

S REWARD.
Dec. 17, 1771.
from the Subscribers
polis, a Negro Man,
about Forty Years of
age, wearing a Coat and
Jacket, Osnabrig
Hats, and a Pair of
ing him to his Master
paid by
S WALLINGSFORD.

Anapolis, Dec 16, 1771.
been solicited by se-
his Place, hereby gives
a Vendue House which
will receive Goods of all
es, which he will sell
Gentlemen whom
such an Undertaking,
will be taken to ren-
may at any Time re-
y stored, and at a very
will be on Saturday in
and Kind of Goods
lucky advertised.—
at a great Distance,
in that Way, are de-
Subcriber, living in
er Commands will be
ered with the greatest
mble Servant,

HILIP MERONEY.

ephia, May 13, 1771.
S T O R Y
e Publick in general
icular, that he has re-
for Busines, at the
tress, near the Court-
e has fitted up a con-
on Commission, on the
either there or at his
street, (upon certain
will be given) as may

ines as a Broker, to
european Goods, Bills of
ssels, Houses, Lands,
Busines as he may be
such low Terms, as
the Gentlemen, Mer-
ty, and those of the
ploy him.

n, his utmost Endeav-
re Satisfaction in the
any Busines that may
and the Favours con-
ly received and grate-
s, being acquainted
ry, are of Opinion,
bilities and Character,
execute the several
ntioned.

as & Isaac Wharton,
er Wharton,
el Morris, juur.
Wharton.

lody as Runaways
; the Man calls him-
; both say they be-
albot County. Their
ges and take them a-
RD THOMAS,
eriff of Cecil County.

July 19, 1771.
publick, and my kind
that I have lately
and compleat Assort-
and Country Goods,
le for Cash, Wheat,
Plank, and Feathers.
MICHAEL BURKE.

York, Jan. 22, 1771.
ster General, having
of Correspondence
rica) been pleased to
Station between Fal-
is hereby given, that
closed at the Post-
ve of the Clock at
n every Month, and
Day for Falmouth.
Master General.
OLDEN, Secretary.

the PRINTING-
RTISEMENTS,
. Long Ones
ls of BLANKS,
proper BONDS
RK performed

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1772.

A LETTER from J. H. M. to D. S.

O. M. has written a Letter
than I do, the number of
founding which is now
among the Friends of the
People, and divided them
each other. The Caute-
doubtless induced, as well by
the Diminution of their strength,
which Union comes with it,
as by the separate Lots of per-
sonal Reputation, which every Man retains, when his
Character and Conduct are frequently held forth in
various or contemptible Colours.—These Differences
only advantageous to the common Enemy of the
Country.—The hearty Friends of the Cause are pro-
tected and disgusted.—The Juke-ware Advocate avails
himself of any Pretence to relapse into that indolent
difference about every Thing that ought to interest
Englishman, so unskillfully dignified with the Title of
Moderation.—The false, insidious Partisan, who cre-
ates or foments the Disorder, sees the Fruit of his dis-
sident Industry ripen beyond his Hopes, and rejoices
the Promise of Banquet; only delicious to such an
appetite as his own.—It is Time for those, who
only mean the *Cause* and the *People*, who have no
new or private Advantage, and who have Virtue en-
ough to prefer the general Good of the Community
the Gratification of personal Animosities—it is Time
for such Men to interpose.—Let us try whether these
real Dissentions may not yet be reconciled; or, if that
impracticable, let us guard at least against the worst
Effects of Division, and endeavour to persuade these
dissident Partisans, if they will not consent to draw to-
gether, to be separately useful to that Cause, which
they all pretend to be attached to.—Honour and Ho-
nesty must not be renounced, although a Thousand
Nodes of Right and Wrong were to occupy the De-
rees of Morality between Zen and Epicurus. The
fundamental Principles of Christianity may still be pre-
served, though every zealous Sectary adheres to his
own exclusive Doctrine, and pious Ecclesiastics make
Part of their Religion to persecute one another.—

The Civil Constitution too, that legal Liberty, that
general Creed, which every Englishman professes, may
still be supported, though Wilkes, and Horne, and
Townsend, and Sawbridge, should obstinately refuse
to communicate, and even if the Fathers of the Church,
of Saville, Richmond, Camden, Rockingham, and
Chatham, should disagree in the Ceremonies of their
political Worship, and even in the Interpretation of
Twenty Texts in Magna Charta.—I speak to the
People as one of the People.—Let us employ these Men
in whatever Departments their various Abilities are
best suited to, and as much to the Advantage of the
common Cause as their different Inclinations will permit,
they cannot serve us, without essentially serving
themselves.

