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WHEN, in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to

right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies, and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inalienable to them, and formidably tyrannical only.

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever. He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People. He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the Works of Death, Desolation and Tyranny, already begun with Circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely parallelled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our Frontiers the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all

of the Circumstances of our Emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and Humanity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as they hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE and INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connections between them and the State of Great Britain are and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE and INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the Support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Congress, JOHN HANCOCK, President.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

JUST PUBLISHED, AND TO BE SOLD BY HALL AND SELLERS, At the New Printing-Office, in MARKET-STREET, (Price Two Pounds Seven Shillings) THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

JOHN DUNLAP, in Market-Street, Philadelphia, OBSERVATIONS

ON THE PRINCIPLES OF CIVIL LIBERTY, the Principles of GOVERNMENT, and the Justice and Policy of the WAR with AMERICA.

An APPENDIX, containing a List of the National Debt, an estimate of the money drawn from the Public by the Taxes, and an account of the National Income and Expensures since the last War.

By RICHARD PRICE, D.D. F.R.S. This learned, judicious and liberal author had the thanks of the Common Council, and the Freedom of the City of London presented to him in a gold box, for this his much admired most excellent pamphlet on Civil Liberty.—And for which he also deserves the united thanks of America.

SEVEN POUNDS Reward. RUN away, last Sunday night, from the subscriber, living in Chester county, the two following servants, viz.—Edward Gray, about 5 feet 6 inches high, peak-marked, straight black hair, about 26 years of age, eyes he was born in London, understands all sorts of plantation work, and says he worked at the Miller's business two years with one Reynolds, in Nottingham; had on, when he went away, white country linen shirt and trousers, new coat and jacket, and a leather apron; took with him a cytha and hangings; said Gray was called out of goal by the subscriber, and for my security intended himself to me; it is hoped that every honest person will endeavor to apprehend said Gray, not for the reward but in order to bring him to justice. The other, named John Dilly, about 25 years of age, born in New-England, a stout well built fellow, about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, with dirty colored hair, his four teeth white as ivory; he belongs to the Row-galley, and has been, seen about Port-Peun; had on, when he went away, white shirt and trousers, a red under jacket, without sleeves, no shoes nor stockings; he is fond of strong drink and company, and a very great liar. Whoever takes up the said runaways, and secures them, so as the subscriber gets them again, shall have Five Pounds for Gray, and Four Shillings for Dilly, and reasonable charges for Dilly, paid by WILLIAM KERR, N.B. Dilly ran away the 23 of June.

By virtue of a writ to me directed, will be expected to file, on the premises, on Tuesday, the 20th day of July instant, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, two certain deeds or parcels of land, situate in Monroeville township, in the county of Northampton, one of them bounded by one Robert Haines, Henry Priddy and John Fogle, and containing 100 acres, whereon are a stone inclosure and log tenement, a large log barn, stables and other out-houses, and a considerable quantity of good meadow; and the other of the said tracts, bounded by the lands of Peter Hays and the said Haines, and containing 27 acres woodland; and the property of Henry Shale; and taken in execution by HENRY FULLERT, Sheriff.

STOLEN or STRAYED away, from the subscriber, living in Chantrelle township, York county, Pennsylvania, the 20th of June last, a white Horse and a black Mare, the horse about 12 years old, between 15 and 20 hands high, branded on the near shoulder I. C. his mane trimmed, a long bob tail, and is a natural pacer; had a bell on when he went away; the mare 4 years old, both trot and pace, between 16 and 17 hands high, no brand, the mare a fetch tall, a small tail in her forehead, and wants one of her fore teeth (in the upper jaw) nearly shot before, when they went away. Whoever takes up the said horse, and secures said horse and mare, so as the subscriber may have them again, shall have the reward of TEN Dollars, and reasonable charges, if brought home, paid by JOHN M'NAVY.

STRAYED away, on the 23d of June, from the subscriber, living in Germantown, a fresh milk black COW, with a white head and along her back, with on her belly, but what may be remarked is pieces of other brands on the side of her. Whoever secures the said cow, and gives notice, that she may be had again, shall have the reward of TEN Dollars, and reasonable charges. GEORGE SHARPLES.

TEN DOLLARS Reward. RUN from the subscriber, living near Talbot Court-house, the 15th of last April, a dark Mulattoe slave, named HARRY, about 26 years old; he is of a mild temper, plausible in speech, and deceptive in conversation. It is supposed that he will endeavor to pass for a freeman; he was lately seen in Kent county; had on, when seen, a country cloth jacket, tow linen shirt and trousers, and a beaver hat with one corner burnt. The above reward will be paid if taken out of the province, or 50 miles from home, and secured in any goal so that I may get him; Forty Shillings, if 30 miles; Thirty Shillings, if 20 miles; with reasonable travelling expences, if brought home. ALEXANDER M'CALLUM.

WAS committed to my custody, the following persons, viz. Francis Harvay, 28 years of age, a stout, well built and comely man, fitted with the small-pox, says he lately resided some time in Chester county, was for some time a pilot in Captain Reed's company, from whom he obtained a discharge. Andrew Johnson, says he enlisted with Lieut. Finley, when recruiting for Captain Mowry, in Chester township, Chester county, and has a discharge, which he says he obtained from the said Finley. Peter Ryan, who says he is a deserter from Frazer's company, and enlisted with Lieut. Conly, in Hanover township. John William Perry, who says he is a deserter to Capt. Thomas Perry, of Butler county. And Joseph Barber, who says he is a deserter to Mr. Tomlinson, of Richmond. The officers and masters of the said vessels, and in each, are desired to find them, pay charges, and take them away in 2 weeks from the date hereof, otherwise they will be discharged, on reaching their feet, by PETER KIBLER, Quaker.

TEN DOLLARS Reward. RUN from the subscriber, living near Talbot Court-house, the 15th of last April, a dark Mulattoe Slave, named HARRY, about 26 years old; he is about 5 feet 3 or 9 inches high, stout and strong made; he is of a mild temper, plausible in speech, and deceptive in conversation. It is supposed that he will endeavour to pass for a freeman; he was lately seen in Kent county; had on, when seen, a country cloth jacket, tow linen shirt and trousers, and a beaver hat with one corner burnt. The above reward will be paid if taken out of the province, or 50 miles from home, and secured in any goal so that I may get him; Forty Shillings, if 30 miles; Thirty Shillings, if 20 miles; with reasonable travelling expences, if brought home. ALEXANDER M'CALLUM.

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments; he will be indulged with their custom, which he will endeavor to merit by his particular care and attention, and is the public's most obliged humble servant, THOMAS HARVEY.