place of abode; for which an allowance of one penny per mile is to be made, without rations or subsistence. The sums due on the said rolls, to be attested by the oaths or affirmations of the respective Captains or Commanding Officers, and certified by one of their Field Officers: And the Paymaster in Philadelphia, is hereby directed to discharge the said rolls, on certificates being produced from the Commissary of stores, at the flying camp; and in the city, of the redelivery of such of the public stores as have been received by the companies aforesaid, or the regiments to which they respectively belong, or upon deducting the amount thereof from the pay of those who have not returned them.

Extract from the minutes, CHARLES TOMSON, Secretary.

Next Week will be Published, And Sold by HUGH GAINÉ, HUTCHINS Improved:

Being an ALMANACK For the Year 1777.

FIFTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of the pasture of the subscriber, living in Hardy's Town, Sussex County, New Jersey, on the night of the 28th inst. A dark bay horse, near fourteen hands high, branded on the near shoulder D. has a bald face and three white feet, is seven years old; supposed to be stolen by a man calling himself John Cooper, but probably may change his name, as he has sometimes gone by the name of John Hoffman. He had on a woollen check shirt, over a white linen one, a grey cloth double breasted jacket. He also stole a mixed blue and white cloth coat; so that it is probable he will change his dress. He is about five feet eight inches high, of a dark complexion, and has black straight hair, is a well built fellow, but has something of a down look, and is marked a little with the small pox and has a scar above his left eye; speaks both English and German, and is of German extraction. Whoever takes up and secures said horse and thief, so that the owner gets the horse, and the thief is brought to justice, shall receive the above reward, or Ten Dollars for the horse only, besides all reasonable charges paid by

Sept. 30, 1776. PETER MARTIN. N.B. Was stolen from a neighbour the same night a half worn saddle and bridle.

MISSING since the first of last September 1776, a brown hair trunk, pretty much wore, containing a large quantity of very good apparel, and sundry other things of value. A camp bedstead in a bag, a mattress bed, bolster and pillows, together with a quilt, counterpane, and three sheets tied up in four pieces, marked on each article with ink H S T, and a blue flowered paper band box also, containing papers of consequence to none but the owner. A cartman at New York, was ordered to put them in a ferry boat for Powles-Hook, and has affirmed that he did: But as no intelligence hath yet been obtained of their being sent this way, it is supposed, thro' mistake he has put them on board some other boat bound the other way on the North River, but to what place is uncertain. It is not doubted that, but if they have fallen into honest hands they will be glad of this information, which will give them an opportunity of knowing the proprietor, who has nothing else scarce left out of the ruins of New York, (all other her effects remaining there) and therefore their compassion is interceded to return them or give intelligence how to send for them by a line directed to Mrs. Stakes at Bordentown, and whatever may be the charge or demand as reward, they may depend on ample satisfaction.

To be Sold, on reasonable Terms, AN excellent farm, with a good log house, one well, one boiling spring, two hay barracks, twenty acres choice meadow, forty acres woodland; the most valuable timber; forty five acres upland, and one orchard containing ninety-nine apple trees. The whole in good fence. Inquire of the subscriber, living on said farm, who will give an indisputable title, and clear from all incumbrances. PETER COURTER.

Perfippeny, Morris County, Oct. 15th. N.B. The above farm is three miles from Morris Town.

The Public is hereby notified, THAT the linen and thread manufactory belonging to the state of New York, is removed to the store of Mr. William Provott in Hackensack, where flax and tow is given out to spin, and yarn to weave. Flax is also given out by Mr. Lefslé, tavern-keeper at Acquacanack bridge. Spinners at a distance may be supplied with a considerable quantity of flax at a time. Two journeyman weavers who are masters of their business, are wanted at said factory.

Thirty Shilling Reward. STOLEN or strayed out of the pasture of Mr. David Howell, about four miles above Trenton, on the night of the 13th inst. A bay horse about 14 hands high, has a white stripe down his face, both hind feet white, 4 years old; paces, trots and canters well; he carries his hind legs wide on a canter, and draws them a little. Whoever takes up the said horse and secures him that the owner may have him again, shall receive Thirty Shillings reward for the horse, or Three Pounds if the horse and thief is secured, so that he may be brought to justice, shall be paid by the subscriber, living in Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey, or by David Howell, near Trenton.

ISRAEL WARD

Wanted to hire, A Servantman, or lad of 17 or 18 years of age, white or black, who can be well recommended for sobriety and honesty, who can take care of a horse, and do the occasional work of a small family. Such one by applying to the printer, may hear of a snug birth for the winter.