If Mr. Nas be elected, he will hardly venture, after
so recent a Mark of the personal Green of his Fellow-
Citizens, to declare himself immediately a Counter-
the Spirit and Activity of the Sheriff will, I hope, be
sufficient to counteract any sinister Intentions of the
Lord Mayor. In Collusion with their Virtue, perhaps
he may take Fire.

It is not necessary to exist from Mr. Wilkes the
Virtues of a Stoic. They were inconsistent with themselves, who, almost at the same Moment, represented
him as the basest of Mankind, yet seemed to expect
from him such Instances of Fortitude and Self-denial,
as would do Honour to an Apostle. It is however
Plattery to say, that he is obstinate, ignorant, and
fatile in Expedients.—That he has no noble Resource
but in the publick Favor, is, in my Judgment, a con-
siderable Recommendation of him. I will that every
Man, who pretended to Popularity, were in the same
Predicament. I will that a Return to St. James's
were not so easy and sudden, as some have found it.
To Mr. Wilkes there is no Accession of Power, none of
his Country constitutes the shield, which defends him
against a Thousand Dangers.—Invention would disarm
him. However, he may be misled by Passion as Im-
prudence, I think, he cannot be guilty of a deliberate
Treachery to the Publick.

I can more readily admit the liberal Spirit and In-
tegrity than the sound Judgment of any Man, who
prefers a republican Form of Government, in this or
any other Empire of equal Extent, to a Monarchy so
qualified and limited as ours. I am convinced that
neither is it in Theory the wisest System of Govern-
ment, nor practicable in this Country. But, though
I hope the English Constitution will long preserve
its original monarchical Form, and though the
Majesty of the People purely and directly regulates
not mean the literary Part of the Community, I
mean a general Assent to the Government, resulting
from any partial Attachment to its Author, which
was an impulsive, and not a rational, cause of
Affection to the Sovereign, proportionate to the In-
tegrity and Wisdom with which he administers Justice
to his People, and guards their Safety. The pro-
Habit of our political Party seems to me the very Re-
verse of what it ought to be. The Form of the Con-

stitution, and other means of Government in this Country
are not in the hands of the People, but of the Mon-
arch, and the nobility, and the Clergy. The Monarch
the nobility, and the Clergy are arbitrary Powers, and
blot the Face of the Earth. And we are not consistent with these
Principles, when we openly support the unpar-
ticular Colonies, allowed by the House of Commons
in their Constitutions. It would much to be de-
sired that we had among such Men as Mr. Townend, to
represent us in Parliament, a break from common Re-
port and Opinion, and an Imput to his Specu-
lative Predications in favour of a Republick. In the
personal Conduct of Michael, or the Men respect
be mistakes. He has shown himself possessed of no
republican Firmness, which the Times require, and
by which an English Gentleman may be as useful and
as honourably distinguished, as any Citizen of ancient
Rome, of Athens, or Lachimon.

Mr. Townend complains that the publick Gratitude
has not been answerable to his Deserts.—It is not diffi-
cult to trace the Artifices, which have suggested to him
a Language so unworthy of his Understanding.—A
great Man commands the Affections of the People.—A
prudent Man does not complain when he has lost them.
Yet they are far from being lost to Mr. Townend.
He has treated our Opinion a little too cavalierly.
A young Man is apt to rely too confidently upon himself,
to be as attentive to his Mistakes, as a polite and
passionate Lover ought to be. Perhaps he found her
at first too easy a conquest. Yet, I fancy, she will be
ready to receive him whenever he thinks proper to
return his Addresses to her. With all his Youth, his
Spirit, and his Appearance, it would be indecent in
the Lady to solicit his Return.

