MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, April 1, 1756.

of dans Handel County. Oxford, February 9, 1756. e SOLD, at Oxford, on reasonable Terms, r Bills, Current Money, Tobacco, Wheat, Corn, ad short Credit,

JOHN RAITT, Sheriff

Annapolis, February 18, 1756. OTICE is hereby given, That the Sub-feriber will give conflant Attendance, at his

e in Annapolis, every Wednesday and Thurs-besore the Tenth of April next, to receive all ey due from the Inhabitants of this County Public Levies. And as he has farmed his

ships Quit-Rents for this County, he is in es every Person concerned will take Care to

cioned in their Patents (which are the 25th of the and 25th of September yearly), as it will ent Trouble (as well as Expence) to them-s and Their most humble Servant;

HE Stock in Trade of Richard Gildari, Esq; and Sons, of Liverpool, Merchants. Persons inclin'd to purchase are defired soon to y to the Subscriber, who intends for England in the next Summer, and gives this public ice to all those who have any Demands on the Company, or himself, or are in Arrears to er, that they may come and fettle their respec-Accounts, and avoid further Trouble to themes, and THOMAS BRERETON.

be SOLD for Bills of Exchange, or Sterling

Money,
TRACT of Land containing 190 Acres,
lying on the South Side of Magethy River,
ated very pleafant and convenient for Fishing Fowling, and within 5 Miles of Annapolis, recon is a good Dwelling-House, Kitcheu, at-House, a Negro Quarter, two Corn-Houses, arden, well-paled in, and two Orchards.

Also a young Negro Wench, a Negro Girl, a Negro Boy a Negro Boy.

for Terms apply to the Printer hereof.

TO BE SOLD,

Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,

HE following Tracts and Parcels of Land,

viz. Pover's Content, art of The Inclosure, art of Goodluck, 89 445 | Acres: life, - - . Beall's Chance, ather's Gift, Bread and Cheefe Hall,

These are all adjoining, and make a Body of ice well timbered Land, whereon are Three natations, with good Orchards, lying in Prince of Upper-Marlborough, and fix of the Eastern

neb Ferry. Coupper, art of Laybill, Beall's Reserve, rumeldry,

The Four last mentioned lie in Beall's Neck, in derick County, not above twelve Miles from densburg, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-

Also 459 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tracted Allison's Park, lying likewise in Frederick inty, on or near a Branch, called and known, the Name of Captain John's Branch.

any Person inclinable to purchase Part of the first ntioned feven Tracts, lying in Prince George's inty, may have the Quantity defired, provided e taken so as not to incommode the remaining t, to render it unserviceable, or prejudice the thereof; and likewife, any Part of the feveral as, in Frederick County, in like Manner. he Title and Terms may be known, by ap-ng to the Subscriber, or to Jessas Beall, junior,

ng on Ackokick, near Piscataway, in Prince-JOHN BEALL, junior. ge's County. J. B. Time will be given for the Payment of

, on good Security, if required.

it his Office in Charles-street; s. 6 d. per Year. Advertisethe first Week, and One Shilling We hope the following Narrative of the Sufferings and surprizing Deliverance of William and Elizabeth Pleming, who were taken Captives by Captain Jacob, Commander of the Indians, who lately made an Excursion on the Inhabitants of the Great-Cove near Conococheague, in Pennsylvania, as related by themselves, will be agreeable to our Readers.

FLEMING, (who was taken about the first of No-vember last) after giving a small Account of the Escape of one Burns, who was taken by the Indians, goes on:

WAS in the Neighbourhood where * Burns gave the above Relation, seven Miles from my own Home, and tho' many who heard him, treated it as only the groundless Surmises of the Timorous, having too favourable an Opinion of the friendly Attachment of these Indians to this Province; yet I was determined however not to be too Fool-hardy, but hasten home, and remove my Wife and Effects to a neighbouring Fort. But, alas! by the Time I had got within two Miles of my House, two Indians started from behind the Root of a Tree, close by the Way Side, and had hold of my Horse by the Bridle by the Time I well faw them. They commanded me to alight, very complaifantly shook Hands, and told me (for they could speak good English) I must go with them: But Oh! what Tongue can utter the Horror and Confusion which in an Instant overwhelmed me, on finding myfelf in the very Hands of those I was flying to avoid: I stood trembling and speechless for some Time, which my Enemies, savage as they were, took Notice of, and endeavoured to encourage me, by clapping me feveral Times on the Shoulder, and bidding me not be afraid, for as I looked young and lufty, they would not hurt me, provided I was willing to go with them, and promise to stand by them, in Case they should be attack'd by the English in our future Proceedings: One of them who was pretty well dreffed, told me his Name was Capt. Jacob, and that he was Capt. over the Indians in that Expedition, being fifty in all: He said he knew I could be of Service in leading him to those Houses that were most Defenceless; and added, that if I proved faithful, he would use me well, and said, that tho' he was Captain over the aforesaid Indians, yet he had only one with him, and they were afraid to venture on Houses that had many Inhabitants, and that he would spare my Life on Condition I would help.

Upon these fair Promises I began to recover my

Senses, and finding I must either act the Part he had affign'd me; or submit to the most cruel Torture, I concluded it most expedient to do the former, remembering the faying in Job, All that a Man hath will be give for his Life: But when I reflected on the Part I had undertaken to act, when I considered the dreadful Consequences of my Information, I was grieved beyond Measure, and led the Way more like a condemn'd Criminal to meet his Fate, than one that had a Promise of Life and Happines: Besides the Thoughts of leaving my poor dear Wife for ever, without being able to inform her of my Fate, or her own Danger, almost distracted me. My Master perceiving me dejected, and somewhat backward in my Intelligence, concluded I should be more

Burns bad been taken Prisoner by the Delaware Indians fome Time before Fleming, and was carried to the Wigwams, but being one Day sent to a Spring for Water, with an Indian Guard, in returning, he Stopped under Presence of tying bis Mockasbeens which were loofe, till the Indian who was his Guard got ent of Sight; when he immediately mounted a Horse nigh at Hand, and rode full Speed to the inhabited Parts of the Province.

This obliged me, tho' with Reluctance, to confess I had a Wife not many Miles off, and that all my Concern was for her; upon which he told me he was glad to hear that, for they wanted a Woman to make Bread for them, and therefore infifted on my leading them to my House: Tho' indeed from fome Part of their former Treatment, I had no Reason to expect any Arguments to induce me to a Compliance, in whatever they thought proper to demand, yet whatever might be the real Motive, they used several on this Occasion; one of which was, that it would be better to have her along with myself, than suffer her to stay where she was, as there was great Danger of some other Indians coming that Way, which if they did, she need expect no Mercy at their Hands; for he, Captain Jacob, had ordered his Indians to spare none but young Men and young Women. This Information quite revived me, and I was even glad of the Privilege of leading them that Way: I knew we had to pass by one Hicks's, who had a numerous Family of able young Men, and was in great Hopes of being rescued by them: But when we came within Sight of the House, they did not advance towards it as I expected, but passed by at a Distance, and then stopped to consider what was most proper to be done. Whilst we tarried here, it unfortunately happened that two of Hicks's Sons came out from Dinner, in order to work at an adjacent new Settlement: The Indians on feeing them ran behind Trees, and ordered me to do the same between them: I complied, but was in hopes these Two would be followed out by fome more of the Family, which might afford me an Opportunity of Escape; but my Hopes were soon frustrated, for they having no Suspicion of Danger, advanced carelessly on till the foremost came opposite to the Indian that stood nearest to me, who immediately fprung out and feiz'd and pinion'd the unhappy Victim. He fcreamed in a most piteous Manner for Help, but alas! there was none to be found. His Brother fled back to the House with the utmost Precipitation, whence not one would venture out. For my Part I was not in a Condition to afford the least Relief, not being allowed to carry even a Stick about me. They then hurried us away towards my House with the utmost Speed, fearing their new Captive might be released by his Relations.

