

NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM PENNSYLVANIA PACKET
AND GENERAL ADVERTISER FROM NOV, 29, 1777, TO JUNE 17,
1778. COLLECTED BY W. F. WORNER SUPPLEMENTARY
TO SERIES OF H. FRANK ESHLEMAN. (Read Dec. 3, 1926.)

In the series of Notes from the Pennsylvania Gazette contributed by H. Frank Eshleman to the papers of this Society, it will be noticed that there is a gap in the chronology for the months following September, 1777. This was due to a break in the publication while Howe was in Philadelphia. In order that the Chronology shall not be broken Mr. W. F. Worner has copied from the Pennsylvania Packet and General Advertiser, a Philadelphia Newspaper, whose ancient files are preserved in the Congressional Library, such items of Lancaster County content and interest as are to be found therein, and has kindly given the same to the present compiler to be used to fill the gap just mentioned. The items are as shall here follow. The last of the series of items above referred to is found printed in the January, 1922, pamphlet of this Society, page 3, etc.

THE PENNSYLVANIA PACKET OR GENERAL ADVERTISER

Saturday, November 29, 1777
Printed by John Dunlap, in Queen Street
(Price 15 pence)
Lancaster, November 29, 1777

On Sunday the 23rd instant died at this place, Joseph Parker, Esquire, many years a member of the General assembly of Pennsylvania, also a member of the late committee of Safety and of the Committee of Inspection for the City of Philadelphia; and on Tuesday the 25th his remains were interred in the Friends burying ground, of which society he was ever an honest and worthy member. The funeral was attended by his Excellency the President and Council, and the Honorable the members of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, and by a very numerous and respectable concourse of people.

On Thursday evening the 27th instant a prodigious northern light appeared in the heavens, illuminating the greater part of the hemisphere. Many people suppose this appearance to be ominous; and it is worthy of remark that just at the close of the successes of our enemies in the late war in America, this phenomenon made its appearance; and from that period these colonies were relieved from their distress, and our arms were attended with uninterrupted success to the conclusion of the war.

IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY

Lancaster, November 29, 1777

Whereas, many farmers and others inhabiting the neighborhood of Lancaster, have been deterred from supplying the inhabitants with wood and provisions, through fear of having their wagons impressed.

Therefore, resolved, that no wagons or horses by which wood or provisions shall be brought to market in the borough of Lancaster, shall be seized or liable to be impressed coming to or going from market.

Extract from the Minutes
Jacob S. Howell,

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In this issue a proclamation was printed authorizing Thursday, December 18, 1777 to be set apart as a day for Solemn Thanksgiving and praise.

By order of the Council

Thomas Wharton, Jr. President

Attest T. Mablack, Secretary.

Wednesday, December 3, 1777

Benjamin Harbeson from Philadelphia now carries on the copper-smiths business, at the southwest corner of King and Queen Streets, Lancaster, where he makes stills of all sizes, fullers, brewers, and salt-petre coppers. He has stills of various sizes, ready made, for sale.

The Council of Safety issued an order punishing persons in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for buying up large quantities of merchandise, particularly provisions and necessities for the army for speculation and prices were raised. Any person caught buying up or forestalling bar-iron, salt, wheat, cattle or other merchandise in large quantities that they can use reasonably, shall forfeit the goods first offense and be imprisoned without bail for second offense.

Thomas Wharton, Jr.

President.

Wednesday, December 10, 1777

John Dunlap advertises the sale of Father Abraham's Almanack for Year 1778. David Rittenhouse furnished the astronomical calculations.

Francis Bailey at the South side of King Street, a few doors below the Market, Lancaster, advertises the sale of

The Lancaster Almanack, 1778

Anthony Sharp.

At the anniversary election for Representatives of State of Pennsylvania held on October 14, 1777, the following were elected from Lancaster County: William Brown, Philip Marsteller, Alexander Lowery, John M. Mullen, James Anderson, Ludwick Lanman, Esquires.

Wednesday, December 17, 1777

A bay horse was stolen from John Newcomer who resided in Hempfield Township. He offered sixty dollars reward.

Jacob Awl of Paxton Township, Lancaster County offered twenty dollars reward for the return of his negro man named Joe and the black mare he took with him.

