
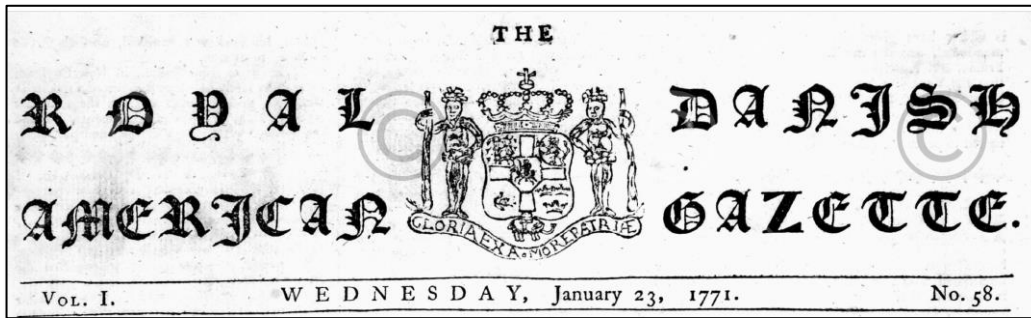


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Re: Alexander Hamilton

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BY PERMISSION. **JOHN SMITH,**

Now DANCING-MASTER, BEGGS leave to acquaint his Honour FREDERICK CHRISTIAN MOTH, Esq; the Honourable Council, the Gentlemen Officers, and the Ladies and Gentlemen, that on Tuesday the 29th instant he intends to celebrate the BIRTH-NIGHT of CHRISTIAN the Seventh our ROYAL MASTER, at the house of CORNELIUS KORTRIGHT, Esq; where now Mr. WILLIAM MILLWARD resides—a proper place for that purpose; and flatters himself that every heart will flow with loyalty that evening. A genteel supper will be provided for the company, and the best musick the island can afford.

TICKETS to be had of said SMITH at Five Pieces of Eight each, to admit a Lady and Gentleman. God save the King and Queen. Jan. 23, 1771.

MED TILLADELSE. **JOHN SMITH,**

TAGER sig herved den Frighed at bekiendtgjøre S. T. Etatz-Raad FREDERICK CHRISTIAN MOTH, det høje Secrét-Raad samt det respective publico; at hand har i Sinde nu andtlundende 29 hujus at give et Publique BALL paa hans Majestæt vor allernaadigste Konges CHRISTIAN den syvendes Fødsels Aften, i et Capt. CORNELIUS KORTRIGHT tilhørende Hus, som nu beboes af Mr. WILLIAM MILLWARD, et beqvemt Hus derfor og flatterer sig af at enhver vil finde sig fornøjet den Aften, da til den Ende et nydeligt Aftens Maaltid skal være tillavet, og den beste Musique som dette Land kand give.

BILLETTER bekommes hos bemeldte SMITH imod 5 Ps, paa enhver at indlades et Fruentimmer og Mandsperson. Gud bevare Kongen og Dronningen. St. Croix, den 23d of January, 1771.

TO be sold, by JOHN O'FERRALL, at publick vendue, on Thursday the 21st February next, at Mr. WOODROW HAYNE'S tavern in Fredericksted, four House NEGROE WOMEN and two Children, one NEGROE BOY, and two GIRLS, the property of JOHN WADE a minor. The conditions will be known at the place of sale. Fredericksted, Jan. 16, 1771.

THE Subscriber will be much obliged to all persons who have any demands against him, or against the copartnerhip of Skerrett and Brown, to furnish him with their accounts before the 15th of February next, that they may be settled and paid. MARCUS SKERRETT. Christiansted, Jan. 19, 1771.

BY PERMISSION. At the THEATRE in Bass-End, On Monday Evening, 28th January, Will be presented a TRAGEDY, call'd **The REVENGE.**

Zanga, a Captive Moor, by Mr. HILL. Don Manuel, a gentleman for his amusement. To which will be added a FARCE, call'd **ÆSOP in the SHADES.** With the additional Scene of Lady Chalkstone, written by DAVID GARRICK, Esq; Lord Chalkstone, by Mr. HILL. To begin at Six o'Clock.

TICKETS to be had at the Printing-office, at the Taverns, and the-door of the Theatre, at TWELVE SHILLINGS each. Vivant REX & REGINA.



TAKEN up on the estate of PETER WOOD, Esq; a brown HE-MULE. This is to give notice, that the Owner may have him, by sending to the Manager of said estate, and paying the expence of this advertisement. WILLIAM RAYN.