The unhappy Youth not being accustomed to

fuch Treatment as he now met with; and not being apprized of the bad Consequences that might attend the least Resistance, discovered great Uneasiness, and could not be prevailed upon to keep filent: Had not the Indians been acquainted with the English Tongue, I should have thought it my Duty to admonish him to a Compliance with their capricious Humours, till Providence might favour us with an Opportunity of Escape: But as I could advance nothing to mitigate his Grief but what might tend to betray my Intentions, and convince my Enemies that I was not so taken with my present Way of Life, nor so much attached to their Interest as they imagined, I was obliged to be entirely filent, and leave him to their Manage-

Though they spoke all their Secrets in their own Language, I could plainly perceive Resentment kindle in their very Looks, which made me shudder and tremble for his Fate:---But why do I fay his, seeing my Life was as much at the Dis-posal of these merciless Wretches as his, and I had no Reason to expect but that when they began, we should equally fall a Sacrifice to their cruel Resentment :----All the Advantages I had to boast of superior to him were, that I had been longer in their Service, and had the Policy to

Trouble than Advantage to him, and began not only to alter his Conduct, but gave me to underfland that I was no longer at my own Disposal:

Confideration, I was at a Loss to determine. they would condescend to take these Things into Consideration, I was at a Loss to determine

We had now got within a Mile of my House, when my poor Wife should have employed all my Thoughts, had they not been diverted by my own melancholy Situation: For being now in the Midst of a confiderable Thicket, our Masters came to another Consultation concerning their future Proceedings. Which being done, one of them being placed near a Tree, ordered me to advance towards him, which I did with my usual Submission, not in the least suspecting his Design: But if I had, the least seeming Reluctance might have proved my Ruin. He then placed himself on the opposite Side of the Tree, ordered me to sit down with my Back to the Tree, and after pulling my Arms backwards round it, tied them with a Deer's Sinew, then put on Leather Muffs on my Hands to keep me from using my Fingers, and then tied them likewise together. I had the Mortification to find my Timudity only excited Ridicule and Laughter in my cruel Persecutors, who made Sport of my Miseries and mock'd at my Fears.

Being so intent upon my own Preservation, it may easily be imagined I could not be very attentive to the Fate of my unhappy Companion :. I faw him however feized by the Indian who was with Capt. Jacob, whose Name was Jim, who with remorfeles Cruelty gave him a Blow with the Back of his Tomahawk which stunn'd him; but before he fell, another was repeated in the same Manner, which brought him to the Ground, where he lay some Minutes motionless: The inhuman Wretch stood over him, in order to discover if any Signs of Life remain'd, and upon finding him stir, and put up his Hand to his Face to wipe of the Blood which quite blinded him, took up the same Tomahawk that had brought him thus near his End, and with one fatal Blow funk it in his Skull. This tragical Scene renewed their Sport, they affecting to imitate his expiring Agonies: There remained nothing now to complete their inhuman Barbarity but to fealth him. pleat their inhuman Barbarity but to scalp him, which was done almost in an Instant. It is impossible to describe my Horror on seeing this: Death, attended with its most frightful Terrors, stared me in the Face, and I even wished I had been so happy as to have been first out of Pain, and not lived to see what I undoubtedly thought next Moment would be my own Fate thus barbarously acted in that of my Companion. The cruel Monsters all over besmeared with his Blood advanced towards me, and told me with an Air'of Infult, nothing but my good Behaviour for the future, should save me from the same Treatment; and so untied my Hands, which were so benum'd that I hardly ever expected to be able to use them.

We now advanced again towards my House, and in a little Time came within Sight of it: But alas! with what Regret did I introduce my Guests to my poor Wife: She, poor Thing, upon seeing them, had like to have fallen into Fits. I gave her all the Consolation I was able, tho' Horror and Despair was visible in my very Looks: I told her, Cries and Tears would now avail nothing, and she could not better recommend herself to our Masters Favour than by being chearful, and ready to obey. Whilft I was thus employed the Indians were busied in ransacking the House from Top to Bottom, of every Thing they thought worth taking, and after they had made up a Sack of Meal for me, and a Bundle of Cloaths for my Wife to carry, commanded us to depart. Here our Grief again renewed on leaving our Honfe. Stock, Grain, and in short our All, behind us, without being able to depute any one to take Care of them in our Absence, or the most distant Prospect of ever returning to them. These Resections, however just, availed us Nocounterfeit a chearful Behaviour, whilst he conti- thing, for before we left Sight of the House, the