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BY THE SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE COMMON-
WEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas the Honorable, the Continental Congress have recommended in the following words, to wit:

"For as much as it is the indispensable duty of all men, to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude, their obligation to him for benefits received, and to implore such further blessings as they stand in need of; and it having pleased him in his abundant mercy, not only to continue to us the innumerable bounties of his common providence, but also to smile upon on, in the prosecution of a just and neces-

sary war, for the defense and establishment of our inalienable rights and liberties; particularly in that he hath been pleased in so great a measure, to prosper the means used for the support of our troops, and to crown our arms with most signal success.

It is therefore recommended to the Legislative or Executive powers of these United States, to set apart Thursday, the eighteenth day of December next, for Solemn Thanksgiving and praise. That at one time and with one voice, the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts, and consecrate themselves to the service of their sincere acknowledgment and offerings, of their manifold sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor, and their humble and earnest supplication, that it may please God, through the merits, mercifully to forgive and blot out of remembrance. That it may please him graciously to afford his blessing on the Government of these states respectively, and prosper the public councils of the whole.

To inspire our Commanders both by land and sea, and all under them, with that wisdom and fortitude which may render them fit instruments, under the Providence of Almighty God, to secure for these United States, the greatest of all human blessings, "Independence and Peace." That it may please him to prosper the trade and manufactures of the people, and the labor of the husbandman, that our land may yet yield its increase. To take schools and seminaries of education so necessary for cultivating the principles of true liberty, virtue and piety, under his nurturing hand, and to prosper the means of religion for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom, which consisteth of Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost:

• And it is further recommended, that servile labor, and such recreation as though at other times innocent, may be unbecoming the purpose of this appointment, may be omitted on so solemn occasion.

We hereby call upon the good people of the Commonwealth, to set apart Thursday, the 18th day of December next, accordingly for the purpose of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise."

By order of the Council
Thomas Wharton, Jr., President

Wednesday, December 24, 1777

In Council, Lancaster, December 19, 1777

Ordered, That public notice be made in the newspapers, that the General Assembly of this State, did, on Monday the eighth instant, conform and establish the following ordinances of the late Council of Safety; that is to say,

1. The ordinance dated at Lancaster the 21st day of October last, for taking possession of the effects of those who have gone over to the enemy, and for appointing Commissioners in the several counties for that purpose.
December 24, 1777

John Woodhull of Leacock Township on November 17, took in a bay horse. Owner proving his property may have his horse.

Rev. John Woodhull was pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation at Leacock and also pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lancaster. He was also Chaplain of the 5th Battalion (Colonel Crawford's) of the Revolutionary War.

Earl Town, December 2, 1777

December 31, 1777

This is to give notice to all persons on the Continent, not to trust anything to Peter Stall upon my account, or upon my children's estate, as I will not pay any debts of his contracting.

Barbara Stall.

To be sold by Private sale, several houses in Queen Street, the corner of Orange Street, in Lancaster. For further particulars inquire of
Mattheas Graeff.

January 7, 1778

The Paymaster General advertised for two clerks.

Andrew Kennedy, next door to the Goal in King Street, Lancaster offered six shillings a pound for good candle wick.

John Carnan, at Mr. Levi Marks house, the corner of King and Queen Streets, offered salt for sale by bushel or less.

January 14, 1778

Lawrence Herbert, next door to Bernard Hubley, in Queen Street offered best Muscovado sugar in barrels for sale. Also fine and coarse salt.

January 21, 1778

Lost a red Moroccho pouch on the road from Wright's ferry to Lancaster, or from Lancaster to Manheim, containing a set of silver mounted surgeon's instruments. Twenty dollars offered.

John Penell of Little Britain township offers seven dollars reward for the apprehension of John Robison, apprehended for desertion.

Wednesday, January 28, 1778

Lancaster, January 8, 1778

Notice is hereby given, That all those who have furnished the Barrack-Masters at Lancaster and Reading, with wood, straw, etc. are desired to render their accounts before the first of February next, that they may be adjusted. And also those that have (at my request) furnished the Honorable Council and Assembly with wood, are likewise to render their accounts.

Michael Hubley,
Barrack Master.

Lancaster, January 28, 1778

On the 20th instant the Honorable Major General Gates arrived at York Town from Albany.