TAKEN up a few days since in the neighborhood of Hackensack, two stray horses. The owner may have them again, proving his property, and paying charges, by applying to the subscriber, living in Old Hackensack. ADAM BOYD

LOST some time since in Bergen, a bag containing a blue outside coat with a red cape, a uniform coat turned up with red, with two golden epaulets on it, a chocolate coloured waistcoat with sleeves; besides some other articles of wearing apparel. The owner has been informed that a private in Col. Paschal or Duyckinck's battalion has them in possession. A handsome reward will be given to the person who will leave them at Mr. Josiah Pierfon's tavern, in Newark; but if they should be detained with a design to defraud the right owner, Ten Dollars is offered to any person that shall discover the foldier who had them in possession at Bergen. Newark, October 20, 1776

To be LET, or SOLD, A Convenient Retirement, within 15 Miles of Hackensack, consisting of a Dwelling-House, Store House, Stables a Garden, and about 20 Acres of Land, with good Range for Cattle, &c. Enquire of the Printer.

STRAYED from the pasture of Mr. Mathias Wynants, of Chatham, in New Jersey, about 3 weeks since a banded heffer, with a calf about 9 weeks old at the time. Her marks a half crop on the underfide of her left ear; she is supposed to have gone toward Raway or Woodbridge with several other creatures that broke out of a pasture together, and probably is somewhere on the road. She is the property of Ezekeal Ball, and whoever takes the said heffer and calf, and returns them to the owner shall have two dollars reward, paid by Mr. Mathias Wynants, or Dr. Ball at Chatham, or the owner at Tufkin Hall, at Newark Farms. EZEKEAL BALL Who has an excellent CHAIR HORSE to dispose of.

Mr. MERCEREAU'S STAGE COACH

Sets out from Mr. Pierfon's at Newark, next Tuesday Morning the 22d Instant, to perform as usual; but the great Scarcity and Difficulty in obtaining Feed for his Horses obliges him to inform the Public that he must raise the Price from 30s. to 35s. in the Coach, from Newark to Philadelphia; and from 20s. to 25s. Proc. in the Waggon, which will perform as heretofore.

This is to forewarn all Persons from trusting Sarah, the Wife of John Thompson of Goshen, as he will pay no Debts of her contracting from this Date, she having eloped from his Bed and Board. Octo, 19, 1776

Four Dollars Reward. STRAYED OR STOLEN from the subscriber, out of the English neighbourhood, near Fort Constitution, on the North River, a small black horse, three years old last spring, paces and will sometimes trot, thin tail and is very scary on the road; no brand or mark that is now remembered; but has a gald on his back, lately hurt with the faddle. Whoever will secure said horse, and will send a line to the subscriber, now near Eastchester, with Colonel Read's regiment, or to Captain Samuel Warren, of the same regiment, in Newark, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges.

WILLIAM ANNIN, Surgeon. N.B. If a letter is sent to Captain Warren let it be left at James Pierfon's inn keeper in Newark.

To be sold at public vendue on Thursday, the 7th day of Nov. next at Pluckemin, A GOOD large dwelling house two stories high, with a store house and kitchen adjoining, a good barn, and other out houses with several lots of land, with or without the house as it may best suit the purchaser; also a good grist mill with two pairs of the best sort of mill stones, with a lot of fifty acres of good land, great part thereof fine mowing ground; and a fast mill all in excellent order; also a quantity of hay and wheat in the sheaf, with all sorts of household furniture. The vendue to begin at 10 o'clock on said day, and to continue from day to day until all is sold, where due attendance will be given by SARAH GASTON Executrix. ALEXANDER MEOWEN Executor.

ANY persons that are acquainted with the method of casting cannon, mortars, shells and shot, and also the common sorts of hallow ware such as pots, kettles, & and are willing to go to North Carolina, may have extraordinary encouragement by applying to a Delegate of that state in Philadelphia. The expenses of their removal will be defrayed by that state, and it is not doubted but that such persons as now undertake to go will find it very easy to procure good land for themselves and families as there are many thousand acres of vacant land convenient to the works.

To his Excellency WILLIAM LIVINGSTON Esq; Governor, Capt. General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of New Jersey, and Territories thereunto belonging, chancellor and ordinary in the same.

The ADDRESS of the ASSEMBLY of the said State.

