

Many persons obtained permission to cross the lines and go to New York City, which was held by the British. A specimen of such passes is given herewith:

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 3d February 1780. In Council

Leave is hereby given to Mrs. Achsah Chamier Widow of Daniel Chamier Esquire deceased, to ship from New York on Board an unarmed Vessel, and therein to transport to the Road off Annapolis, the Household Furniture, wearing Apparel and other Goods mentioned in the List hereto annexed; She having made Affidavit that the same (except a few Articles that belong to her Daughter Mrs. Elizabeth McCall who lived with her while in New York) are her own Property, and having executed a Bond, in the Penalty of 20000 Pounds, with good Securities, that she will not dispose of the same in the way of Trade and Merchandise—Mrs. Chamier has Liberty to reship the said Goods, in Hampton Road on Board Bay Craft, to be transported to Baltimore Town.

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To the editor of this volume the fact is of interest that on page 295 appears the first reference in the series to any of his ancestors in the direct male line, for Capt. John Stoner, there referred to, used two spellings of his family name and his descendants in Maryland have kept to the original one—Steiner.

In an admirable article by George Macauley Trevelyan, which appeared in the *English Magazine History* for July, 1924, that able historian wrote: "The use of history is to train the minds of men by a just contemplation of the past." "There are, roughly speaking, these three parts of the historian's work: Collection of the facts (scientific), Interpretation, and Exposition (literary)." "To weigh the stars, or to make ships sail below the sea, is not a more astonishing and ennobling performance on the part of the human race in these latter days, than to know the course of events that had been long forgotten, and the true nature of men and women who were here before us." To aid in the scientific part of the work and thus to assist in enabling men to have "a just contemplation of the past" is the purpose of this publication of the State's Archives.

The Index to this volume has been prepared, as is our usual custom, by the editor, who has solaced himself in the tedium of so doing with the thought expressed in the *Times (London) Literary Supplement* for July 3, 1924: "No literary labor can be more onerous or less inspiring than index-making: it is the kind of work with which the Greeks and Romans would have saddled their galley slaves had the index been as necessary in ancient times as it is today."

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