Several counterfeit Six Dollar Bills were lately offered in payment by some of the honorable sons of Britain, who were passing through this place (Lancaster) with a flag; and as great numbers of them have probably been manufactured at Philadelphia, it is necessary to caution the public against them. They are a very careful imitation of the genuine bills, but being done on copper plate, have a general different appearance. The paper they are printed on has abundance of very small dark or blue fibers, whereas the paper of the true bills has but a few blue threads scattered through it. In the word Silver the S in the true bill is one-third higher than the other letters, but in the counterfeit it is nearly of the same height. The ink is blacker, the letters stand less regular, and the commas are much less alike and beautiful than in the true bills. Of the SI, standing over the word the, in the border at the bottom of the bill, the S is much less than the I in the counterfeit, but in the true bills they are nearly equal. The counterfeit are something less, both in breadth and height than the true bills, and the backs may be easily known to have been done on copper plate and are dated at Philadelphia, May 20, 1777.

Was found on about the 10th instant (January) near the Continental stables in the borough of Lancaster a remnant of Blue Broadcloth, about three yards, which was offered by a soldier for sale, and stopped by the person to whom it was offered, he supposing it to have been stolen. Whoever has lost the same, by applying at the store of Mease and Caldwell, in Mr. Sanderson's house, may have it by proving their property and paying for this advertisement.

George Streyley.

Wednesday, February 4, 1778

The Court of General Quarter Session of the Peace, and of Common Pleas, for Lancaster County, are now sitting in this borough. The Court of York County were last week holding at Yorktown. Those of Berks sit next week at Reading.

Wednesday, February 25, 1778

TO BE SOLD

By the Subscriber in King Street, a little above the Goal, and nearly opposite the sign of the Brushes.

A quantity of copperas, of the best quality, by the pound, hundred or barrel. Likewise sugar, tea, pepper, allspice, rosin, salt and sundry other articles too tedious to mention.

March 4, 1778

Wednesday, March 11, 1778

Deserted from the hospital at Euphrata, a soldier belonging to Captain Jones's Company, in Col. Christopher Febacher's Second Virginia regiment, named James Gordon, about 6 feet high; had on when he deserted a blue coat with a blue velvet collar, grey waistcoat, buckskin breeches, and round hat, he has black hair, fair shin and is much pitted with the small pox. Whoever takes up and secured said deserter so that he may be had again, shall have four dollars reward.

Albert Chapman,
Commander.

Wednesday, March 18, 1778

The Supreme Executive Council issued a proclamation recommending Wednesday, April 22 to be observed as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer.

Given at Lancaster, the 13th day of March, 1778.

Thomas Wharton, Jr., President

Now in press, and will be published next Monday, by John Dunlap in Lancaster.

THE AMERICAN CRISIS

Number V

Addressed to General Sir William Howe

By the author of Common Sense.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

A wet nurse, with a good breast of milk that can be well recommended. Enquire of the Printer.

Wednesday, March 25, 1778

Twenty dollars reward.

Deserted last night from Lancaster, a soldier named John Kilpatrick.

John Vanpelt

13th P. R.

On Monday sennight a handsome donation was received at Ephrata, for the use of the sick and wounded of the hospital at that place, sent from the charitable and well disposed Presbyterian congregation of the Forks of Brandywine; a laudable example worthy of imitation. The medical gentlemen take this public method, in the name of the sick and wounded, to return their most hearty and unfeigned thanks to the good people who so generously contributed in so seasonable a manner.

On Thursday morning, the 18th of March, 1778, died at Lancaster, in the early bloom of life, the Rev. Mr. Ebenezer David, A. M. after a long and severe illness, which he bore with firm, christian fortitude and calm resignation to his fate during his lucid intervals, while the sable curtain of the King of Terrors seemed to encircle him about, he displayed a mind undaunted and serene at his approach. He had been a Chaplain in the Continental army since the Commencement of the war, till a few months ago, when he resigned that office, in order to act in a medical capacity in the military hospitals. He was a sinecre friend to the rights of mankind and the liberties of America. A liberal education, probity of life, rectitude of conduct, and a social disposition made him respected and beloved by those that were acquainted with him, and afforded his nearest connections the most pleasing prospect of his future utility.

His remains were decently interred in the Presbyterian burial ground attended by the gentlemen of the faculty, military officers, and a number of respectable citizens.

Wednesday, April 1, 1778.