May it please your Excellency, WHILEST we anticipate the blessing of a government founded on freedom, having for its sole object happiness of the people, it affords the most pleasing reflection that all our measures for attaining that great end are strongly marked with deliberation and firmness, and will bear the sufficient scrutiny of reason and conscience. To those disposed to trace the hand of approving Heaven in our deliverance from the galling yoke of slavery, the unparalleled unanimity of the American States in resisting the encroachment of despotism, and refusing the insidious offers of precarious peace; the rejection of our petitions, though fraught with unrefuted reasoning and clear demonstration, joined to the infatuated policy of our enemy, and the success of our arms, afford the most unequivocal marks of Providential Agency; whilst our willingness even to relinquish some of our indubitable rights for the sake of peace; our patience under repeated injuries and insults; the declaration of our rights, and consequent independence, long delayed: plainly evince to the impartial world our aversion to shedding human blood. But, compelled by the insatiable plunderers of the east to assert our freedom, we have burst the bands of political slavery, and arisen into a life of liberty. Thus situate, we cannot evince more fully to the world the purity of our intentions, and our sense of the value of our purchase, than by placing in the most conspicuous points of view those Gentlemen who have taken an early and decisive part in our glorious struggle for freedom.

Our conviction of the rectitude of your Excellency's intentions stands impressed by your appointment to the office of Chief Magistrate of this free State. But while we feel our own inadequacy to the business assigned us by our country, we must acknowledge with your Excellency, that your talk is arduous indeed! and intreat you to look up, with us, to the indulgent Parent of the Universe, who, when the end proposed is stamped with his approbation, can make the abilities keep pace with the will.

Convinced, with your Excellency, of the necessity of a well-regulated militia for the defence of a free State, and of their being duly paid for their service, our earliest attention shall be given to that most important business; and permit us, Sir, to assure you, that whilst we have ought to bestow, the voice of murmuring for services unpaid, or merit unrewarded, shall not be heard in this State.

If, in fixing the seat of government according to the local circumstances and convenience of the various parts of this State, we should appoint a place agreeable to your Excellency, it will double our satisfaction. The law mentioned, and such other salutary regulations as may occur to your Excellency during this session, when communicated to us, shall meet with all due attention.

Your obliging mention of the importance of the station in which the uncorrupted voice of our constituents hath placed us, demands our acknowledgments, and will, we hope, spirit us to such exertions in our duty, as may redound to the benefit of the State: And we assure you, with sincerity, that, laying aside all private attachments and resentment, it shall be our study to cultivate that harmony between the branches of the Legislature that spirit of oeconomy, industry and patriotism so justly recommended and so essential to the public welfare; and that whilst our heaven-directed Generals and Soldiers with an ardour peculiar to freemen brave the dangers of well fought fields, against a lawless sons of rapine and plunder, our shall be the important talk, in conjunction with your Excellency and the Honourable Council, to give our cool deliberations and useful resolves, the most unambiguous marks of that spirit which ought to animate a senate of freemen.

We hope that no situation in life can make us lose sight of that evident truth so loudly proclaimed in the historic page, that dissoluteness of manners and political corruption are inseparable companions in the destruction of kingdoms; whilst the concurring testimony of the inspired penman will enforce on the most obdurate heart that "righteousness exhaleth a nation to but that sense a reproach to any people." Determined to employ the talents given in procuring and transforming in fully to posterity the fair inheritance of civil and religious liberty though brought at the price of life, we will look, for the permanency and stability of our new government, to him who bringeth princes to

nothing and teacheth senators wisdom. By order of the House, JOHN HART, Speaker Sept. 24, 1776,

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply.

Gentlemen, YOUR kind and affectionate address deserves my cordial thanks; and I feel myself most agreeably affected with your obliging assurances of paying all due attention to the laws and regulations recommended to your consideration.

I heartily participate with you in the pleasure of tracing that conspicuous Providential Agency, which has hitherto frustrated the sanguinary purposes of our enemies; and which that it is not more generally and devoutly acknowledged; these greatly to be deplored. But while with pious gratitude we surveyed the frequent interpositions of heaven in our behalf, we ought to remember that as the disbelief of an over-ruling Providence, is atheism, so an absolute confidence of having our deliverance wrought out by the immediate hand of God, without our own exertions, is the most culpable presumption. Let us therefore inflexibly persevere in exerting our most strenuous efforts in an humble and rational dependence on the great Governor of the World, and we have the fairest prospect of surmounting all our difficulties, and of seeing our mercilefs oppressors involved in that destruction which they have so long been mediating for others.

PHILADELPHIA, October 16. Extract the letter from Cape Nicolea Mole, dated Sept. 8th.

"The French here are to a man in favor of America. There are 40,000 men in this island, 1000 here, who, with 500 Negroes, are busily employed in building forts, and a French war is inevitable. A French frigate arrived the other day from France, with orders to the General to protect American vessels. A pilot boat belonging to a Merchant in Philadelphia, was taken the day before yesterday, and sent to Jamaica; a French frigate of 36 guns and a guarda costa, which last hoisted Continental Colours were immediately sent after her, with orders to follow her into Port Royal harbour, if they could not overtake her before, and demand her; what will be the consequences time will discover."