

Joseph Kershaw



Horticultural & Trade Program

The Porcelain Teapot (above) was purchased on February 22, 2018 by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art for \$806,000. The teapot and porcelain bowl (below right) were made by John Bartlam the first tradesman to manufacture porcelain in Colonial America. John Bartlam, was a master potter from England who came to Charles-Town, SC in 1763 and manufactured porcelain from 1765 to 1781. In 1770 John Bartlam's re-located his pottworks from Cainhoy, SC to Charles-Town SC. Then in 1772 John Bartlam re-located his pottworks to Camden to avoid creditors and to be closer to the porcelain earth of Camden. John Bartlam produced porcelain in Camden for 9-years till his death in 1781.

THE subscriber having for a long time laboured under great disadvantages, occasioned by sickness of himself and journeyman, in establishing his MANUFACTORY of EARTHEN WARE, or the POTTING BUSINESS; now gives this public notice, that he has recovered his health, which will enable him to carry on that valuable branch of business equal to what is done in England or elsewhere, as he worked at the business 18 years in England, and has provided himself with all sorts of tools, moulds, models, and materials, having also found an excellent CLAY for supplying the manufactory with, provided he can have some small assistance, to carry it on with spirit.—He can give sufficient reasons why it hath not succeeded hitherto.—A few young negroes will be taken apprentices to said business, by applying to me, still residing at the manufactory at Cainhoy, or to Mr. JAMES FALLOWS, on the Bay, in Charles-Town.

JOHN BARTLAM.



This spring we are building a Colonial Brickyard and in the fall of 2020 we will be wood-firing our first run of bricks made in the brickyard. In the spring of 2021 we will be expanding the brickyard to include a Colonial Pottworks with a small bottle kiln (below center) to produce transfer porcelain using 18th century methods.

JOHN BARTLAM,
Having opened his POTTERY and CHINA MANUFACTORY, in OLD-CHURCH-STREET,
WILL be much obliged to Gentlemen in the County, or others, who will be so kind to send him Samples of any Kinds of fine Clay upon their Plantations, &c. in order to make them Trials of.
He already makes what is called QUEEN'S WARE, equal to any imported; and, if he meets with suitable Encouragement, makes no Doubt of being able to supply the Demands of the whole Province.
Good WORKMEN, in any of the different Branches, will meet with great Encouragement, by applying to the said
JOHN BARTLAM.
N. B. Five or Six Apprentices are wanted for the above Manufactory.



At the same time and place,
Will be Sold,
Five valuable LOTS,
In **CAMDEN,**
Belonging to the estate of John Bartlam, deceased.
The conditions of sale will be made known on the day.
All persons having any lawful claim on said estate, are desired to make them known.
Joseph Kershaw,
Administrator.
Camden, October 20, 1787.



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