Jan. 23, 1771.

RUN AWAY,



From MARY ALLETTA HEYLIGER, Well set Creole Negroe Filtherman, named PETER, formerly the property of Mrs. HARPS. Whoever will bring the said Negroe to his Mistress shall receive Five Pieces of Eight reward. All persons are hereby forbid to employ or harbour the said Negroe, as they may depend on being prosecuted according to law. Jan. 23, 1771.

A Publick Auction will be sold by the Subscribers, in their house at St. Thomas, on Monday the 28th inst. about 16000 lb. wt. of damaged COFFEE, in lots; samples of which may be seen at Mr. JACOB LINBERG'S house in King's-street, opposite to Capt. KORTRIGHT'S. KRAGH RENGGER and Co. St. Thomas, Jan. 15, 1771.

AS the Subscriber intends quitting the island by the first day of February requests whoever has any demands against him to render in their accounts before that time, that they may be settled and paid off.

††† Said Kirwan has for sale two good house Creole Negroes and an excellent Horse. MICHAEL KIRWAN.

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On Lease at St. Thomas, TWO PLANTATIONS, the one called Frenchman's Bay, the other Cuculus Bay, situated close by the town, and bounded by the sea: they contain about 250 acres land, abounding with different kinds of fruit trees, and proper for planting either of sugar, coffee, or cotton, besides lime-burning, plenty of timber growing thereon. Said plantations will be leased from 5 to 10 years, either by the whole or by the acre, as can be agreed on by the lessee with Hr. Camerer Mörch in St. Thomas, or in St. Croix with the Subscriber CHARISIUS.

Christiansted, Jan. 12, 1771.

To be rented, or sold, on reasonable terms, TWO HOUSES, and LAND thereto belonging, the property of the Subscriber, being completely accommodated with all necessary Out-houses, Oven, &c. situated at the Corner Lot, King's street, opposite the Sunday Market. Also to be sold cheap for cash, or reasonable credit, sundry DRY GOODS, &c. &c. JN^o. MANDEVILLE. Christiansted, Jan. 16, 1771.

PETERSBURGH, October 25.

THE joy produced by the successes of the Russian arms against the Turks, has on a sudden been eclipsed by a cloud that overspreads the court, and covers all the transactions of the Imperial palace with impenetrable darkness. Nothing yet has passed to the publick but a vagrant and confused report of something designed, and something discovered. Nothing is pretended to be certainly known, but that in the night of the 4th of October, the countess Czernikoff and the countess D'Algarotti were each seized at midnight, in their own apartments, and carried prisoners to different fortresses, where none are permitted to know their fate. On the next morning several of the ladies attending on the person of the Empress were ordered to retire from the court, and confine themselves either at their own houses in distant parts of the empire, or in different towns named by her Imperial Majesty. Such a sudden revolution in the fortune of many principal families has given rise to very different conjectures and reports. Some hold that a very dangerous correspondence has been intercepted between the countess D'Algarotti and the King of Prussia, while others no less confidently assert that it happened between her and Prince Heraclius. Some whisper that the Swedes had formed a design to seize the Empress, and enforce the restitution of Livonia and Finland. However this be, the guards have been changed, and the regiments which for some time past have done duty at the palace, are destined to garrison the forts on the frontiers of China. Some declare openly that the countess Czernikoff having received the knout, has confessed that she had been privy to propositions for deposing the Empress. Others add still a blacker crime, that she had treated for a reward to poison her. But since whatever the countess had confessed or denied was said to particular commissioners, with every precaution of secrecy, it is apparent that these reports can be considered as nothing more than such guesses as curiosity and ignorance will always produce. But as no man knows the crime of those who are now in custody, so no man knows what may in a few days be charged upon himself; and a general dejection and dismay is visible through all the attendants on the court. The affection of the people for their Imperial Mistress is portrayed in the universal solicitude that clouds every face, where the reports of her danger has been heard. It is hoped, however, by those who judge most coolly, that the utmost crime of the ladies has been only the discovery of some secrets of state, and that none of them have been so flagitiously corrupt, as to attempt the sacred person of their sovereign. Paris, Oct. 29. A treaty is said to be concluded between the Emperor, and Empress Queen, the King of Prussia, France, and Spain, in order to prevent a war in their respective territories. We have an account here, that the Empress of Russia, and the court of Great Britain, have agreed to unite their forces, in order to seize upon the island of Candia, in the Mediterranean, which the English are to keep. This agreement



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