I have too much Respect for the Abilities of Mr.
Horne, to batter myself that these Gentlemen will ever
be cordially re-united. It is not however unreasonable
to expect, that each of them should act his separate
Part, with Honour and Integrity to the Publick. As
for Differences of Opinion upon speculative Questions,
if we wait until they are reconciled, the Action of hu-
man Affairs must be suspended for ever. But neither
are we to look for Perfection in any One Man, nor for
Agreement among many.—When Lord Chatham af-
firms that the Authority of the British Legislature is
not Supreme over the Colonies, in the same Sense in
which it is Supreme over Great-Britain;—when Lord
Camber supposes a Necessity, (which the King is to
judge of) and, founded upon that Necessity, attributes
to the Crown a legal Power (not given by the Act it-
self), but without the smallest Degree of Conviction or
Assent. Yet, I doubt not, they delivered their real
Sentiments, and they ought not to be hasty condemned.
They have a Claim to the candid Interpretation of
my Country, when I acknowledge an involuntary,
compulsive Assent to an very unpopular Opinion. This
lament the unhappy Necessity, whenever it arises,
providing for the Safety of the State by a temporary
Invasion of the personal Liberty of the Subject. Would
to God it were practicable to reconcile these important
Objects, in every possible Situation of publick Affairs.
I regard the legal Liberty of the meanest Man in Bri-
taine, as much as my own, and would defend it with
the same Zeal. I know we must stand or fall together.
But, I never can doubt, that the Commission has a
Right to command, as well as to purchase the Service
of its Members. I fear that Right founders entirely
upon a Necessity, which supercedes all Argument, as
it is established by Usage immemorial, and confirmed
by more than half a Century of the Legislature, and
conclude there is no Doubt, in the Nature of Things,
for the Colony acquiesced of, for, if there were, it
must long since have been redressed. Though number-
less Opportunities have presented themselves, highly
favourable to political Liberty, no successful Attempt
had ever been made for the Relief of the Subject in this
Country. Yet it has been felt and complained of, ever
since England had a Navy. The Condition which
constitutes this Right must be taken together. Sep-
arately they have little Weight. It is not fair to argue
from the Abuse in the Execution of the Illegality of
the Power, which is a Conclusion to be drawn from
the NAVY, to the whole Country. A Seaman can never
be employed to defend the Islands of his Country,
in which the King can have Right to arm his Subjects, in case of a foreign Force
being collected against our Country. Whenever this
Case happens, the Englishman will suffice, whether
he be compelled to compel him to defend his
Country or the Country of England, or a Part of it
island. The same Principle applies to the publick service,
it does not follow that the Symptoms may not be often
so strong, that the publick will not be compelled to
make a sacrifice, in the publick service, to supply their
Country with men.

Thus the publick service, and a Doubt about the
right of the publick to demand that Lord Mansfield
had no application upon him in delivering Justice.