A quantity of Indigo, Bohea Tea, and Epsom salts, of excellent quality to be sold by

Matthias Slough.

Wednesday, April 1, 1778.

On Thursday last, Col. Smith's battalion of Eastern troops, which had been quartered during the winter in this town, marched hence to join the Grand army at the Valley Forge. The polite carriage of the officers and the sobriety and good conduct of the men, together with their perfection in discipline, have not only gained for them the esteem of all true lovers of order and liberty in this town and neighborhood, but even put it out of the power of all others to censure them.

Wednesday, April 8, 1778.

Yesterday the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery was opened at Lancaster before the Honorable Thomas McKean, Esq., Chief Justice, and the Hon. William Atlee, Esq., one of the justices of this state, when an elegant charge to the Grand Jury, suitable to the solemnity of the occasion and the circumstances of the times, was given by the Chief Justice. This is the first Court of Oyer and Terminer for this state since the Commencement of Independence, to the great terror of the disaffected, and the comfort and security of the good people thereof.

Wednesday, April 15, 1778.

Last Thursday the Hon. Major General Lee passed through this place from Philadelphia, on his way to Yorktown.

The noted horse
Pennsylvania Farmer

stands at Bruce Clark's stable, in Lampeter township, Lancaster County, for mares, at twenty dollars the season. He is an imported full blooded horse, of a chestnut sorrel color. As to his carriage and beauty, there is none can excell him. The cash to be paid at the stable.

N. B. Good pasturage will be for mares, at a reasonable rate.

Wednesday, May 13, 1778.

Theophilus Cossart,

In Lancaster, near the Prison, and opposite the Three Green Trees, has for

sale a large quantity of writing paper of the best quality, Printing Demy paper and wrapping paper.

Wednesday, May 27, 1778.

To be sold

An elegant pair of full blooded chestnut horses, genteely marked; the one rising 8, and the other 9 years old. The price is 600 pounds. Apply to George Ross, Jr.

in Lancaster.

Raisins, power and shot, to be sold by

John Fisher

Brush Maker, near the Goal in Lancaster.

Camphor, cantharides, calomel, tartar emetic, opium, Jesuits Bark, Jalap, Rhubarb, Sena, Manna, Glauber's salt, cremor tartar, ipecauna, quicksilver, etc., etc., sold by

Adam Simon Kuhn

Opposite the Market House, Lancaster.

Wednesday, June 3, 1778.

Lancaster, May 25, 1778.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD

Strayed from Strasburgh Township, Lancaster County, the beginning of this month, a brown mare colt; three quarters blood, four years old this spring, about 14 hands high, Roman nosed, a few white hairs in his forehead, other marks unknown. Any person bringing the above colt to Col. John Ferree, at Bethelhausen, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges.

Wednesday, June 6, 1778.

On Thursday last a spy from Philadelphia was executed at our camp. This unhappy wretch, in his last moments, said, that the British army was under the greatest apprehension of being cut off by General Washington in their retreat through the Jerseys, and his business was to give the quickest information of all movements that might be made.

The day before yesterday arrived here a number of prisoners taken at Bombay Hook.

Wednesday, June 10, 1778.

Raisons, Powder and Shot to be sold by

John Fisher

Brush Maker, near the Goal in Lancaster.

Eight Dollars Reward. Strayed or stolen out of the Barrack yard, on Wednesday the 12th instant (May), a large dun horse, upwards of 15 hands high, 10 or 12 year old, has a white mane and tail, it low in flesh, and has a very sore back, was shod all round, but has lost his off fore shoe. Whoever will bring him to the subscriber, living in the Barracks Hospital, shall receive the above reward.

Catherine Roberts, Matron.

Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to Doctor Rieger, and whose accounts remain yet undischarged, that they are requested to discharge the same to Peter Allbright, of Lancaster, who I have authorized to act in my absence.

Jacob Rieger

Wednesday, June 17, 1778.

Lancaster

The Hession prisoners in and near this place, are to be delivered shortly, in exchange for an equal number of our troops in the hands of the enemy.

Last Sunday the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Col. Broadhead, marched through this borough. They are destined for the defense of the Western Frontiers.

The Hon. Philip Livingston, Esq. late of New York City, merchant, Delegate in Congress from the state of New York, died last week in Yorktown, in an advanced age. His burial was conducted with due honors.

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