

# THE TALE OF PHILIPPA (FLEEPER)

by Cyril O. Packwood

One of the successful privateers who lived in the town of St. George's during the 18th century was Bridger Goodrich, a Loyalist from Virginia. Among his slaves was an attractive female named Philippa, who called herself 'Fleeper'. She was his favourite slave.

In 1783 Philippa accompanied the Goodrich

family on a voyage from Bermuda. Philippa later returned on the *Lady Hammond* with a note signed by Mr Goodrich, which read: "The bearer has permission to proceed to Bermuda on the sloop *Lady Hammond*, passage free, and there to remain her own mistress and at her own disposal as no person whatever has any claim upon

her. In case of my coming to Bermuda or of Mrs Goodrich, she will be called upon to serve and in no other condition." Bridger Goodrich returned to Bermuda in 1786 and Philippa went back to serve him. In 1795 Mr Goodrich became quite ill. On his death bed he told Philippa that if she "behaved herself well that

her mistress would give her time when she went to England."

Philippa remained with Mrs Goodrich until she returned to England the following year. Since her mistress said nothing about freeing her, Philippa ran away, carrying with her a crumpled paper note. It was good that she did, because Mrs Goodrich left instructions that all her slaves were to be sold at public auction. Messrs. Edward Goodrich and Robert Patrick were to settle the estate.

Philippa declared to them that her master had

freed her before he died, and produced the crumpled notepaper to prove it. Mr William Foot, who had served as Bridger Goodrich's attorney, testified the note was in Mr Goodrich's handwriting. However the executors refused to honour the note.

The slaves were sold at auction, but Philippa was not among them. She had gone into hiding. In spite of an advertisement in the paper to the effect that anyone sheltering or harbouring her would be prosecuted, Philippa's whereabouts remained a secret. Mr Benjamin Dickinson

Harvey, lawyer and Assemblyman, was believed to be her benefactor. He put her case before the High Court of Chancery in London, England. It took the case two years to be resolved. All during that period Philippa was under the protection of the court. The final verdict read: "We find the Negro woman, Philippa, to be free - subject to serve Mrs Elizabeth Goodrich when in Bermuda, and no other person whatever." A crumpled note resulted in Philippa's freedom!

## Jeffrey's Cave

by James Ziral

There is more history at Spittal Pond than Spanish Rock. During the era of slavery, and despite the island's large tracts of wilderness, runaway slaves could not remain concealed for very long. However one slave, Jeffrey, fled his master and hid for more than a month at Spittal Pond, today Bermuda's largest bird sanctuary.

All searches to locate Jeffrey turned up empty and were finally abandoned. Many believed the escaped man had departed Bermuda via one of the many sailing vessels that traded between Bermuda and the West Indies.

However, as the weeks passed, Jeffrey's master noticed that one of his female slaves would leave the main house at sunset carrying a small package. He decided to follow her, observing as she picked her way through the trees until she finally disappeared near the rocky shoreline.

The next day, along with a friend, he followed the route taken by the female slave and came upon a concealed cave where Jeffrey was hiding and immediately arrested him. What punishment was meted out to Jeffrey is unknown, but since that day, the cave has been known as Jeffrey's Cave.



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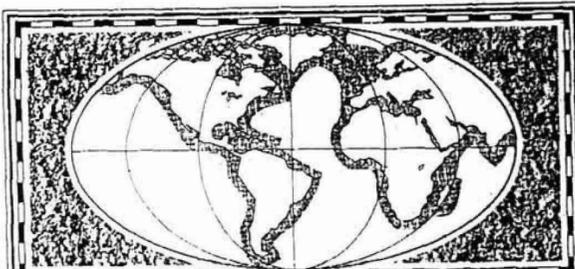
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## Just To Be Within

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To my saying do give ear, O love  
Do understand my way of sighing  
Do pay attention to the sound of my cry for your love  
O my love and my Queen  
Because to you I give thanks

O love, in the morning you will hear  
My voice, in the morning I shall  
Address myself to you and be on the watch

For the Queen you are, you are not a Queen  
Taking delight in slowness of love  
For no man may reside for any time  
with you in doing so  
No boasters of love may take their  
Stand in front of your eyes  
You so much hate all those  
Practicing what is not true  
In love those speaking a lie

So do hear my cry, do give ear for  
I understand and seek to be in the  
Abundance of your loving-kindness  
I shall come to your heart just  
to be within.

How many partners does it  
take to get AIDS?  
  
Just one, so wear  
a condom.

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## I Remember.....

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I remember days gone by  
Peering through the eyes of a child  
I remember days gone by  
When I was too shy to say 'Hi'  
When I could only smile  
I remember days gone by  
Lying on my back looking at the sky  
Wishing I could fly  
I remember days gone by  
Jumping, running, skipping high  
Laughing, crying, asking why  
I remember days gone by  
When I wanted to die  
I remember days gone by  
So many days have gone by

## There's Nothing Wrong With Fantasy

There is nothing wrong with fantasy  
For children or adults  
Fantasy can be quite stimulating  
Boosting your expectation for the  
Better things in life  
There is nothing wrong with fantasy  
If it's a possibility  
From poverty to riches can happen overnight  
To be the world's greatest scientist  
It's an accomplishment to be fantasised  
To be the brightest child  
You must study, you must try  
You must believe  
It's really fantasy comes  
Set your mind  
Work towards the goal you fantasised  
There is nothing wrong with fantasy  
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When my work on earth is ended  
And time will be no more  
I won't have to get ready  
I did all of that before.  
I will take my place in Glory  
With Jesus by my side  
There to sing His Blessed Praises  
With confidence and Pride

Everyday the Lord is calling  
Look around and you will see  
For the way the world is living  
Is a sign for you and me  
Don't delay another hour  
Give your Heart, your Mind, your Soul  
When the storms of life are raging  
You'll be rescued from the cold.

With the Saviour, there's no sorrows  
No tears to dim your eyes  
For the Saviour, He has promised  
And I am sure He tells no lies  
We can all go to meet Him  
In that peaceful Home above  
But first we must accept Him  
In Honesty and Love.



## We Eat Too Much!

We eat when we're happy  
We eat when we're sad  
We eat when we're angry  
We eat when we're glad!

We eat when we're tired  
We eat when we get hired  
We also eat when we get fired!

We eat when we're up  
We eat when we're down  
We want to eat everything around!

We eat when people get married  
We eat when someone gets buried  
Just watch some people how  
Around the table they tarried!

We eat when we feel beautiful  
We eat when we feel ugly  
We eat, eat, eat ..... no wonder  
We're getting pudgy!

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