this is the Doctrine in the House of Lords. That
Condescension staggered me not a little. But upon
Referring his various accounts, singularly for itself.
He knew the doctrine was unpopular, and was eager
to shew upon the Man, who is the first object of his
Year and Detestation. The cunning Scotchman never
speaks Truth without a treacherous Design. In Town-
council he generally affects, to make a modest Part. Per-
haps the natural eloquence it makes Part of his natu-
ral Elan, never to be known to recommend violent
Measures. When the Guards are called forth to subdue
their fellow Subjects, it is not by the odious Office, his
Prudence tells him, is best left to such Men as Gower and
Weymouth, as Barrington and Grafton. Lord
Hillborough wisely confines himself to the distant
Americans.—The Designs of Mansfield are more subtle,
more effectual, and secure. Who attacks the Li-
berty of the Press? Lord Mansfield. Who invades the
constitutional Power of Juries? Lord Mansfield. What
Judge ever challenged a Juryman, but Lord
Mansfield! Who was that Judge, who, to save the
King's Brother, affirmed that a Man of the first Rank
and Quality, who obtains a Verdict in a Suit for cri-
minal Consideration, is intituled to no greater Damages
than the meanest Mechanick? Lord Mansfield. Who
is it makes Commissioners of the Great Seal? Lord
Mansfield? Who is it forms a Decree for these Com-
missioners, deciding against Lord Chatham, and after-
wards (finding himself opposed by the Judges) declares
in Parliament, that he never had a Doubt that the Law
was in direct Opposition to that Decree? Lord Mans-
field. Who is he, that made it the Study and Practice
of his Life to undermine and alter the whole System
of Jurisprudence in the Court of King's Bench? Lord
Mansfield. There never existed a Man but himself,
who answered exactly to so complicated a Description.
Compared to these Enormities, his original Attach-
ment to the Pretender (to whom his dearest Brother
was confidential Secretary) is a Virtue of the first Mag-
nitude. But the Hour of Impeachment will come, and
neither he nor Grafton shall escape me. Now let them
make common Cause against England and the House
of Hanover. A Stuart and a Murray should sym-
pathize with each other.

When I refer to signal Instances of unpopular Opin-
ions delivered and maintained by Men, who may well
be supposed to have no View but the publick Good, I
do not mean to renew the Discussion of such Opinions.
I should be sorry to revive the dormant Questions of
Stamp Act, Corn Bill, or Press Warrant. I mean only
to illustrate one useful Proposition, which it is the Int-
ention of this Paper to inculcate;—That we should
not generally reject the Friendship or Services of any Man,
because he differs from us in a particular Opinion. This
will not appear a superfluous Caution, if we observe
the ordinary Conduct of Mankind. In publick Af-
fairs, there is the least Chance of a perfect Concur-
rence of Sentiment or Inclination. Yet every Man is
able to contribute something to the common Stock,
and no Man's Contribution should be rejected. If Indi-
viduals have no Virtues, their Vices may be of Use to
us. I care not with what Principle the new-born Pa-
triot is animated, if the Measures he supports are be-
neficial to the Community. The Nation is interested
in his Conduct. His Motives are his own. The Pro-
perties of a Patriot are perishable in the Individual,
but there is a quick Succession of Subjects, and the
Breed is worth preserving.—The Spirit of the Ameri-
cans may be an useful Example to us. Our Dogs and
Horses are only English upon English Ground. But
Patriotism, in teams, may be improved by transplanting.
—I will not reject a Bill, which tends to confine
parliamentary Privileges within reasonable Bounds,
though it should be given from the House of Cavendish,
and introduced by Mr. Onslow. The Features of the
Infant are a Proof of the Descent, and vindicate the
noble Birth, from the Baseness of the Adoption.—I
willingly accept of a Successor from Colonel Baile, or
a Simile from Mr. Bourke. Even the silent Vote of
Mr. Cibber is worth reckoning in a Division.—
What though the Riots in the Plunder of the Army,
and has only determined to be a Patriot when he
could not be a Peer!—Let us profit by the Assistance
of such Men, while they are with us, and place them,
if it be possible, in the Post of Danger, to prevent De-
sertion. The wary Wedderburne, the gentle Suffolk
never threw away the Scabbard, nor ever went upon a
forlorn Hope. They always treated the King's Ser-
vants as Men, with whom, some Time or other, they
might possibly be in Friendship.—When a Man, who
stands forth for the Publick, has gone that Length,
from which there is no practicable Retreat,—when he
has given that Kind of personal Offence, which a pious
Monarch never pardons, I then begin to think him in
earnest, and that he never will have Occasion to solice
the Forfeitures of his Country.—But Instances of a
Determination to injure and mislead are rarely met
with. Let us take Midland, as they are. Let us
discuss the Virtues and Abilities of Individuals, ac-
cording to the Offices they affect, and when they quit
the Service, let us endeavour to supply their Places
with better Men, than we have lost. In this Country,
there are always Candidates enough for popular Pa-